

## **Racquet Club West Neighborhood Organization: board Meeting Minutes of 2-7-2023**

Attending: Board Members: Erin Havel, Mark Hames, Rock Johnson, Rick Bernardin, Bob Farran.  
Neighbors and Guests: John Ricci, David Maurice Jones, Jim Bauer, Michael Waller, Marisa Estrada, Wil Wigley

The meeting was called to order at the home of Bob Farran. A light meal was served while the agenda was reviewed. Self-introductions were made, and guests welcomed. Minutes were previously sent to Board members for review. Rick Bernardin, treasurer reported that we have \$884.49 in our account at Sun Federal Credit Union.

### **Discussion Items:**

Disaster Preparedness: Mark Hames and David Jones discussed the many resources they have found regarding disaster preparedness. Their goal is to develop and provide basic information to neighbors starting at the Annual Meeting and then with possible follow-up meetings. They shared several resources. While making copies has cost, it was felt that this is a priority for the organization and that the funds could be raised. The current Little Library has a bulletin board on one side that was designed to serve as a message board in the event of a disaster. David and Mark will develop materials and a presentation for the Annual Meeting. They were also asked to consider becoming CERT trained. Information will be provided to them regarding CERT training. Updating information on the website will also be part of the plan.

Annual Palm Springs Picnic: Bob has secured and paid for a booth for the picnic on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Ruth Hardy Park from 11:00 to 2:00. It was decided to use our booth to promote our Little Library and give books away. People will be asked to donate books for that event as well as for our Little Library. Neighbors will be asked to take a short turn at the booth.

Navigation Center: Bob reported that the Center planning and development is on track for completion in the summer. While it will need time to work out issues, it was felt that having more options to support homeless individuals was positive. Concerns can be forwarded to Bob as he serves on the advisory board.

Neighborhood Garage Sales: After discussion, it was agreed to again host multiple garage sales on the same day this spring. The date selected was Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The organization will pay the fee for the multiple locations. Neighbors will be asked to host the events at several locations and the organization will create maps of the various sites and advertise these locations in local media. Money raised goes to the individuals as this is a neighborhood building event.

Little Library: Rock was thanked for keeping books in the library. Donations may be dropped off in the library or on Bob's porch at 505 W Yorba.

Website: The site needs to be updated. Marisa volunteered to take a look and see how we can best utilize the site. Bob will supply her with the details. [WWW.Racquetclubwest.org](http://WWW.Racquetclubwest.org) is the site.

Neighborhood issues: The Tower Market is open and while it is useful to have a local market for quick items, some of the meat and products are being sold after the expiration date. When staff were notified, nothing changed on subsequent visits. Members were asked to check this out over the next few weeks and notify Bob. We have contact information from our meeting last year with the owners of Tower Market.

Mental Health Clinic: The mental health clinic at the Racquet Club Center has a new operator. It was agreed to invite a representative to our Annual Meeting to form a working relationship as we did with the previous provider.

Annual Meeting: It was agreed to hold our required Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at McLeans if it is available. Topics will include Disaster Preparedness information, PSPD report, a second peanut butter drive, mental health clinic update, announcement of the garage sale on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and election of officers. We will consider inviting our new councilmember to the fall meeting. It was agreed to have a pizza party theme with the organization providing pizza at the beginning of the meeting. Board members and guests were polled about their interest in continuing or seeking positions. A slate will be developed prior to the meeting.

General conversation and informal discussions followed. Meeting adjourned.

Notes by Bob Farran.