

**ONE-PS Membership Meeting 11-09-21 Materials**

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# Agenda

Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs — ONE-PS

Membership Meeting Tuesday November 09, 2021

AGENDA 5:30-7:00 PM

**Meeting being Recorded, Closed Captioning Available**

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1. WELCOME Peter Sipkins  
Approve Agenda
2. TAKE ATTENDANCE Denise Goolsby
3. Approval of Minutes of 10/12/21 - **ACTION ITEM** Kathy Cohn
4. General ONE-PS Business Items Peter Sipkins
  - A. Welcome to new attendees (if present)
  - B. In Person Meeting Status
  - C. Introduction of new Technology Officer/Consultant
  - D. Nominations Committee Report
  - E. Urgent Need for **Volunteers**, and Events Update
  - F. Emphasis on City wide issues and reinvigorating NORGS
  - G. Possible Rep and Alt retreat

H. Use/Misuse of ONE-PS in signature blocks

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| 5.  | City Council   | Lisa Middleton/<br>Dennis Woods     |
| 7.  | City Manager   | Justin Clifton                      |
| 8.  | City Staff Report (including PSDS rate change)   | Patrick Tallarico/<br>Danny Deselms |
| 9.  | Fire Department  | Nathan Gunkel                       |
| 10. | Police Department  | Lt. Gus Araiza                      |
| 11. | Desert Water   | Xochitl Pena                        |
| 12. | Standing Committee Reports (See Written Reports)   |                                     |
|     | Finance  | Tom Gardiner                        |
|     | Governance   | Don Barrett and/or<br>Steve Moses   |
|     | Communications   | Charlie Roddy                       |
|     | Code Enforcement/Public Works  | Don Barrett                         |
|     | Neighborhood Support   | Chris Ruetz                         |
| 13. | PS Neighborhood Involvement  | Denise Goolsby                      |
| 14. | Membership Discussion Topics   | Reps and Alts                       |
| 15. | Public comments (2 Minutes)<br>email copy in advance to <a href="mailto:monthly@ONE-PS.org">monthly@ONE-PS.org</a> |                                     |
| 16. | Adjournment  | Peter Sipkins                       |

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# Approval of prior meeting minutes

Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs — ONE-PS

Membership Meeting Tuesday October 12, 2021

## **DRAFT** MINUTES

1. WELCOME Peter Sipkins

Chairman Peter Sipkins called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm

The Agenda was approved without objection.

2. ATTENDANCE Don Barrett

Attendance was recorded in Chat.

3. Approval of Minutes of 09/14/2021 Kathy Cohn

Secretary Cohn announced that the minutes were posted in the Meeting Materials folder. With no call for additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as posted.

4. Chairperson's Items Peter Sipkin

A. Welcome to new attendees (if present)

Peter asked all new attendees and new representatives or alternates to introduce themselves. He welcomed them and encouraged them to become active.

B. Report on BOD Retreat

Peter reported that the ONE-PS Board of Directors had a very productive in-person retreat on September 29. They discussed and identified priorities going forward. They agreed to focus on helping NOrgs to rejuvenate their organizations after the lengthy pause associated with the pandemic. The Neighborhood Support Committee will be reaching out to the inactive NOrgs to offer them assistance with reactivation. The expectation is that in-person meetings will generate enthusiasm and a more robust pool of volunteers.

At the retreat the directors agreed that ONE-PS should be more involved in addressing challenges and issues facing the City. They identified several issues that

could be considered. For example, the homeless/unhoused; crime; short term rentals; golf course remedies; disparities of resources available to NOrgs and parts of the City; and the College of the Desert Palm Springs Campus.

Peter announced that a full retreat of the organization will be planned for after the seating of the 2022 officers and board members.

- C. Events Committee Chair, Ted Janka, URGENT Need for Volunteers  
Farmers Market, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays;  
VillageFest 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays;  
Pride 11/6 – 11/7 (Don Barrett)  
Veteran's Day, 11/11/2021  
Festival of Lights, 8 balloons total; still need 3 NOrgs to Wrangle balloons.

Ted urged folks to join the fun, meet new friends, support your neighbors and organization. There is a link in the Chat to the Events Volunteer webpage where you can sign up for your choice of events.

- D. Report on In-Person meeting status: Hoping for November 9

Kathy Cohn reported that we are hoping to begin in-person meetings for the next Membership meeting on November 9. Of course, we will follow all the City's Covid regulations and policies. When we return to in-person, the Pavilion doors will open at 5:00 pm for sign-in and mingling. The business meeting will be from 5:30 – 7:00 pm followed by a half-hour mixer with refreshments. Check email updates to the plan. This is intended to be a live in-person meeting. Hybrid Zoom meetings are difficult to produce with a large group, but we will attempt to provide non-interactive viewing.

