

Minutes (draft)
ONE-PS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
6.11.2024
4:30-6:00
PALM SPRINGS POLICE TRAINING CENTER

CALL TO ORDER at 4:32 by Chris Ruetz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Cat Gallivan, 2nd by Robyn Angelo passed with none opposed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 5.14.24

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

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chris Ruetz welcomed first time attendees from Camino Del Sol and Gene Autry NOrgs.
Ned Barker confirmed quorum by Slido check-in.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Approval of Bylaws motion made by Carlene Hart, 2nd by Cat Gallivan and passed with none opposed.

Approval of 2024-25 Budget motion made by Carlene Hart, 2nd by Robyn Angeli and passed none opposed.

MEMBERSHIP TOPICS

NOrgs should promote a 'see something say something' policy to report issues to the appropriate city department.

MAYOR'S REPORT by Jeffrey Bernstein commented on the roundabout on Camino Parocela being cancelled. The business community in the area expressed concern about the approximately 2 year disruption to traffic. The design work is completed so the project can proceed if proposed again in the future. The city promotes local businesses for the procurement of municipal services to keep expenditures in the community. A community land trust was formed to use city land in the Desert Highlands neighborhood to build affordable housing. There were 108 applications for boards and commissions. The appointments will be made at the end of June to terms July 1st. A second community meeting for the Airport Master Plan will be announced. The plan has a 2.5 billion dollar budget over 20 years and is the largest ever city project. Serena Park, on the site of the former Palm Springs County Club, has a new developer on board to start construction. The previously approved plan includes 386 homes and a public park. There is a redesign of the low water crossing bridge on Palm Canyon coming before council. An update for the 2 year city budget passed last year is pending. Measure J funds are approximately 10% of the budget. On July 3rd there will be grand openings for the new playgrounds at Victoria Park and DeMuth Park. Traffic calming on the rest of Racquet Club continues. Juneteenth celebrations will be on June 14th and 15th this year. The Short Film Festival will be held at the Regal Cinemas on Tahquitz. On June 21st Mizell Center will have a senior scam awareness presentation. Prescott Preserve will present a modification to the Planning Commission.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT by Scott Stiles provided a reminder of the Palm Springs Power Night at the Ballpark on June 21st. The road grader for sand removal, approved last year, has arrived to significantly reduce the time it takes to reopen city roadways. The Palm Springs Public Library has a new mobile app available. Historical data of Section 14 is now available on the city website. In the fall there will be a direct flight from Palm Springs to Washington DC. Summer camp started on Monday with the help of funds contributed

by ONE-PS. City Hall will be closed on June 19th to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday. The sign welcoming drivers into Palm Springs from the southeast part of the valley is still in planning stage.

MONTHLY TOPICS from the Gene Autry NOrg were not made. Naomi Soto of 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. Projects implemented by organizations with little input by City staff can receive funds in the form of a grant. NOrgs with similar projects can combine them for greater economies of scale. Ned Barker, Eric Borsum, and Erik Graham presented the SafeGrowth program that the city took part in last year. The concept involves crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED). The foundations of the program are action based practice, social ecology, neighborhood activation, and socio-technical systems that work together to create neighborhoods that are safe without restrictions but still attractive. Tahquitz Creek Wash, the Baristo Parking Garage, and the areas surrounding dispensaries were the focus of their teams. Lt William Hutchinson added that SafeGrowth provides concepts and strategies to allow neighbors to make differences in their community. Chief Andy Mills also acknowledged by using data and science the program will create interest in the community to improve neighborhoods.

CITY DEPARTMENTS UPDATES ON NEW ITEMS

Police Department report by Lt Mike Villegas announced the kickoff of Project Rearview Mirror on June 18th at 9a in front of City Hall. It is a collaboration between law enforcement and entertainment district businesses to reduce DWI and other traffic offenses throughout the city. There will be a Juneteenth picnic celebration on June 15th from 5-9p at James O Jessie Park. Fire Captain Ron Skyberg reported that the annual Fish Fry was sold out. There is a PSA to remind drivers to pull to the right for vehicles responding with lights and sirens. Emergency Operations Manager Danny DeSelms announced that cooling centers are now open at James O Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center, DeMuth Community Center, and Palm Springs Public Library. There is a City of Palm Springs/ONE-PS/Red Cross sponsored training on heat preparedness in the council chambers on June 25th from 4:30-6p. Liz Hernandez explained that trash bins can be put out curbside at 6a during the summer months and there is a free service bulky item pickup available. Xochitl Peña announced that DWA is assisting the Palm Springs Public Library kickoff the Adult Summer Reading Program tomorrow at 2p. There will also be a presentation about water conservation and upcoming regulations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS were not made.

ADJOURNMENT motion made and 2nd with none opposed at 6:05.