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Modernism Support –
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Indian Canyons Neighborhood Organization (ICNO) Newsletter

This Month's ICNO Board Meeting Minutes, 3/18/2023

Members Present: Doug Patterson, Steve Villa, Michael Alcenius, Steve Bryan, Paul Gruman, Jack Johnson, Clifford Hopkins, Carolyn Lumber, Bruce Moccia, Kenny Cohen.

Members Absent: George Doomany, Nick Bouchard

Doug noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Michael presented the edited minutes. Seconded and approved.

Open board position. One applicant: Bill Babbitt bio distributed, well qualified. He is the gentleman that had the lighting issue with people behind him. He knows there's nothing ICNO can do from the lighting standpoint.

The applicant was seconded and approved.

ACTION ITEM: BILL TO BE CONTACTED AND INVITED TO JOIN THE BOARD.

Invitation/reservation/payment into for spring party is on ICNO weblink.

<p>Digital Communications/Social Media – Jack Johnson</p> <p>Committee Chairs</p> <p>Modernism – Thomas Sims</p> <p>Modernism Support – Clifford Hopkins</p> <p>Web-Site – Doug Patterson</p> <p>Development/Charity Support – Carolyn Lumber</p> <p>Development/Charity Support – George Doomany</p> <p>Development/Charity Support – Nick Bouchard</p> <p>Landscape Support – Steve Bryan</p> <p>Landscape Support – Clifford Hopkins</p> <p>PS One Alternate – Clifford Hopkins</p> <p>Golf Course Affiliate – Carolyn Lumber, Bruce Moccia</p> <p>Board Member at Large</p> <p>Kenny Cohen</p> <p>Board Member Emeritas</p> <p>Mike Dixon</p>	<p>Treasury/Membership – George Doomany</p> <p>Doug – “George is not with us, and I think you all read his input on the treasure and membership recap. I'm excited that we've got the largest membership we've ever had at 181.”</p> <p>Steve Villa was asked by a Woman from Twin Palms how we originally set the ICNO Board: organization tax-wise as a charitable organization. There was an extensive discussion.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: DOUG WILL QUERY GEORGE ABOUT PROCESS AND STEVE VILLA WILL COMMUNICATE</p> <p>[Clarification received from George Doomany (Treasurer) post meeting.] <i>Although I wasn't at the meeting, a few points of clarification:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>I had circulated final 2022 and budget 2023 financials for board approval at the meeting. Approval is required before they can be published on the website. Do not see mention of vote and approval in the minutes.</i> <p>ACTION ITEM FOR 4-15-2023 BOARD MEETING – APPROVE THE ABOVE IN #1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <i>Donation is for AIDS Memorial Sculpture, not quilt. Nothing was approved at the prior meeting, matter was assigned to Development Committee, which will review and make a recommendation to the board as to amount of donation.</i> 3. <i>Technically minutes cannot be approved by email, must be approved at a meeting.</i> 4. <i>ICNO is a 501(c)4 corporation - social organization. Tax exempt but contributions are not tax deductible.</i> 5. <i>Tax filings:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CA statement of information filed 2-27-23</i> • <i>CA form RRF-1 due 5-15</i> • <i>IRS form 990 due 5-15. Because revenues exceeded \$50k for 2022 we have to file form 990 EZ; in the past we only filed 990 N, which did not require any financial information.</i> <p>ONE PS – Steve Villa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Bernstein oversees ONE PS; Lisa is still our neighborhood Councilperson. • The city is still grappling with PACASO – the time share company. Link that provides information: (SV will provide). PACASO only buys/manages houses priced at over \$750K which would include Indian Canyons. Issues will be discussed at the upcoming City Council meeting. • Some discussion relating to how many STRs are in each neighborhood. The city council is exploring the process of establishing the numbers and percentage limits per neighborhood. • Sidewalk vendors are state approved. PS cannot control.
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- New development in lot next to Copley on NPC – 24 residential units.
- Jeff Bernstein introduced the new City Manager, Scott Stiles. Priorities are homelessness, affordable housing, and hospitality.
- Police Chief discussed efforts to manage homeless populations “Relentless Sun” and various cleanup missions focused on Walmart area. 68 arrests (30 felonies), airport cleanup of homeless.
- Palm Springs Disposal - April 29 Shredding Event, April 17-21 Street Bulk pickup – place items on the curb; no need to call, April 22 Bulk Pickup at City Hall. Will also add to newsletter calendar.
- Palm Springs 85th birthday celebration on April 8, 2023, at the Downtown Park (NEAR THE MARILYN SCULPTURE) noon – 9 pm, events, etc.
- Duluth Park Neighborhood Organization – April 15 Art in the Park in the Dark. Art presentations, laser shows.
- ONE PS PICNIC INFO - Saturday, March 25, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Ruth Hardy Park. Setup at 10:00 am. Paul Gruman volunteered to help. Water and candy and the banner and canopy need to be set up. Free lunches, bands, neighborhood organization booths, etc.
- ONE PS bylaws are changing. We will compare ours to theirs to make sure we’re in compliance.
- ONE PS’s approach to neighborhood resident numbers was discussed and will be clarified when George returns.