- E. Internet Technician Volunteer(s)

Peter reported that Don Barrett is stepping away from his IT service. Peter thanked him for the time and expertise he has provided ONE-PS. Don then announced the need for a volunteer replacement. A "Volunteer IT position description" is posted in the materials for the October Membership meeting. As we transition out of the pandemic, the job should become more manageable.

- F. Nomination committee report (Paula Auburn)

Paula Auburn, chairperson of the Nominations Committee, announced that there were no self-nominations. There is still one director position to fill. Interviews of potential candidates are ongoing. The slate will be announced November 9. The election will be held December 14.

## 5. City Council

Lisa Middleton

Mayor *pro tem* Middleton reported that the Covid numbers in the tested wastewater has declined. That good news should be viewed with caution, given prior resurgences of the virus. She noted that residents have for the most part practiced voluntary compliance.

The economy has improved. The City is hiring back staff in the Planning, Police and Fire Departments. A \$30,000 signing incentive is being offered for lateral hires in the hard-to-fill positions in the Police Department.

AB43 has been signed into law by the governor, the law will change significantly how speed limits are set. Acting Chief Desmarais is preparing a summary of the key provisions of the law for presentation to City Council. In response to a question Lisa noted that it will be a long time before speed limits are changes.

The Access Center on El Cielo for the Unhoused under the very professional management of Martha's Village. So far 200 clients have received wraparound services. The city has a major commitment to improving services to the homeless.

At their Oct. 14 meeting, the City Council will consider the cannabis fine system, changes to trash collection fees, and the proposed closure of Palm Canyon for the Tour de Palm Springs, among other items.

Dennis Woods

Councilman Woods welcomed back to the city two residents in Racquet Club Estates. He also announced that the City will hold a Strategic Planning retreat; residents and the larger community will be included. Look for more information soon.

## 6. City Manager

Justin Clifton

Justin announced that Andrew (Andy) Mills has been appointed Chief of the Palm Springs Police Department. Mills is currently the chief of police in Santa Cruz. Justin described the national search and selection process as comprehensive and inclusive. A community survey was conducted to determine the traits and qualities expected of a chief. Each finalist appeared before five panels whose members focused on different aspects of the position. Mills was ranked highest by all five panels. He will arrive in Palm Springs in early November.

Justin expanded on Lisa's comments concerning refining the management of homeless services. Under Martha's Village management, service providers will be hired to deliver wraparound services and housing. He noted that moving encampments and arresting the occupants does not work and it is not helpful.

7. City Staff Projects

Patrick Tallarico

Patrick informed that the PS Disposal Service will institute a retroactive annual rate adjustment that was deferred in 2020 during the pandemic. Also, state regulations allow for rate adjustments for costs not anticipated. One example is the downturn in the recycling market. A public hearing will be held for this potential rate adjustment. Big changes related to organic waste management are coming next year, so the Sustainability Department is working with the PSDS on these plans.

Danny Deselms

Danny announced that in the last 8 weeks there has been a downward trend in the Covid virus detected in the wastewater. Reported cases have also dropped.

A C.E.R.T. Training, using a modified format, was held with 27 students. Danny was impressed by the range of age and commitment in the group, 21-82 years old! Cathy Liss praised the quality of the training. Carlene Hart also thanked Danny for presenting to her NOrg about emergency preparedness for flooding.

Danny also urged the community to complete a survey that rates priorities for local hazards, such as flood and wind hazards. This will guide seeking funding for mitigation for the hazard.

8. Fire Department

Nathan Gunkel

Nathan Gunkel was not present.

9. Police Department

Lt. Gus Araiza

Frank Browning attended for Lt. Araiza. He did not have crime data to present. He thanked Mayor *pro tem* for her greeting at the 5-year anniversary memorial service for the two fallen police officers.

10. Desert Water; PS Disposal

Xochitl Pena

Xochitl announced DWA is looking forward to the TOT presentation they will be making Oct. 19. (See details in the Communications Committee section). They will also be appearing with CV Water District on water conservation this month.



A representative of Palm Springs Disposal was not present so Patrick Tallarico was asked about two upcoming events: 1) The shredding and e-waste dropoff event is Saturday Oct. 16 at City Hall, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

2) bulky items, that two (2) large items may be dropped off Saturday, Oct. 23 at City Hall, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

## 11. Standing Committee Reports

(See Written Reports)

Events

Ted Janka

Ted reminded members to submit the Volunteer Form and encouraged NOrgs to recruit volunteers.

Finance

Tom Gardiner

Tom reported that the financial report is posted in the Meeting Materials file. There was no income this month. Tom also reported 2 vacancies on the Finance Committee. The volunteers should be familiar with financial issues. Since Tom is now the only person on the committee who is proficient with Quick Books, at least one of the new members should be familiar with it.

