

Minutes (draft)
ONE-PS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2.13.24
4:30-6:00
PALM SPRINGS POLICE TRAINING CENTER

Call to order at 4:33 by Chris Ruetz

Approval of agenda

Motion by Paul Hinrichsen, second by Bob O'Neill with none opposed

Approval of minutes from 1.09.24

Motion by Carlene Hart, second by Robyn Angeli with none opposed

Chair comments and announcements by Chris Ruetz

New members from Palm Springs Villas II and Oasis Del Sol introduced themselves. Canyon Corridor has been reactivated. Joy Meredith provided an update on the picnic with a request for more booths and volunteers for both the registration and ONE-PS booths. Sponsorships are always needed to cover expenses for this 15th annual event.

Monthly topic of Library Master Plan Update presented by Jeannie Kays, Library Director

The library was built in 1975 and was refreshed in 1995. A grant from the California State Library Program and Measure J funding will provide maintenance and infrastructure updates to the building. Construction is expected to start in approximately 2 years. All California residents can obtain a Palm Springs library card.

Clark Elliot from the Desert Water Agency gave a presentation on AB1572 which will prohibit use of potable water for nonfunctional turf irrigation. This will affect commercial, industrial, and institutional properties including HOAs and government facilities landscaping starting in January of 2027.

Membership discussion topics

Supplies for the lighting upgrade work is reducing the capacity in the parking lot at Demuth Park. The work to reseed is interfering with the ability to use the grassy areas for sports events. More communication is requested to better manage use of the park. The use of helicopters with bullhorns for a manhunt near the Movie Colony NOrg resulted in many going outside to hear the message to stay inside. Other methods of communication are suggested to disperse the information. Residents of the Rimrock NOrg near the Porsche dealership found a solution to the noise from the very early morning delivery of cars.

ONE-PS Committees and Community Forums

Lisa Hoff gave an update on the Black History Month Parade and Town Fair. Cynthia Session and Megan Rodriguez will be riding in the Rolls Royce Corniche convertible donated for parade use by Exotic Motor Cars. Volunteers are still needed to staff the booth at the fair. Chris Ruetz announced the intent to form a committee/community forum to explore options to address the 'food desert' or lack of nearby grocery shopping for the increasing population in the north part of the city.

City Leadership Report

Jeffrey Bernstein gave updates on the lighting in Demuth Park mentioned earlier in the meeting. The 405 million dollar COD project will break ground later this year and when completed will include the only degree program in Casino Management in the state of California. City buildings will fly the Black History flag for 30 days.

The moratorium on new marijuana facilities will be extended for 4 years.

The zoning code will be updated for the first time in 30 years. Scott Stiles announced a deployment study for the location of a new Fire Station 1. The Navigation Center will have an open house in March. Dana McAllister was introduced as the new Director of Building and Safety and he announced the backlog of approximately 700 building permits was reduced to being current. The airport has a permit available to allow non-ticketed persons to go to the gate to welcome arriving passengers.

City Department Updates on New Items

Lt Villegas reported that the Tour de Palm Springs event was successful with over 8,000 attending and no accidents or incidents. PSPD hosted Costa Rican police officials here to observe our operations. Enhanced enforcement is being provided on the grounds of Bel Air Greens due to increasing reports of lewd activity there.

Chief Paul Alvarado announced that the city council approved new fire apparatus and equipment. There will be an update on the fire at the Rimrock Von's.

Danny DeSelms reported a new CERT training in April. February is National Canned Food Month and is a good opportunity to add to your emergency supplies. The Red Cross is also in need of volunteers.

There was no report from the Office of Sustainability.

Denise Goolsby announced a newly hired Market and Communication Specialist

There were no public comments

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 by Chris Ruetz

Minutes approved?

Minutes prepared by Patrick Stonebraker, Secretary