

Minutes (draft)
ONE-PS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
4.09.2024
4:30-6:00
PALM SPRINGS POLICE TRAINING CENTER

CALL TO ORDER at 4:30 by Chris Ruetz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Paul Hinrichsen, 2nd by Carlene Hart passed with none opposed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 3.12.24

Motion by Paul Hinrichsen, 2nd by Lauri Svedberg passed with none opposed

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chris Ruetz welcomed first time attendees from Historic Tennis Club, Midtown, Los Compadres, El Rancho Vista Estates, and Tahquitz River Estates.

Chris Ruetz and Denise Goolsby announced the winners of the ONE-PS Picnic NOrg booth competition as being: Best Neighborhood Presentation Booth-Historic Tennis Club

Honorable Mention-Racquet Club West

Most Informative Booth-Oasis Del Sol

Honorable Mention-Deep Well Estates

Most Creative Booth Design-Movie Colony East

Honorable Mention-Racquet Club Estates

MEMBERSHIP TOPICS

The question was raised as to whether Grace Garner would speak on the noise ordinance in the May council meetings.

MAYOR'S REPORT by Jeffrey Bernstein announced that the opening of the Luminaire House will be featured on CBS This Morning on May 19th. The Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter will be opening the Desert Wildlife Center in the fall. There will be a Local Vendor Fair on April 17th at the Convention Center from 9a-noon. The city strives to do as much business as possible with local professionals and more than 600 have signed up already. Community meetings are being held concerning the Master Plans for Parks and also the Library. The College Park Specific Plan has hired a consultant to assist with the development going forward. The project at the Graffiti Park was granted a 6 year delay to keep the entitlements in place. Hotels are being encouraged to update and renovate to be able to keep a percentage of the additional TOT generated from the improvements. City boards and commissions are accepting applications for parties interested in serving on them. City Council will have a closed session discussion regarding Section 14. The 24-court pickleball complex at Demuth Park was approved by Parks & Recreation Committee and will be moving to City Council for final approval. The area near Araby Cove was found to have the most vacant commercial space in the city. Mixed use is being considered as a remedy. A parking consultant is working on the re-parking ordinance to prevent vehicles from moving a few feet in time restricted zones to bypass the law. Naming Downtown Park is under discussion. Grace Garner is working on a proposal to rent consistently vacant condos/townhomes as long term work force housing for local employees.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT by Scott Stiles reminded the membership about the shredding event on April 20th. The reveal of the 'Pillars of Palm Springs' public arts project along Tahquitz Canyon Way will be on World Art Day April 15th. The horses that previously occupied that area will be relocated to Riverside Dr to create an art walk. The ONE-PS Palm

Springs Power Night at the Ballpark event will be June 21st. Proof of Palm Springs residency or a city employee ID gets you in free. The game starts at 7p. The 80 modular units being installed at the Navigation Center are expected to open in August. The few challenges that have occurred at the center have been kept on track by the Martha's Village and Kitchen staff.

MONTHLY TOPICS by Scott Adkins provided an update on the COD campus plan. There will be a public forum held at the Cultural Center to discuss the main campus. The Palm Springs Campus will provide general and basic skills education in the areas of hospitality and tourism, media and the arts, allied health, and sustainable technology. The campus will have points of entry on Baristo Rd, Tahquitz Canyon Way, and the main entrance on Farrell Dr. There will also be connection points to the CV Link. The total project budget is 405.7 million dollars with 56 million committed to date and 200 million more in bond issuances. Construction is expected to begin later this year with first classes held for the 2026-27 school year.

Tom Dolle gave a history of Sunrise Park from its opening in 1975 to the hopeful refreshing of the recreational facilities in time for the 50th anniversary celebration. The 38 acre park has the largest collection of significant structures by prominent local architects in the city. He says Sunrise Park is the largest campus of its kind and a unique historical asset that should be celebrated and protected. His vision includes seeking historic designation for the park, installing sustainable landscaping and solar-power-generating structures and equipment, improving signage, and restoring and renovating existing structures. New ideas are essential given that the city hopes to update its parks and recreation master plan sometime in the near future.

CITY DEPARTMENTS UPDATES ON NEW ITEMS

Police Department report by Lt Mike Villegas expressed thanks for the attendance at the Police and Fire Appreciation Luncheon. There will be a swearing in ceremony on April 10th at 5pm. The department is ready for the Coachella and Stagecoach Music Festivals. There are 5 beds reserved for the night shift at the Navigation Center.

Fire Department updates by Captain Ron Skyberg and Chief Paul Alvarado also expressed the department's appreciation for the community support shown at the luncheon.

Office of Sustainability by LP McCloy introduced new members of the department. Enter off of Civic Dr for the shredding event on April 20th. The bulky item e-waste shredding will be in front of City Hall and the paper shredding will be in back. There will be a drop-off before the event in front of City Hall from 7:30-5:30 if there is no need to witness the actual shredding.

Office of Neighborhoods by Denise Goolsby informed everyone that Ben & Jerry's downtown will be celebrating Free Cone Day from 12-8 on April 16th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS were not made.

ADJOURNMENT motion made by Tim Schoeffler, 2nd by Paul Hinrichsen passed with none opposed at 5:56