

Minutes (draft)
ONE-PS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7.09.2024
4:30-6:00
PALM SPRINGS POLICE TRAINING CENTER

CALL TO ORDER at 4:32 by Chris Ruetz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bob O'Neill, 2nd by Robyn Angeli passed with none opposed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 6.11.24

Motion by Carlene Hart, 2nd by Ardine Thompson passed with none opposed

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chris Ruetz reminded everyone to check-in with the Slido app. There were no first-time visitors to this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Chris Ruetz added the reconstitution of the Nominating Committee, which Rick Bowman will chair, to the agenda as required in the Bylaws. Nominations will start in September with the final slate presented in November and voting in December for the 2025 Board. The LipSync competition was a sold-out event. Kudos are given to the performers and all who made it happen. The financial success of the event is still being tallied and there will be more info at the September meeting. Chris encouraged all the NOrgs to host some sort of a gathering to celebrate National Night Out. The Palm Springs Police Department hosts the citywide event on the first Tuesday in October and NOrgs are encouraged to work around that date to allow for city staff to attend. Ardine Thompson provided an update on the ONE-PS Candidate Forum to be held on October 5th from 1-4p at DeMuth Park Community Center. All candidates for both Council Districts 4 and 5 will be present. Richard Allegra demonstrated how Palm Springs residents can submit questions for the candidates by using links provided on the ONE-PS homepage. Tim Schoeffler chairs the Modernism Home Tour committee and will have the fall preview on October 24th-27th. There are five homes this year from three different neighborhoods. Carlene Hart and Ernest Ceceña created a presentation to show the outstanding success of the Sip and Chill with First Responders event on June 26th. The event was held at the Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort Clubhouse and included members of the Fire, Police, and Emergency Management departments. It is similar to Coffee with a Cop only with all first responders and allowed for personal interaction between those who serve and protect and the District 4 residents who are grateful for their service.

CITY LEADERSHIP REPORT

Chris Ruetz read Mayor Jeffrey Bernstein's comments as council is in session. Congratulations to Shann Carr, the contestants, and everyone involved in making the LipSync event such a success. It showcases the dedicated, diverse, and connected community we are that makes Palm Springs like no place else. Cooling centers are open 7 days a week and be sure to check on friends, relatives, and neighbors. South Palm Canyon low water crossing bridge work will be held off until the fall and all bridge projects updates are on the [EngagePalmSprings.com](https://www.EngagePalmSprings.com) website. The new playground at Baristo Park will be built by the same company used for Victoria and DeMuth Parks. The sale of Serena Park, formerly Palm Springs Country Club, was approved with the same 3.2 million dollar payment and 386 home buildout on which the previous developer defaulted. The 2024-25 budget update was approved from last year's 2 year plan and is essentially on track. Funding for the free night at the Palm Springs Art Museum was approved which continues all summer. Victoria Park

playground grand opening was a huge success. It is representative of how the new facilities at Baristo and DeMuth Parks will be built. Council will remove the sunset on Measure J scheduled to occur in 2037. Measure J contributes more than 22 million dollars to the budget and will be needed for the library, fire station, and other projects. A vote to remove the sunset will be on the ballot in November. Vacating Museum Way is in process not for the permanent site of Forever Marilyn but to remove vehicular traffic. Blue Zone is requesting funding for a 3 year program mostly paid for by Riverside County and the ONE-PS position will be noted. Pacaso is presenting regulations and ordinance to allow for 30 more units than the 5 currently in place. An ordinance prohibiting encampments and sleeping on public property is proposed that would take effect after the Navigation Center is fully opened. City Manager Scott Stiles' report is 'ditto to what the Mayor said'.

WORKSHOP

The Measure J Commission announced funding of 6 million dollars available to residents, businesses and non-profits for community-initiated projects. These are durable long-lasting capital improvements, enhancements, and major repairs within Palm Springs. Awards have an intended maximum of \$500,000 for any individual project but compelling projects of more than that amount can be submitted and considered. Some of the projects mentioned were blade signs, little free libraries, sidewalk repairs, undergrounding utilities, replacing the Palm Springs sign entering from Cathedral City on the 111, signage to indicate when street sweeping will occur, sidewalks on major streets in Rimrock NOrg, shade from landscaping or structures for sidewalks, and drones. The summer downtime will need to be used to do research and cost analysis on each project. The September 10th meeting will narrow down the list to 3-5 to be able to get applications in by the 30th.

CITY DEPARTMENT UPDATES ON NEW ITEMS

Police Department Lt Mike Villegas gave an overview of Operation Rearview Mirror stats. Since June 18th, when the program began, PSPD has made 1472 traffic stops with 877 citations issued. The records department is currently understaffed so statistics on the types of citations issued isn't readily unavailable. There have been 371 warning citations issued that are not tickets but are recorded like one and 184 verbal warnings. Most collisions are between residents not visitors and they are down as a result of this program.

Fire Department and Emergency Managements reports given by Danny DeSelms reminds to be safe in the heat. Don't hike in the middle of the day, take water with you everywhere, limit outside activities, and stay indoors as much as possible. Cooling centers are open 7 days a week but none overnight. If there is a power outage an emergency shelter will be opened depending on where the outage is. There is an issue with SoCal Edison notifying the city of known outages but efforts are being made to improve that.

The Office of Sustainability is hosting a Resource Fair at the Mizell Center on July 12th from 4-7p. PSDS, Sunline, SoCal Edison, Desert Community Energy, and City of Palm Springs departments will be in attendance.

Desert Water Agency representative Xochitl Peña announced that the annual Water Quality Report has been released and is on the website at DWA.org/WQR.

Office of Neighborhoods Manager Denise Goolsby recapped all the events ONE-PS has been involved in the 1st half of the year including the picnic, Red Cross training, ONE-PS night at the ballpark, and the LipSync contest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS were not made.

ADJOURNMENT motion made by Arlene Young, 2nd by Chris Ruetz passed with none opposed at 5:46

