

*The Movie Colony
Neighborhood Organization*

2006 Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 22, 2006 @ 4 p.m.
O'Donnell Golf Club

Welcome: Diane Ahlstrom welcomed 50 residents and 3 guests to the 2006 Annual Meeting of The Movie Colony Neighborhood Organization (TMCNO) at 4:15pm on April 22, 2006 at the O'Donnell Golf Club. She reviewed the Advisor's accomplishments from March 2000, to present (see website, themoviecolony.org, to read).

Treasurer's Report: Dick Mandell reported that the balance in our account was approx. \$5,000. Dick recently put \$3,000.00 into three, \$1,000.CD's @ 4.75% with a one year term. For the May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2007 we collected 36 memberships. 23 @ \$25.00, 2 @ \$35.00, 8 @ \$50.00, 3 @ \$100.00 for a total of \$1,345.00. He stated that our goal should be to raise \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 for professional services if needed. To run the neighborhood organization, we need contributions. There are costs associated with administrative expenses and business meetings. We have hired a webmaster to maintain the website. Steve Soloman suggested if you talk to your neighbors encourage them to join the organization. He also stressed what an excellent job Diane was doing as President.

Ginny Foat City Council and David Ready, City Manager presented at our meeting primarily on the topics of the three hotels under renovation in The Movie Colony and financial alternative for traffic calming. David mentioned as assessment district could be possible for traffic calming project. You need a simple majority of the district that is affected.

Ginny also stated the importance of neighbors joining our organization. City Staff and City Council listen and react better to neighborhood groups rather than individuals. She agreed with the group that the Spanish Inn is an eyesore. Progress has been slow. Currently there are no active permits, and they have been added to the Vacant Bldg. Ordinance list as of March 1. Another building that has been cited is the Fashion Plaza. The City wants to eliminate blight. Ginny would like a demo order issued for the Spanish Inn if they do not comply, and thinks it would take the City about 6 months. She also indicated that the City Attorney needs to investigate the procedure. A neighbor stressed the importance of the city council to get demo orders activated to get property owners motivated to complete their projects.

David Ready, City Manager, stated, "At one time there was a demo order on The Spanish Inn. The owner made promises and then didn't act. The Indian Manor has been an issue too. They will work on a few things on the property, call for inspections and then do nothing. There is progress there but slow. The City is watching both projects closely".

A neighbor asked David Ready to look into the green fencing on Indian Canyon at the intersections of the Indian Manor and the Colony Palms hotels. The fencing is a traffic hazard and could be dangerous.

Lee Husfeldt, Director, Public Affairs, and the ONIC liaison advised that as of this date there are 11 neighborhoods recognized by the City. She also advised that the ONIC group has created neighborhood packets for new neighbors.

Website: Diane has been working hard on the website. It has been totally remodeled and upgraded. We hired a webmaster to help.

Chuck Brobeck, is an advisor of TMC and also heads the Neighborhood Watch. Chuck addressed the issue of a NOX Box, which is a security box that fits securely on a homeowners outside wall so the Fire Dept. of Police Dept. can obtain entrance to home in case of emergency. It is especially helpful for walled and gated homes. Chuck asked for help in getting block captains. He also discussed the advantages of using webcams at your own property to monitor via computer. People have used these with some success.

Dick Mandell spoke about Police Statistics in Palm Springs. Dick informed the meeting that crime statistics for The Movie Colony are now available on a monthly basis by going online to www.pspd.com and using the link for neighborhood crime stats. This is a new technique being employed by the police department to report data on criminal activity as reported by callers to dispatch. It is not the final assessment of criminal activity as investigated by a beat officer. This new technique is being refined continually to be more timely, comprehensive and indicative of criminal activity in all ONI member neighborhoods including The Movie Colony.

Ken Feenstra chaired the Nominating committee. He introduced the eight candidates and bios were available for the candidates. The results were calculated and given to Diane. Two Year Terms: Diane Ahlstrom, Bob Evans, Dick Mandell. One Year Terms: Barbara Keane, Steve Solomon, Chuck Brobeck, Graham Young.

Louise Hampton, Real Estate Update: Louise spoke about the current real estate market in the Movie Colony and Palm Springs. Basically buyers and seller are not on the same page. Sellers are not appreciating that the market has changed and still trying to obtain inflated prices for their homes. She feels that the market is still very healthy and all is well with Real Estate in Palm Springs. Louise is available for information anytime.

2005 Fall Minutes were approved as presented on our website.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 and the group stayed at O'Donnell for a social.