

El Rancho Vista Estates Board Meeting Minutes November 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. at the home of Jim Gross. Attendees were Michael Parkey (acting chair), Jim Gross (vice chair), Greg Brunton (treasurer), Joel Alverson (outgoing secretary), Janice Kleinschmidt (incoming secretary), Chris Recio (communications officer), and Richard McKilligan, who recently purchased a home in El Rancho Vista Estates and expressed in filling a vacating board position.

There were no updates to report regarding the sidewalk issue along Vista Chino.

Jim reported that he expected to receive in the following week bids from two insurance agencies for a directors and officers policy.

The board awaits the signed easement of the homeowner on the east corner of Vista Chino and Via Roberto Miguel, the receipt of which will allow the board to file the necessary easements with Riverside County. It should be noted that all homeowners with signage on their property verbally agreed to the installation thereof.

Former chair Erik Rosenow (who recently moved from the neighborhood but has remained in charge of coordinating ERVENO's participation in Modernism Week tours) emailed an update to the board that the neighborhood has confirmed six homes for the basic tour plus a seventh house for the VIP tour and reception. An initial list of addresses is due to Modernism Week organizers by December 1. Based on discussion at the board's last meeting on October 22, there are three options to be explored for catering the Modernism Week tour reception.

The board is working on the application for the neighborhood to be designated as a historical district; such an application would need to be brought before the neighborhood's residents for a consensus vote.

The board reviewed its charitable contributions to Well in the Desert and Safe Schools Desert Cities. Jim will schedule an appointment to present the donation to Well in the Desert and advise other board members so that they may participate in the presentation.

The board then discussed the open chairmanship position, resulting from the relocations of former chair Erik Rosenow and acting chair Michael Parkey outside El Rancho Vista Estates. Jim nominated Richard for the chair position. Greg seconded the nomination. The board voted unanimously to appoint Richard McKilligan for chair as of November 10.

A few individuals have expressed interest in hosting the next neighborhood gathering in December. Chris will reach out to them to find out who will host and when.

An online polling of neighborhood residents on preferred days for board meetings revealed an even split between weekdays and weekends. In order to get more participation, the board agreed it would be wise to alternate between those options in the future.

Joel read minutes of the last board meeting. Michael moved to approve the minutes, Janice seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Greg reported, as he had stated in an email to board members, that the lighting timer on the northwest entry sign was reset to turn on at 5 p.m. and off at 7 a.m. and that the minimum service charge was \$35. The other two signs operate on photocells. Homeowners with signs on their property are offered up to \$150 for consumed power; letters will be sent to them in December regarding those payments.

Jim reported that ONE-PS (Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs) will elect a new slate of officers in December.

Greg gave the treasurer's report: \$15,715.28 in the checking account and \$9,426.19 in the savings account. He will present the 2019 budget at the next board meeting.

Chris reported that the website had been updated, with by-laws moved to a separate page. He suggested adding information about the board on the About page and having a separate, always-accessible repository for reference documents (such as neighborhood street sign colors and font), and using search engine optimization. He will formalize his suggestions in writing for the next board meeting.

The neighborhood will sell 400 tickets for Modernism Week tours; the tickets will have staggered start times, and only VIP tickets will include the reception and reception-venue house tour.

The board discussed scheduling the annual meeting for the end of March. Once the venue has been determined, the date can be finalized.

The next board meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on December 4 at Greg's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Janice Kleinschmidt, Secretary