ACTION ITEM: STEVE VILLA WILL REACH OUT TO OBTAIN THE NUMBER OF STRS IN IC.

Clifford Hopkins – Blue Zone Initiative

Cliff provided an informative presentation on a ONE PS and Riverside County initiative titled “Blue Zones” that targets areas that can benefit in quality-of-life issues for senior populations by integrating public and private vendors and organizations in a support network environment. Palm Springs City Council is interested in participating.

Steve Bryan – Parties

Invitations for the spring party went out yesterday. April 15, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The first invitation stated 4:00 – 7:00 but will be corrected to account for potential hot weather. Lovely house and hosts. Equipment needed (table/chairs) was discussed and resolved. Lynn Hammond, the caterer, will bring Kettle One Vodka as requested. The cost per person is \$25.00 ticket price. No checks at door (See George if there is an issue). PayPal site asks for name of member and of guests to discriminate party vs. membership fee.

ACTION ITEM: STEVE B TO GET A PICTURE OF HOSTS AND STEVE PRIOR TO THE PARTY ACTION.

Postcards will be used as ancillary invitations to assure that all neighbors are invited.

ACTION ITEM: CLIFF WILL PROVIDE JACK WITH POSTCARD VERBIAGE USING INFORMATION ON ICNO WEBSITE.

ACTION ITEM: BOARD MEMBERS WILL SHOW UP EARLY FOR ASSIGNMENTS AND SETUP.

MARK GOLD – MODERNISM

Modernism week was a sellout. We originally have 400 tickets were allocated however, 40 additional tickets were added and there were other VIP guests. The total was close to 500 guests. The guests and docents provided positive feedback – VIP guests noted that the ICNO tour was “the best”. All the guests agreed that ours was the most well organized, best prepared, and orchestrated of the entire week.. All in all, it was a great success.

On the accounting side, we are still waiting for the final numbers from the Modernism Week Committee (which arrived during the conversation). We will discuss profit/loss at the April Board meeting. Additional costs

For 2024, we currently have 5 homes that are committed. We still need another 3, because we're hoping to bring 7 on again with one backup.

ACTION ITEM: STEVE BRYAN WILL QUERY SPRING PARTY HOSTS ABOUT PARTICIPATING AS A TOUR HOME FOR 2024.

There are repeats and other options to utilize, if necessary.

We accumulated, or we sold the greatest number of tickets, which means we made the most amount of money for Modernism Week so far in the history of the event. As of this week, it was 53, or \$54,000 gross. 20% of that goes to the Modernism Week Committee. The remaining net after expenses comes to us.

ACTION ITEM: MARK WILL OBTAIN TOUR HOST LIST FROM THOMAS TO PROVIDE BRUCE WITH INFORMATION FOR HOST CLEANING CHECKS.

The Modernism Week tour houses no longer required to be a classic midcentury, I think Cody and Lori's house on this last tour is a perfect example, which was really a Morris Moroccan fantasy. What they're really looking at is a representation of the neighborhood, and what may or may not be of interest to tour goers.

Michael brought up two concerns expressed during Modernism Week as this house:

- Docents didn't have enough time to visit all homes before shifts.
 - Has been an ongoing issue. It's suggested that docents choose priorities. . Other options will be considered.
- Some guests didn't have enough time to see all the homes on their route.
 - Tour timing is considered when developing routes. Weather may have been an issue, and many checked in late.

