



Little Tuscany Neighborhood Organization (LTNO) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 5:00PM

Roll Call:

Board Members Ned Barker (Chair), Rachel Sheedy (Vice Chair), David Anderson (Secretary), Darin Roper (Communications Officer), Denise Hoetker, Daniel Hall, Rebecca Hendrickson.

[Absent: Liz Loomis (Treasurer), Tyler Burton]

Committee Chairs - Fred Balduini (Beautification), Ron Mesh (Safety).

[Absent: David Hoffman]

Guests - Matt Carroll, resident; Gustav Swanson, new resident

Financial Report:

Ned submitted report on behalf of Liz who emailed it out earlier in the afternoon.

Balance as of 02/17/21: \$19,920.58

(Expenses for 2020 were outlined once again.)

The 2021 Budget was discussed, and suggested amendments were made:

- a) Add \$2,000.00 for Safety & Security (signage, etc.), and reduce Reserve to \$7,000.00.
- b) (b) Board approved everything else on Liz' 2021 Budget as amended unanimously. Budget detail listed on page 3.

New Business:

A \$100 gift card from On the Mark caterers was unanimously approved for long-time board members leaving us at the end of 2020: Tony Hoetker, Bob Doren.

Ned reviewed the board's accomplishments from 2019/20, including:

- Raising \$30,000 through Modernism Week tours
- Active and engaged committees and committee chairs
- Developed Mission and Vision statements
- Strategic efforts to maintain Boulders and Crescendo as natural open spaces
- Substantial donations made to the Community in 2020
- Beautification landscaping on Vista Chino and Racquet Club
- Board transparency beyond that required in the bylaws

Ned suggested that growing the board's email database of residents, installing more blade signs, and searching for an aesthetically pleasing (but effective!) replacement for the Racquet Club bollards may be issues worthy of pursuit in 2021.



Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Beautification & Identification Report: Fred and Rachel are liking the “tote” bag with logo at this point, and will come back to the board with a specific recommendation at the next meeting. For those who would like to see the offerings at a company (specializing in music / art themes and logos) Rachel is looking at, see: www.controlindustry.com.

Fred and his committee are looking at next steps for monument boundary signage for the neighborhood. Fred is going to post an RFP seeking submissions by 03/15/21.

Education & Social Report: No updates.

Safety Report: Rebecca Hendrickson raised the issue of tagging taking place in our area, specifically along the Chino Canyon Trail and the Elvis house. In addition, two large globe light bulbs have been broken at the entrance to Casa de Oro in less than a week. Rachel will contact her person at PSPD. “Coffee with a Firefighter” will be scheduled, and ALL RESIDENTS are encouraged to participate, most likely on a weekday, probably at 4:00 or 5:00pm, in early March.

Modernism Report: Nothing to report. Tyler will reach out to Modernism Week Committee to confirm the traffic control / parking issues for the planned home tours (27 a day) in the Palisades.

Arts Committee Report: PS Arts Commission wants something installed in our neighborhood this year.

Boulders & Crescendo Report: Liz spoke with Michael Fleming, who will donate to Little Tuscany to pay a Los Angeles-based attorney to answer a question about whether the City can sell the properties for below their appraised value. Fleming spoke to Lisa Middleton (who said the City would be open to selling to a land trust) and will reach out to Barbara Boxer’s office to see if there is federal funding. Liz and Michael are walking the properties with Jane Garrison of the Oswit Canyon Land Trust. [Additional details provided by Liz who was not able to present in person.]

Rebecca met actor Joaquin Phoenix on a recent hike near Boulders. He may be a good face for our drive as he’s a well-known environmentalist and preservationist.

Denise mentioned that Riverside County has just introduced a new measure, HR972, “To establish the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.”



Closing: Chairperson Ned Barker adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm. Next meeting is 03/17/21 (St. Patrick's Day, so wear green!) via Zoom at 5:00PM.

Minutes: Presented and proposed by David A.

Approved Budget:

LTNO OPERATING BUDGET 2021

INCOME	2020 ACTUAL		2021		
Beginning Operating Balance	\$30,869.00	97%	\$19,920.58	100%	
Net Income (MW + Donations)	\$826.00	3%	\$0.00	0%	
Total	\$31,695.00	100%	\$19,920.58	100%	
OPERATIONS					
Continuing operations (licenses, fees taxes, printing, mailings, etc.)	\$0.00		\$1,000.00		
	SBTL	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,000.00	5.0%
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT					
Social / Education	\$35.00		\$2,500.00		
Beautification / Neighborhood Identity	\$3,435.00		\$5,000.00		
Safety / Security	\$0.00		\$2,000.00		
Donations Made	\$6,000.00		\$1,000.00		
	SBTL	\$9,470.00	29.9%	\$10,500.00	52.7%
GOVERNANCE					
Professional Services (CPA...)	\$1,362.75		\$1,000.00		
Board Insurance	\$325.00		\$400.00		
Annual Meeting	\$617.00		\$0.00		
	SBTL	\$2,304.75	7.3%	\$1,400.00	7.0%
Reserve / Contingency	\$0.00	0.0%	\$7,000.00	35.1%	
NET	\$19,920.25		\$20.58		