



## Little Tuscany Neighborhood Organization (LTNO)

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 5:00PM

#### Roll Call (5:04pm):

**Board Members** – David Anderson (Secretary & Acting Chair), Liz Loomis (Treasurer), Tyler Burton, Darin Roper (Communications Officer) Denise Hoetker, Daniel Hall. **ABSENT:** Rachel Sheedy (Vice Chair), Rebecca Hendrickson.

**Committee Chairs** – Robert Deak for Fred Balduini (Beautification). Absent: Ron Mesh (Crime & Safety).

**Guests** – Claudia Sloan (resident), Mary Thomas (resident), Ned Barker (former Board Member, currently Administrative Assistant to the Board).

**Chris Bedford** (replacing Ned Barker) and **Donna Krause** (replacing Dan Hall) were added to the board by a unanimous vote following a motion by Tyler Burton and seconded by David Anderson. Dan Hall had earlier resigned from the board.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Liz Loomis reported a balance on hand of \$18,012.80. All expenses since the October meeting were accounted for. Expenses were related to the Modernism Week homes tour, web site development costs and a one-year subscription to Wix.com. A \$2.00 monthly service charge was noted for the first time, Ned volunteered to have it removed if possible.

### Standing Committee Reports:

#### Modernism Report (Liz Loomis and Tyler Burton)

Tyler Burton reported that the first, second and seventh home tour time slots are already sold out.

#### Neighborhood Beautification Report (Robert Deak, Committee member, standing in for Fred Balduini)

**Monument Signs.** Robert Deak reported that the identification of property owners of potential monument signs has been completed (thank you Robert!). Dan Hall spoke of the urgency of moving forward with just one location, as agreed in the October meeting. The West Racquet Club "triangle" was mentioned as a potential location though now owner contact information is available a faster-path location may open up. Next steps: develop specs to bid out the building of the first sign.

#### Education & Social Report (Denise Hoetker)

Following discussion about our next event, Denise Hoetker volunteered to work with Sam at the Inn at Palm Springs to create a morning event in December.



### **Crime & Safety Report (Ron Mesh)**

No report. (Ron has asked us to seek out a replacement for Committee Chair, as he is now involved in extensive travels.)

## **New or Unfinished Business**

### **Annual Meeting (Ned Barker)**

Liz reviewed the key agenda items, and Ned suggested that we use individual forms for registration this year rather than a list, in order to capture information about individuals interests in committees and neighborhood improvements. It was agreed that a preliminary 2022 budget would be presented at the December meeting.

A robust discussion ensued regarding notices to LT residents / owners, and it was agreed upon that a combination of post cards, local signs and email would be used, in addition to our regular social media outlets. Denise Hoetker will manage the post card process.

There was a discussion about whether remote access to the meeting would be available. Liz stated that a Zoom meeting with a large number of persons would be hard to manage. Claudia expressed disappointment that out-of-state residents wouldn't be able to see it. Ned mentioned that meeting minutes would be readily and widely available. And Denise Hoetker pointed out that ONE-PS has taken a decision to meet in person with no remote access.

### **Little Tuscany, Vista Las Palmas (VLP) and Old Las Palmas (OLP) (Liz Loomis & Ned Barker)**

Liz Loomis and Ned Barker had a Zoom discussion with Kevin Comer (VLP) and Stephen Moses (OLP) regarding neighborhood boundaries. Stephen and Kevin had thoughtfully inquired as to whether Little Tuscany would like to participate in any way regarding the switch of a section of VLP to OLP which happens to border our own neighborhood along Vista Chino. After determining that the change would have no impact on Little Tuscany's neighborhood boundaries, Liz and Ned told Kevin and Stephen that they would take this up with the full board. Liz and Ned recommended that Little Tuscany not participate in this process, since it has no impact on Little Tuscany and the board agreed.

### **Measure J Opportunity - West Racquet Club (Ned Barker)**

Ned reported that he has been in touch with people who have been involved in this issue for the past several years. Maurice Wilson and Robert Rotman have been especially helpful. In short, we are asking for funding to complete a project envisioned and developed by the city more than five years ago: roundabouts for West Racquet Club and a pedestrian pathway, in support of pedestrian and traffic safety, quality of life (noise) and beautification of this primary entry point to LTNO. Next steps: Donn Uyeno, Principal Engineer in the City's Engineering Design Department, will be sending us documents relating to the project's history. Next steps: Ned will review materials from the city and develop a draft application and distribute to the board for feedback.

### **Little Tuscany Open Spaces (Liz Loomis)**

Liz reported on Boulders and Crescendo. The committee has been meeting with City



officials, Liz reported on a recent meeting with Grace Garner (District 1) and Geoff Kors (District 3). Both areas remain at risk.

Claudia reported on a new idea to get behind a drive for "30 by 30", and to use this program to support our open spaces. [Senate Resolution 372 calls for conserving 30% of the land and 30% of the ocean by 2030.]

**ONE-PS** (Denise Hoetker)

Denise reported that the November 9 ONE-PS meeting mostly concerned ONE-PS internal meetings and matters.

Denise also spoke of a ONE-PS "call for help" in preparation for the Festival of Lights on December 4. She stated that large balloons are available if a neighborhood would like to use one with its banner. It takes four persons to hold the balloon. Several other neighborhoods are participating.

**LTNO Web Site** (Ned Barker, David Anderson, Darin Roper)

Ned Barker suggested that the web site be launched at the annual meeting..

**New Business** (Ned Barker)

Liz Loomis graciously volunteered to be Acting Chair for the December meeting.

**Closing:** Acting Chairperson David Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:19pm.

**Next meeting is 12/15/21 via Zoom.**

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*Minutes: Presented and proposed by Ned Barker*