MARK GOLD – DEVELOPMENT/CHARITY

The Development meeting has been postponed until George returns.

Community input re: potential receiving organizations was noted. The AIDS Memorial Sculpture was noted.

ACTION ITEM: DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD RE: AMOUNT, ETC. FOR APPROVAL.

CV Rep and the Opera Guild were also suggested in addition to the organizations we gifted last year.

Mark noted that we attempt to limit the number of organizations to three resulting in larger donations.

MARK GOLD – LANDSCAPE

Due to Board member availability, the meeting was delayed.

- Will explore if golf course entrance on Laverne and El Camino Real, and other side with vines, can be developed. Plans and costs will be presented.
 - The original discussion involved getting boulders from the development site where the old hotel was next to the South Clubhouse. If that's not available to us, we're going to have to go in and develop that whole area on our own. Bring in perhaps, a landscape architect, bring in a landscape contractor and then develop a plan, and they just appropriate money from Modernism Week to go ahead and complete at least the left side if not also the right side. Once we're able to contact that homeowner and see if he's agreeable to that. So that's where the Landscape Committee will be looking at appropriating money from this year at least, improving both sides of the entrance on El Camino Real.
 - Responsibility for decisions in in flux with change of management.
 - \$11,000 dedicated to golf course entrances. The question is, do we want to hold that to find out what our relationship is with the next management team? Money is always a good negotiation tool. Just hold on to it for now.
 - Communication about golf course issues including restaurants must be cleared by management before publication.
 - The lighting on Laverne has been repaired.

Safety – Paul Gruman

Paul meeting with DeeAnn to discuss transition.

ACTION ITEM: CONNECT WITH THE APPROPRIATE PERSON AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLISH POLICE REPORT MONTHLY IN NEWSLETTER. THE STATISTICS ARE CURRENTLY ON THE ICNO WEBPAGE UNDER SAFETY.

Coyotes and bobcats are on the move again. Be careful. Perhaps have someone from the appropriate city office speak at a ICNO clubhouse meeting?

Digital Communication/Social Media – Jack Johnson

- We currently have two email opt-out options:
 - Can actively opt out which is tracked by MailChimp.
 - Opt in and share information with others. Jack will push out a link and instructions on how to access if you opted in for this and remind that you have agreed to do this. Documents can't be downloaded, edited, print.
 - We have several non-paid members that were members Jack will reach out to them.

NEWSLETTER – MICHAEL ALCENIUS

New Board members, please provide Michael with bio addressing your interest in Indian Canyons, family life or anything you wish to share and a headshot for the newsletter. Cliff due this month.

ACTION ITEM: MICHAEL WILL ASSIGN AND COMMUNICATE WHO'S DUE AT EACH BOARD MEETING. HE WILL ALSO EXPLORE ANOTHER METHOD OF MAINTAINING BOARD BIOS ON WEBSITE.

Diversity is necessary on our Board of Directors. Please reach out to your neighbors for appropriate potential members! WE NEED WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AND ETHNICITY!

ACTION ITEM: DOUG ASKED FOR SOME EXAMPLES OF OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION WEBSITES FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES.

OLD BUSINESS – DOUG PATTERSON

- Phil and George will visit the bank on 3/24/2023 to change check signing responsibilities to Phil and Bruce.

Adjourned at 10:32 am.

Take a look at the new One PS Neighborhood News link.

<https://mailchi.mp/palmspringsca.gov/city-of-palm-springs-neighborhoods-report-19338815?e=54c2109e8a>

Meet a Board Member – Cliff Hopkins



Cliff Hopkins (right) and his partner, Stephen Callcott (left), are proud to call Indian Canyons home. They live with their cat, Pippin, in Kings Point. Cliff and Stephen love the neighborhood -- the people, the architecture, the green space, the proximity to nature, and more. An active member of the community, Cliff is the President of the Kings Point HOA board of directors, a member of the ICNO board, and a major donor to the Oswit Land Trust which helped save Oswit Canyon from development. Cliff is also a global chief marketing officer and two-time Tony award winning Broadway producer. Say hello if you see him out for a walk or on Instagram @cliff.

