

BARISTO NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2023

Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the bylaws, notice of the meeting and agenda for the Regular Session of the Board of Directors of the Baristo Neighborhood Organization was provided to the members via the Organization website and the Nextdoor app. The regular meeting was held on the above referenced date.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm by Ned Barker, Chair.

Roll Call

Present: Ned Barker, Chair/Secretary; Patrick Vincent, Vice Chair; Michael Conway, Treasurer; and Angie Thill, Director. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

The Organization had its annual meeting on November 12, 2022. The minutes were distributed to the Board members and posted on the Organization's website. A Motion was made by Patrick Vincent and seconded by Angie Thill to approve the minutes. All four Directors were in favor, none opposed.

Board Business

Treasurer's Report

A discussion regarding the Organization having a bank account at Premier Bank (a Neighborhood Member). The Treasurer will contact the prior Organization Treasurer and meet with the bank's account manager to have new signature cards completed.

It was also discussed that the Treasurer would open a P.O. Box account in the name of the Organization at a convenient location nearby.

Incorporation

At this time the Organization is not incorporated. The Board discussed the pros and cons of incorporating. Both obtaining status as a non-profit organization 501C (3) and 501C (4) were discussed. The Board discussed the purpose of the Organization being to assist the community with things such as security, neighborhood cleanliness, and supporting city council initiatives

that would benefit the neighborhood residents and businesses. Through the discussion, it was decided that a 501C (3) status would be more beneficial to raising Organization funds which would allow donations to be tax deductible.

A motion was made by Michael Conway and seconded by Patrick Vincent to move forward with incorporating the Baristo Neighborhood Organization as a 501C (3) non-profit organization. A vote was taken, all 4 in favor, none opposed.

Subsequent discussion regarding the Organization obtaining Directors and Officers Insurance to insure the Board from outside claims. The Board agreed that if we were going to begin raising funds to complete projects within the community and recruiting additional Board member, it would be in the Organization's best interest to obtain insurance. A motion was made by Michael Conway and seconded by Ned Barker for the Organization to obtain Directors and Officers insurance. A vote was taken, all 4 in favor, none opposed.

New Business

Neighborhood Survey

The Board and members of the Organization discussed the need to get information from the residents and business owners to assist the Organization in coming up with priorities for the

Organization in the upcoming year. It was mentioned that the Organization could use a product like Survey Monkey to reach out to residents and business owners electronically. The Board and members believe this is a good idea and resolved that we would put together questions for a survey by the next Board meeting for comment by the Board and Organization members.

Neighborhood Cleanup

The Board discussed scheduling a neighborhood cleanup project as an event to meet our neighbors and allow the Organization to become more visible in the Baristo area. It was suggested that we host this event prior to the Modernism weekends in February. The Board will look at dates and announce the event on its webpage and through NextDoor.

Fundraising

The Organization had a guest speaker, Robbin Burr, to talk to us about fundraising. Robbin is a former executive with American Airlines and the former Executive Director of the LGBTQ Center on Halsted in Chicago. Robbin has served on several non-profit boards and has expertise in fundraising. She confirmed that we should incorporate and obtain D&O insurance. She agreed with the Board's decision to obtain a 501C(3) non-profit status which would make donations to the Organization tax deductible. She suggested that the Organization's next step would be to develop a Strategic Plan for calendar year 2023 limiting our goals to 3 or 4. She believes that the survey of our members and businesses will help guide the Board in developing the Plan. Robbin also suggested that the Organization create a presence in the community since it has been inactive for several years. The community cleanup event will be a good start. For fundraising, she suggests that we develop a base of smaller dollar donors and create activity within the

Organization by growing its members. She also suggested we take advantage of the community cleanup event to ask for these smaller donations. Then move on the our business community and organize events to accomplish the goals in the Strategic Plan.

One-PS Organization Meeting January 10

Ned barker attends the monthly One-PS meetings and discussed their agenda items. He stated that our new city council member, Ron DeHarte, was in attendance at that meeting and articulated his priorities as homelessness, workforce housing, crime, and assisting the “mentally ill” living on the streets.

Ned stated that the One-PS meetings were the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm and the public is welcome to attend – see One-PS.org for details. He also encouraged members to attend the city council meetings every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30pm. Check the city’s website for ways to attend.

Ned conveyed that the city’s next shredding event would be taking place at city hall on February 4 between 8-12pm.

Finally, Ned discussed Riverside County’s involvement in working with cities and communities regarding the “Blue Zone”. He explained that Blue Zone areas are those where inhabitants enjoy quality of life and health over other areas. Riverside county will be working with the cities of Riverside, Banning, and Coachella, as well as unincorporated communities in Riverside County, to help them develop programs to increase healthier inhabitants.

Adjournment

The next Board meeting was set for February 9, 2023 at 2pm.

With no further business, Angie Thill made a motion, seconded by Patrick Vincent, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at 3:09pm.

Minutes provided by Patrick Vincent.