

Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization

General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2010

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM in Victoria Park.

The following BOA members were present: Rick Vila, Dean Nicastro, Scott Kennedy, Bob Merliss, Donna Chaban, Joseph May, Ray Trim, Robert Perry, Lauren Scarbro, Barbara Mac Carillo

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Rick opened the meeting by having the BOA each introduce themselves.
2. **Approval of September minutes:** Minutes were not available and will be approved at our November BOA meeting.
3. **Treasure's Report and Settlement for picnic expenses:** Dean reported that we currently have \$14, 887.38. After He writes the check for our donation to Vista Del Monte School for \$3,000 we will have \$11, 887.38. Dean advised anyone with receipts for reimbursement costs incurred for the picnic to submit them.
4. **Officer reports:** There were none.
5. **PSNIC updates:** Barbara attend the last PSNIC meeting and reported to following:
 - Several brochures distributed at the meeting will be available at today's event.
 - An Electric Vehicle Rally will be held at the Convention Center, the date was not mentioned.
 - A neighborhood survey tool is available for us to use. We can use it to create and distribute neighborhood surveys on just about anything we want.
 - Next Saturday will be a benefit for the Palm Springs Animal Shelter at the Four Seasons.
 - A printout of Vista Norte's newsletter was distributed. We should consider something like this.
 - Neighborhood curbside pickup is next week, have stuff out on the curb by 6:00AM Monday.
 - PINIC Picnic is scheduled for May 7 at Sunrise Park.
 - The city has taken Desert Fashion Plaza by eminent domain.
6. **Home Tour:** The committee to organize the Home Tour consists of: Robert, Ray, Rick, Joseph, Bob, Scott and Aaron Lyons. Work on this event will commence.
7. **Input from General Membership:** Rick asked for input from the general membership and there were several suggestions:
 - For the home tour we need a celebrity and several names were mentioned: Krisel and Wexler again, Cheetah (owner said he could do a drive-by), Huell Hauser (Aaron Lyons said he would ask his grandfather who is a personal friend of Mr. Hauser).
 - A suggestion was made to include names of contacts and vendors for re-modeling and other home projects.

- A larger enclosed structure for the park was suggested.
- The question of historic designation was brought up. There was a lot of talk about this process and Rick said that Scott has been looking into it and will report back at the next BOA meeting.
- The idea of a community board was suggested again for communications.
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- It was suggested that we apply for bulk rate mailing.
- Someone suggested that we purchase a piece of Nate's work for auctioning to raise money for the organization
- The status of the development on San Rafael and Indian was questioned. Ken talked about it for a while and said that the city and the developer were at an impasse. The next step in the process will be the city deciding whether or not to extend or let expire the developer's permit.
- Ginny Foat arrived and talked a little bit about the project. Someone asked that if this project is not allowed will it open up the possibility of low income rentals. Ms. Foat said that she doubts that would happen.
- Somebody asked if a park could be built with stimulus money like the park at Gene Autry and Visa Chino. Ginny said that there are no more stimulus dollars for such a project and urged everyone to visit the new park on Gene Autry and utilize the bocce ball courts.
- Someone mentioned a bent blade sign and saw a city worker fixing it. Rick said that if anyone sees a bent sign blade to contact RCENO and we'd get it corrected.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00AM. A short ceremony was held to award Vista Del Monte principal the check for their school. The picnic began and everyone had a fabulous time.