ICNO at the PS ONE picnic in Ruth Hardy Park 3/25/2023



A big shout out to Malcolm McLeod (L) and Paul Gruman (R) for representing ICNO at the picnic and to Steve Villa for arranging our participation.

Visit a New Smoke Tree Restaurant – **Low Desert**



Hello

I just wanted to say hello and let you know that my new restaurant, Low Desert, in Smoke Tree Village (in the courtyard), is available for any neighborhood meetings you may have.

We have a large and lovely terrace that can accommodate most gatherings.

Please take a look on www.lowdesert.net or @lowdesertps on Instagram

Hope to see you there soon,

Low Desert / Modern Mexican

Smoke Tree Village
1775 E Palm Canyon Dr # 405
Palm Springs, CA 92264
(760) 656 0231

Upcoming Board Meetings (Zoom meeting links and/or instructions will be sent out prior. All ICNO members are invited to attend) All meetings are on Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PST unless otherwise noted.

2023

Apr 15,
May 13,
June 17,
Sep 16,
Oct 14,
Nov 18,
Dec 16

Palm Springs Animal Shelter News



ON SALE NOW! Our good friends Boss Dog and Friends and Windmill City Screen Printing have graciously designed and produced a limited-edition t-shirt to support the homeless pets of Palm Springs Animal Shelter!

Inspired by the big dog overpopulation crisis at the shelter, 100% of the proceeds from the sale of this t-shirt will go directly where it is needed most, the animals!

Please visit bossdogart.com to snag yours TODAY!

Have you lost a pet and want to talk about it with others? Join us for our **Sammy's Circle Support Group**. Sammy's Circle is a safe place to share our grief and to share the stories of our beloved pets, both those who have recently left us, as well as those whose memories have long lingered in our hearts.

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Faux Fur Ball Auction Is Now Live!

Whether you're planning to join us at this year's fundraiser or not, you can bid on over 140 incredible auction items. All proceeds benefit the love and care of our furry friends.

Our e-catalog will be open for pre-bidding until 10:00AM on Friday, March 31st. The highest bids from the pre-bidding period will be used as starting bids at the **Faux Fur Ball** on April 1st.

If you cannot attend but are interested in having someone proxy bid for you at the event, please contact Paula Stinson. Check out our e-catalog often as we will be adding additional items over the next few days.

[VIEW THE AUCTION CATALOG](#)

[REGISTER TO BID](#)

Palm Springs Art Museum News

In celebration of Albert Frey (1903-1998), Palm Springs Art Museum is proud to announce the development of a comprehensive exhibition and publication on the architect's life and work.

Born in Zurich, Switzerland, Frey had early career successes in Paris and New York before moving to Palm Springs where he realized most of his life work. His unique "simple but severe" style of Desert Modernism cemented his legacy as one of the most influential architects, not only in the Coachella Valley, but also in the United States and the world.

This large-scale retrospective, curated and designed by Brad Dunning, will present rare and many previously unexhibited architectural models, drawings, films, photographs, and furniture.

A lavishly illustrated hardbound book, published by Radius Books, will accompany the exhibition and offer contributions from writers, historians, and critics.

The exhibit runs through June 2024 in the main museum.

We would love to feature your home in the 2024 Modernism Tour. Act today by sending your interest via email to icnboard@gmail.com. As we approach summer and folks leave for cooler climes, we need to lock in locations.

Classifieds

A new addition. If you would like to submit material, please submit by email to icnboard@gmail.com and include "Classified Section Submission" in the subject field of your email.

ICNO April 2023

See complete event information above

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Rock the Downtown Park	6	7	8 PS 85 th Birthday Party 9:00 am – 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast – Ruth Hardy Park
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 ICNO Board Meeting 9:00 am – 10:00 am
16	17 PSDS Spring Clean up Curbside Pickup	18 PSDS Spring Clean up Curbside Pickup	19 PSDS Spring Clean up Curbside Pickup	20 PSDS Spring Clean up Curbside Pickup	21 PSDS Spring Clean up Curbside Pickup	22 PSDS Spring Clean up Curbside Pickup 4:30 – 7:30 pm CNO Spring Party
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Shred It and E Waste at City Hall

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28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			