

El Rancho Vista Estates Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. at the home of Greg Brunton. Board members attending were Richard McKilligan (chair), Jim Gross (vice chair), Greg Brunton (treasurer), and Janice Kleinschmidt (secretary). It should be noted for the record that the December 4 date indicated in the minutes of November 10 had to be changed to accommodate a conflict with other board member obligations.

Jim stated that he had not seen the minutes from the previous meeting on November 11, so approval of those minutes was tabled until the next board meeting.

Regarding the lack of a sidewalk along Vista Chino just west of the neighborhood, the Palm Springs City Council's agenda indicates the city might petition Caltrans to assume jurisdiction of this roadway designated as a stretch of Highway 111. Until such an occurrence, that topic of discussion will be removed from future ERVENO agendas.

Regarding the neighborhood entry signs, the board still needs to obtain a signed easement from the homeowner on the east corner of Vista Chino and Via Roberto Miguel. Richard will contact the homeowner so the three easements can be recorded with Riverside County.

Former chair Erik Rosenow, who remains involved in the Modernism Week tour, reported by email that there are eight homes confirmed for the tour, plus the VIP tour/reception home. The first payment from ticket sales should be coming from Modernism Week organizers within the week. The tour brochure will be sent to the printer in early February, so additional homes can be included. Jim reported that he had solicited bids from two caterers for the VIP reception and expected to receive their proposals in the next week to 10 days. Greg suggested an increase in the per-head cost for catering over last year based on the fact that the 2019 tour will be structured with two levels so that the reception will be limited to 100 ticketholders paying a VIP price, plus participating homeowners. Following discussion on the experience of last year's reception, the board will ask the beverage provider for a bid that includes water and prosecco, as well as an alcohol-based punch.

Some homeowners have received letters from the city informing them that their homes may be eligible for historical designation. The letter alerts them to a public information meeting on December 17 at the convention center. The board will ask Erik if the neighborhood ever filed an application for historical district designation.

Jim reported that ERVENO's donation to Well in the Desert had been delivered (on November 28). The board-approved donation to Safe Schools Desert Cities will be made in the spring in advance of that nonprofit organization's prom for LGBTQ youth.

Chris Recio, communications officer, was absent, so there was no report on neighbors who had expressed an interest in hosting a neighborhood gathering in December.

The board discussed the need to have one consistent address for mail, versus using home addresses of board members. Greg recommended the board adopt the existing post office box for official correspondence. Janice made a motion to do so, Richard seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously in favor thereof.

The board next discussed holiday decorations for the three entry signs in 2019. Greg has contacted the contractor that installed the signs to inquire about having lighted decorations. Meanwhile, he added a line item on the 2019 budget for decorations at \$1,000, though it likely would cost less.

Greg reported that the lighting on the northwest entry sign was not working in sync with the other signs because it was not functioning independently of the yard lights at the home, which has been undergoing construction work. Greg asked the sign contractor about installation of an independent timer, which the contractor said he would provide for free and only charge labor at his rate of \$35/hour.

Greg stated that he had been reviewing the ERVENO by-laws and was concerned that the organization was not in adherence with some of the guidelines established when ERVENO was founded. Richard and Greg agreed to review the by-laws for discussion at the next board meeting. Any by-law changes would need to be approved by homeowners at the annual meeting in March.

Greg presented the treasurer's report: \$13,715.28 in the checking account, \$9,426.42 in the savings account, for a total of \$23,131.70. He then distributed copies of the 2019 budget (see attached). Janice made a motion to accept the budget, Jim seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously to approve it.

As noted, Chris was absent, so there was no communications officer report.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 20, 2019, at 1 p.m. at Janice's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Janice Kleinschmidt, Secretary