



Little Tuscany Neighborhood Organization (LTNO)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 5:00PM

Roll Call:

Board Members Ned Barker (Chair), Rachel Sheedy (Vice Chair), Liz Loomis (Treasurer), David Anderson (Secretary), Darin Roper (Communications Officer), Denise Hoetker, Daniel Hall, Tyler Burton. [Absent: Rebecca Hendrickson]

Committee Chairs - Fred Balduini (Beautification), David Hoffman (Social / Education), Ron Mesh (Safety)

Guests – Cindy Montero (resident), Robert Rotman (resident), Tim O’Bayley (resident)

Board Chair Comments:

Ned Barker updated his moving situation, stating that he will resign as board chair before the end of June, and would like to volunteer as a non-voting administrator through 2021 if the board wishes.

Treasurer’s Report:

Liz reviewed the Report, and indicated an unchanged balance of \$19,720.58. A check for \$129.47 is not yet recorded by the bank.

Standing Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Beautification & Identification Report (Fred Balduini)

Little Tuscany Monument Signs. Ten submissions were submitted. The winning submission was by Robert Rotman. Congratulations Robert!

Rachel Sheedy moved, and Denise Hoetker seconded a motion to apply for the Arts Commission \$5,000 grant, in hopes of augmenting the costs of multiple signs. The board voted in favor, unanimously. Next steps: the committee must work to solicit permission of those whose homes or businesses are among the selected sites for the signs. Ned and others agreed to help with the identification.

Crescendo & Boulders cleanup day...TBD still based on COVID restrictions.

Tote bags for cleanup – 14 of the new products have arrived. Rachel & Liz will be delivering the final products to each board member tomorrow!

Education & Social Report (Ned Barker, David Hoffman)

A Zoom call is planned for the week of May 3. Denise Hoetker has agreed to co-chair this committee with David Hoffman. Karen Pirozzi has agreed to participate, and participation is being solicited (by Ned) from those who signed up at our last Annual Meeting.



Safety Report (Ron Mesh)

Ron Mesh stated that the **Neighborhood Watch** should begin with the recruitment of a few block leaders so as to establish a model for how the program should work, and then extend the model throughout the neighborhood. Ron and Ned to discuss specifics ASAP, as Ned attended the NW program (pre-COVID) sponsored by ONE-PS

Modernism Report (Liz Loomis and Tyler Burton)

MW will be 2-17-22 through 2-29-22. Several homes have already indicated willingness to be part of the MW 2022 Little Tuscany Homes Tour. More homes still to be "recruited". Modernism Week Committee to meet on April 28, 5:30pm.

New or Unfinished Business

Arts Commission Initiative – Crescendo (Ned Barker, Robert Rotman)

The board voted unanimously (with one recusal) to send a letter of support to the City Council prior to the Council's placement of this item on the agenda: "The Board moves to communicate its enthusiastic support for the Public Arts Commission's plan to place an art installation on Crescendo." Moved by Dan Hall, seconded by Liz Loomis.

ONE-PS Intellectual Properties Committee. (Tim O'Bayley)

Tim O'Bayley, LTNO co-founder & past board chair, has agreed to act as a liaison between this group and the LTNO board. Tim created the LTNO logo, and is willing to grant usage rights solely to LTNO. He strongly opposes companies from profiting off the unauthorized use thereof. Tim described an example of IP abuse, and suggested that LTNO may wish to prepare a "cease and desist" letter and send it to any company or individual abusing our IP rights.

Rachel Sheedy suggested that a media interview could be helpful, and Tim added that an article in the Desert Sun's Valley Voice section might be the optimal media approach.

ONE-PS Intellectual Properties committee will have its first meeting 4-26 and Tim will report back after that.

Racquet Club Calming Update (Ned Barker, Tyler Burton, David Anderson)

Last week, meeting was held with Council Rep Dennis Woods and city planner Francisco Jaime to review city's plans to "tweak" the existing bollards, and to find out why the approved roundabouts have not been pursued. It was suggested that a group might be formed consisting of area residents and Palisades management, to work jointly toward a calming solution that enhances the neighborhood. Most of the discussion centered around the existing designs for roundabouts. Additional strategies for reaching out to Palisades were discussed, and will be pursued.

Boulders & Crescendo Update (Liz Loomis)

Jane Garrison of Oswit Land Trust paid to have a naturalist survey done on both. Robert suggested that using the survey to update of the old EIR's (Environmental Impact Report)



from 2007 might yield compelling arguments for retaining these spaces as “open”. Next steps: obtain original EIR’s.

ONE-PS (Denise Hoetker)

Sister City Program (two domestic and one international) about to be re-activated. New noise ordinance under review by Mayor Pro Tem Middleton. Cameras were granted through a \$25K donation by fire department. COD offering two free years for residents. Emergency Management courses with police and fire are coming up soon. Cameras were given to the Palm Springs Fire Department through a \$25,000 grant from the Agua Caliente Indian Tribe. Two police officers are now assigned to each neighborhood.

LTNO Web Site (David Anderson, Darin Roper)

Met today. Following up 5/5/21 with proposals for LTNO specific site. Of 49 neighborhoods, 28 have their own sites.

HOA Advisory Boards Liaisons (Casa de Oro & Tuscany Heights)

Ned reported that Tuscany Heights HOA president, Lauren Ross, is pleased to join meetings periodically. Board member Darin Roper is also on the Casa de Oro HOA.

New Business (Robert Rotman)

The former Irish Pub/Restaurant north of the Palm Springs Hotel will be developed into a cannabis business named Emerald City, operating seven days a week 9AM-9PM.

Closing: Chairperson Ned Barker adjourned the meeting at 6:33pm.

Next meeting is 05/19/21 via Zoom at 5:00PM. Access information below:

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Minutes: Presented and proposed by David Anderson