

**Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of September 11, 2021 via Zoom
General Membership Meeting
By, Joseph May**

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:02AM. Board members in attendance: Joseph May, Denny Adams, Eric Bowes, Delbert McBride, Annette Baine, and Robert Perry. Board members absent: Donna Chaban and Dean Nicastro. There were over 20 neighbors who came and went during the meeting as well.

Public Comments

A 9/11 flyover will take place today.

Approval of August Minutes

Joseph made a motion that the minutes from the August meeting be approved, Robert seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Financial Report

Dean was absent and Robert reported that we have \$35,541.25 in our general account and \$6,332.65 in our Visa account. Dean has paid for our D&O insurance to be renewed.

Officer Report

There were no officer reports, the ONE-PS meeting takes place this Wednesday.

Officer Salomon PSPD

Officer Salomon is assigned to our neighborhood. He said that there was nothing concerning in Racquet Club Estates. He said that there have been a small handful of residential burglaries. He took questions from the neighbors, here are summaries of several of his responses:

- He cannot give any further information about Jenny's homicide apart from what we heard at the press conference the other day. It is still an active investigation.
- Gangs don't really pose a threat to our neighborhood and PSPD is getting some additional resources from other agencies to address gang situation in nearby neighborhoods.
- He is aware of the drug house on Spencer and told us to email him with any information that we might have:

Richard.Salomon@palmspringsca.gov

Dennis Woods Councilmember District Two

Woods reported on the following:

1. There are approximately 200 homeless people in Palm Springs. The city has phased out Well in the Desert and are phasing in Martha's Village and Kitchen to address homeless issues and needs. They will be in the former PS Boxing Club building across from the airport.
2. The city has reinstated fireworks for Fourth of July and Veterans Day.
3. There will be new design guidelines and standards for parklets. In addition, they will have to be ADA compliant. They will be allowed to stay until the end of 2022.
4. Indoor restaurants and bars must ask for proof of COVID vaccination. The city will not provide code enforcement for this.
5. The city is currently recruiting for a new police chief. Many stakeholders are invited to give input.
6. The city council will revisit the regulation of gas leaf blower usage in the city.

Dennis then entertained questions from the group; here are summaries of several of his responses:

- The new downtown park is coming along nicely, trees planted and the bandshell up.
- The city is using legal action regarding the several abandoned hotel projects. The hotel at PCD/Alejo/Indian has been taken over by another group and construction will resume late fall or early winter. The hotel on PCD near Rick's Diner has been bulldozed. The Dream Hotel and Orchid Tree Hotel are being addressed.
- The owners of the old Racquet Club are trying to sell it.
- A request to change Victoria Park to Jenny Dillon Dog Park would have to be put in writing and sent to the City Clerk.
- The city is in the process of looking for a site for the proposed homeless navigation center. Sites under consideration are near the Home Depot store and on San Rafael Road.
- The water park on Gene Autry is being transformed into a surf park.

Councilmember Woods urged us to email him if we have any more questions or concerns: Dennin.Woods@palmspringsca.gov

2022 Home Tour

We will make our final decision about the home tour 2022 at our October meeting.

RCENO Tree at Victoria Park

Kitty presented a power point on the Neighborhood Environmental Challenge and the tree RCENO purchased and dedicated to Nat Reed.

RCENO BOA Elections

Erik and Delbert agreed to continue their work on the board. Two new members were also elected to the Board of Advisors: Michael Alba Huizar and Lori Rutter.

Old Business / New Business / Other / Adjournment

- House prices in our neighborhood are averaging around \$1,000,000 with many going for well over that amount.
- Several times in the past various board members and neighbors brought to the board's attention that RCENO board members Dean Nicastro and Donna Chaban have not attended any board meetings for over a year and a half. Joseph brought it up again at this meeting. Robert advised that they are not familiar with the Zoom platform and not able to utilize it. A neighbor suggested that Dean and Donna go to Robert's home to attend the meetings. Robert responded that he is not comfortable having people at his home during the COVID 19 pandemic especially unvaccinated people.
- There is a feeling that some neighbors can sleep better now that the person accused of Jenny's homicide is in jail. There is no bail for him.
- There was a short conversation about the architectural design elements of our homes

At 11:37 AM Robert made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Annette seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2021 BOA Meeting Schedule

Month	Date	Host	Time
January	1/9/21	Zoom	10:00AM-12:00PM
February	2/13/21	Zoom	10:00AM-12:00PM
March	3/13/21	Zoom	10:00AM-12:00PM
April	4/9/21	Zoom	10:00AM-12:00PM
May	5/14/21	Zoom	10:00AM-12:00PM
June	6/11/21	Zoom	10:00AM-12:00PM
July	No meeting		
August	8/13/21	Zoom	10:00AM-12:00PM
September General Membership	9/11/21	Zoom	10:00AM-12:00PM

October	10/9/21	Zoom	10:00AM- 12:00PM
November	11/13/21	Zoom	10:00AM- 12:00PM
December	12/11/21	Zoom	10:00AM- 12:00PM