



MINUTES

BARISTO NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Regular Session Board Meeting, Minutes February 09, 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 2:06pm 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.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Conway, Treasurer, reported that the NOrg's previous chair presented us with \$325 in funds remaining from the account held by the prior board, 2007 – 2018.

Michael tried to deposit the funds with Pacific Premier Bank (a NOrg member), but additional information will be required to open the account. Ned Barker indicated that he would work to assemble the information ASAP. In the meantime, Michael will secure the funds.

Michael also reported that he secured a PO Box for the NOrg, and Ned offered to post this on our website (BaristoPS.com).

Approval of Minutes

The Organization had its last board meeting January 12, 2023. The minutes were distributed to the Board members and posted on the Organization's website. Ned Barker moved to approve the minutes as written and Angie Thill seconded the motion. All four Directors were in favor, none opposed.



Board Business

INSURANCE: Ned reported that he continues to work with State Farm, answering their questions, in order to establish standard D&O (Directors and Officers) liability insurance.

INCORPORATION: Patrick provided additional information regarding incorporation. He estimated that our total cost (required fees) would be \$805, and that we could eliminate additional costs by doing this ourselves. He suggested that each board member donate or loan \$200 for this purpose. Ned agreed that that was a good idea but suggested that we have further discussion offline.

Standing Committees

[None established yet.]

Old Business

FUNDING: A discussion ensued regarding the need to develop a need for funding sources. The Board is in need of funds for upcoming events including a neighborhood cleanup and an annual meeting (in person & Zoom) in early Spring. Additional costs for neighborhood “infrastructure” include fees for filing for incorporation, maintaining the web site and B&O Insurance.

1. Totally optional annual member dues (\$25 per Member household was mentioned, thought several Neighborhoods have a higher “ask”.)
2. A business member donation that would include an ad on the website. \$50 per business was mentioned.
3. The potential sales of tee-shirts was brought up by Patrick, who offered to loan funds for the initial purchase.

Ned said that he would work with Michael on the bank account, and work to set up a donations page on the website (which, of course, requires a bank account).

SURVEY: The board agreed to conduct a survey among residents and businesses, to best determine the priorities for the Baristo NOrg, of the Neighborhood’s residents and businesses. The survey form was drafted and displayed at the meeting to solicit feedback during the meeting. [The survey is posted on the website within the board meeting’s Presentation document.]

A conversation ensued in which Members discussed methods for distribution of the survey. The Board agreed to take these ideas under advisement for further discussion. Methods discussed included email, direct mail, and door-to-door solicitation for businesses.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP EVENT: Ned stated that we need to establish a date and costs. We will need some funds for the cleanup and the coffee-and-donuts “after party”. We need to provide some tools we need. We do need to coordinate with the city. Especially if city property (e.g. Baristo Park) is involved. And to establish the areas that need to be cleaned. April was mentioned – before it gets too hot.

New Business

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: April / late Spring was discussed for timing. Last year’s meeting held in November, but most Neighborhoods have them in the early part of the year. The Board needs to set a date ASAP. ONE-PS has indicated that we could use the Pavilion for this purpose.

ONE-PS Meeting

The ONE-PS meetings occur the second Tuesday of the month. Our own meetings have been held the second Thursday of the month, ideal for reporting the news from ONE-PS. However, in February and March, the second Thursday “arrives” prior to the second Tuesday. So, no new news for this meeting.

However, ONE-PS asks that each Neighborhood designate an official designee for the meetings, and identify an alternate designee in the event that the official designee is unable to attend. Ned suggested that Patrick Vincent should be the Baristo NOrg’s designee, and that he (Ned) would be willing to serve as the alternate, as needed. Ned Barker moved to appoint Patrick Vincent as the Baristo NOrg’s official representative for ONE-PS meetings, with Ned as the alternate. Michael Conway seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ned mentioned the new location of ONE-PS meetings at the Palm Springs Police Department Training Center – 200 South Civic Drive.

Member Comments / Discussion

No comments were forthcoming.

Adjournment

The next Board meeting was set for March 9, 2023 at 2pm. A Zoom link will be provided and communicated via Nextdoor, an email to all Members, and on the website.

Ned Barker adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.