

MINUTES OF THE CANYON PALMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD ON JULY 13, 2020 - Conducted by ZOOM Video Meeting –

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE AUGUST 17, 2020 BOARD MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Greg Tormo, Chairperson. All Directors except for Howard Goldberg, Communications Officer, were in attendance. A quorum was established. Introductions were made, as two Members were also in attendance: Larry Kam and Richard Weiss.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Weiss spoke briefly about recurring problems with electric outages due to aging infrastructure within the neighborhood, which seem to be getting worse. He offered to work with the Board to prepare a request for Southern California Edison and City of Palm Springs officials to investigate the matter, and work on additional pro-active mitigation strategies and accelerated remediation efforts. He suggested that the Board engage neighboring organizations as well as businesses in Smoketree Village and Smoketree Commons that are often impacted by power outages in Canyon Palms.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:** There were no officer reports except from the Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. All Directors present approved the minutes which the Secretary will send to the Communications Officer to be uploaded to the Documents section of the website. With the recent resignation of the Treasurer, the Secretary suggested that the Treasurer's name be removed as a signer on the Sun Community Federal Credit Union account. Director Matt Lancellotti volunteered to be the third signer until the Board could elect a successor to serve the uncompleted term of Mr. Lazzari. (Note: By unanimous consent, the Directors in attendance at the August 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting elected Mr. Lancellotti as Mr. Lazzari's successor. Mr. Lancellotti's term shall expire December 31, 2020.)

The Secretary agreed to send a letter to Sun Community Federal Credit Union advising them of this change. A new Member card will be required of any new signers. The replacement of Director Lazzari by Director Lancellotti as a principal owner on the account, and prompt notification to Sun Community Federal Credit Union, was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Board discussed the utility of a letter to engage/re-engage residents, encourage greater participation and make neighbors feel their contributions/participation can have a positive impact on the neighborhood. The Board decided that at this time it made the most sense to send a Welcome letter to new owners of properties in the neighborhood whenever ownership changes. Greg and Janice can provide the contact information from real estate transactions, and a Welcome letter will be mailed to the new owner(s). Anyone who signs up for Neighborhood Organization emails via the web page will be e-mailed a similar letter to the email address that was provided. However, there will be no mass distribution of letters to existing Members or Eligible Members at this time. The Board will reconsider this should we ever develop a neighborhood newsletter. The Secretary agreed to draft a short and concise letter describing what we do and invite the new eligible Members to participate in their neighborhood organization.

The Board was requested to review the four bullets of the Canyon Palms' Mission Statement on <https://canyonpalms.com/donate/> before the next Board of Directors meeting so that these could be included in the "Welcome" letter.

Ken Patrick updated the Board on the previously approved neighborhood blade sign design, and his subsequent discussions with the Office of Neighborhoods Manager, Denise Goolsby, and the city's Engineering Department. We have written confirmation from the Office of Neighborhoods that except for some minor technical adjustments to the approved blade sign design, it can be formally submitted to the City Engineer for approval **prior to any sign fabrication.**

The Board discussed myriad approaches to how individuals could make donations, for example, through an announcement of a fundraising drive, a donations page with a fundraising thermometer, or how a roll-out of our approved blade signs might happen. Although further action on these initiatives was postponed, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Matt Lancellotti agreed to assume the responsibilities of the former Treasurer, and work with the Communications Officer, to draft some additional language which could be added to the preliminary donations page the Communications Officer has already placed on our website at <https://canyonpalms.com/donate/>. This will be provided to all Directors for comment before our next Board meeting in August.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business at this time.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The Board agreed to have its next Board of Directors meeting during the week of August 17-21, 2020 at 6:30 pm PT. The Secretary agreed to send out a new Doodle poll to all Directors so a specific date could be selected. Mr. Tormo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Congleton. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Vignolo, Secretary and Official Representative to ONE-PS

Board of Directors of the Canyon Palms Neighborhood Organization