Governance

Steve Moses

Steve reported he will be meeting with attorney Tracy Woo next Thursday, Oct. 14 to discuss the protection of the ONE-PS logo. He is exploring contracting with vendors to produce ONE-PS swag and clothing items with the printed logo. Steve also noted that the template for NOrg bylaws provide by ONE-PS is far too detailed and complex. He will create a concise and standard template for NOrgs to use.

Communications

Charlie Roddy

Charlie thanked Xochitl Pena, Desert Water Agency (DWA), for helping organize the October 19 Talk of the Town (TOTT) when Jim Cioffi, vice president of the DWA Board, and Ashley Metzger, DWA Director of Public Affairs & Water Planning will discuss "Planning For Dry Times In A Thirsty Desert".

The November 16 TOTT will feature David Gray who will share the history of the Palm Springs gay community. The related documents will be archived in the Welwood Library.

Both Zoom programs will begin at 5:30 pm.

Code Enforcement/Public Works (CEPW)

Don Barrett

Don reported that the minutes of the Oct. 6 CEPW Committee meeting are posted in the Meeting Materials file. Complaints have increased that were mainly about Covid issues and hiring of staff to fill vacancies has been difficult. There was a discussion of the state of the Engineering Department projects.

Neighborhood Support

Chris Ruetz

In Chris's absence, Ardine Thompson, a member of the NOrg Support Committee, reported that the committee recognizes the lengthy pandemic has contributed to some NOrgs becoming inactive. The committee will be reaching out to assist those NOrgs in reactivating. They will share known strategies that can be replicated.

12. PS Neighborhood Involvement

Denise Goolsby

No report. Denise is on a well-deserved vacation.

13. Membership Discussion Topics

Reps and Alts

Sid Craig recognized the ASL interpreters for their service at the monthly ONE-PS meetings.

Richard Bowman commented that speeding in his neighborhood on Farrell Drive and other thoroughfares will remain a serious problem despite the passage of AB43. An overall plan needs to be developed,

Kevin Comer asked Councilwoman Middleton if the 2020 Census results will affect the district reapportionment in Palm Springs. Lisa said there was only a modest change in the City's population. Any changes in the demographics may require modest changes.

14. Public comments (2 Minutes)

No one made public comments.

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15. Adjournment

Peter Sipkins

# Nomination Committee reports

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO ONE-PS  
November 9, 2021

There were no self-nominations by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline in accordance with Article VII, Section 8 of the Bylaws. Following past practice, the Committee also did additional outreach to find well-qualified candidates to fill vacant slots on the slate.

As such, the Committee is pleased to provide the attached written recommendation of nominees for Officers and At-Large Directors for circulation to Official Representatives and Official Alternates with the agenda for the November 9, 2021 Membership meeting as stipulated in Article VII, Section 9 of the bylaws.

Given that no candidates who submitted their names by September 30<sup>th</sup> were not nominated, the provisions of Article VII, Section 10 of the bylaws do not apply; thus, the committee considers this recommendation to be the full and final slate of candidates.

The procedure now is:

1. Provide the slate of candidates to the ONE-PS membership with the meeting materials for the meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Conduct the election of the slate at the ONE-PS membership meeting of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Since there are no contested seats, the vote can be by voice acclamation to accept the slate as presented. Request that the Board ratify this approach.
3. The Board shall dissolve the Nominating Committee per Article IX, Section 5.
4. The newly elected Officers and At-Large Directors take their seats on January 1, 2022.

It's been a pleasure to do this work to help ensure a solid future for ONE-PS. Those willing to serve as Officers and At-Large Directors deserve our sincere "Thank You."

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Auburn – Chair  
Roy Clark  
Sid Craig  
Christine Hammond  
With grateful assistance from Peter Sipkins

**ONE-PS Candidate List - FINAL**  
**October 21, 2021**

<b><i>Office</i></b>	<b><i>Candidate</i></b>	<b><i>NOrg</i></b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Peter Sipkins</b>	<b>Melody Ranch</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Ted Janka</b>	<b>Warm Sands</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tom Gardiner</b>	<b>Deepwell</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Kathy Cohn</b>	<b>Sunrise Park</b>
<b>Comm Officer</b>	<b>Charlie Roddy</b>	<b>Upper West Side</b>
 <b><i>At-Large</i></b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Shawnda Thomas Faveau</b>	<b>Desert Highland Gateway Estates</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Stephen Moses</b>	<b>Old Las Palmas</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Don Barrett</b>	<b>Warm Sands</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ardine Thompson</b>	<b>Escena</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Cynthia Session</b>	<b>Desert Highland Gateway Estates</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Chris Ruetz</b>	<b>Movie Colony East</b>