

Minutes (draft)
ONE-PS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
3.12.2024
4:30-6:00
PALM SPRINGS POLICE TRAINING CENTER

CALL TO ORDER at 4:37 by Chris Ruetz

New check in procedure via Slido QR code explained

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Peter Sipkins, 2nd by Bob Heinbaugh passed with none opposed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 2.13.24

Motion by Dan Gonnella, 2nd by Bob Heinbaugh passed with none opposed

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

No new visitors or members to acknowledge

Black History Month Parade and Fair volunteers congratulated on successful event

MONTHLY TOPIC of Engage Palm Springs presented by Amy Blaisdell and Denise Goolsby.

The soft opening of the website was in December and is now rolled out to the community.

It was created as a space for residents to share ideas, ask questions, and receive updates about City projects. The real time information includes weather related road closures, details about restrictions due to roadwork or special events, and police activity. Information from city departments about upcoming projects is also available.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION TOPICS

The LipSynch contest updates by Shann Carr confirms the date as July 7, 2024 and more contestants are needed.

ONE-PS COMMITTEES & COMMUNITY FORUMS

Joy Meredith gave an update on the annual picnic. There are 14 NOrgs with booths and there will be a best booth contest. There will be a dog contest and pet adoptions will also be available. JPH Raingutters is a new sponsor and more sponsorships are needed. Sandwich Spot is a new food vendor.

There was no news to report on the Food Desert Community Forum

MAYOR'S REPORT by Jeffrey Bernstein reminded everyone that the Art Museum will open the Luminaire house after the picnic on the 23rd. The Monarch affordable housing complex also opened since the last council meeting. The Navigation Center is open with 50 overnight beds and modular units which are like mini apartments to open in August. Master Parks and Library Plan community outreach meetings are ongoing. The four year moratorium on new cannabis permits will continue to allow the industry time to settle. The Starbucks at Racquet Club was not approved to allow long term planning for a commercial district adjacent to the largest concentration of new homes in the city. In the next council meeting the developers of the 45 unit condo complex at the site of the Graffiti Park will ask for a 6 year extension to keep their entitlement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT by Scott Stiles remarked on the huge turnout for the grand opening of the Navigation Center. The center is looking to partner with other social and community based organizations. The Vista Chino bridge project has received \$96 million from the federal government. It will be an elevated roadway and is 65% of the way to

design completion with construction cautiously expected to start in 2026. The airport renovation of concessionaire agreements is under way with new venues to open.

CITY DEPARTMENT UPDATES ON NEW ITEMS

Police Department updates by Lt Mike Villegas reported that a recent graduate of the academy was formerly a Community Service Officer and is now a full time Peace Officer. Three new lateral officers from other police departments will be starting in a few weeks. There were 4 shootings on the north side of Palm Springs and some time later 4 firearms were recovered in a traffic stop which may have been related. Patrols in the area have been increased. The increase in graffiti is not gang related but done to post on social media for aesthetic purposes.

Fire Departments updates by Chief Paul Alvarado has asked his crews to compile a list of vacant buildings in the city due to the recent fire fatalities in Cathedral City. The Fire Department, Police Department, Building Official, and Code Enforcement will work to ensure that there is no entry into these buildings or if that is not possible that they be torn down. Brush abatement has been accomplished near West Chino Canyon and is now concentrated on the Araby neighborhood. Captain Todd Fite gave an update on the Rimrock Shopping Center fire that was found to be electrical in nature and not related to any homeless activity nor any other suspicious origin. Captain Ron Skyberg reminded that the Fire Department easter egg hunt is 9am March 30th in Ruth Hardy Park. The tri-annual airport drill is May 8th in conjunction with city departments and other agencies. Emergency Management report by Danny DeSelms clarified that the Red Cross free smoke detector program is for low income residents specifically in mobile home parks. There is CERT training in April.

Office of Neighborhoods update by Denise Goolsby reports that the Village Fest 32nd annual birthday celebration is March 14th with extra festivities. Family Funfest hosted by the PS Library with events for kids and families on March 27th.

DESERT WATER AGENCY report by Xochitl Pena introduced a new Senior Outreach Specialist. There are pipe repairs ongoing located on Avenida Caballeros north of Ramon Rd and on Ramon Rd frontage east of Compadre Rd. The DWA website has current locations of work being done.

PALM SPRINGS DISPOSAL SERVICE update by Liz Hernandez reported that the food waste containers are available again. They can be delivered or picked up at the PSDS office. Large 2 item pickup is scheduled the week of April 15th. Bulky item drop-off and a shredding event will take place in the City Hall parking lot on April 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS were not made.

ADJOURNMENT motion made by Shann Carr, 2nd by Peter Sipkins at 5:55