Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs — ONE-PS

Membership Meeting, May 10, 2022

4:00-5:30PM

Draft Minutes

1. WELCOME (*started at 4:05PM*) Peter Sipkins

*Approve Agenda - approved unanimously*

2. CONFIRM QUORUM Denise Goolsby/ Peter Sipkins

3. Approval of Minutes of 04/12/2022 - **ACTION ITEM** Kathy Cohn

*Approved unanimously without modification.*

4. Chair Comments and Announcements Peter Sipkins

*Sipkins invited first time attendees/visitors to introduce themselves – Little Beverly Hills (2); Oasis del Sol (2); Sunrise Park (1); Warm Sands (1); Deepwell (1); PS Animal Shelter (1)*

*Retreat Report – Unique ½ Day. Based on response to survey that Denise had sent out to Reps/Alts. Focused on identifying issues and problems. Questions came up from attendees – “What about solutions?” Two topics came to the forefront to be addressed: Speed/traffic and crime in neighborhoods. ONE-PS established workgroups to be formed on those two topics. If interested in being on workgroup – contact Denise. These are intended to be independent groups (board members will not be on them).*

*Sipkins needed to excuse himself for another meeting; Kathy Cohn chaired the remainder of the meeting.*

*It’s NOrg Annual meeting season – Kathy went to Little Beverly Hills. Great way to get to know neighbors.*

*ONE-PS plans to revive the popular Brown Bag events. They will be designed not to be a deep dive into topics, but an introduction to them. The Board is seeking ideas for topics. One example mentioned - How to put a booth together for events.*

*The membership expressed an interest in getting better acquainted with each others’ NOrgs. Beginning in June, two or three NOrg Reps or Alts will do brief (2-3 minute) presentations on their NOrgs. Board will ask these to give preseentations: Sunmor; Escena; Desert Highlands Gateway Estates. They have template of short questions for each to use.*

*Nominations committee is seeking members – if interested in joining that, contact Denise. Those serving on the Nominations can’t serve on the ONE-PS Board.*

*Volunteers are always welcome. Some of our current needs: Presenting Brown Bag topics, joining Standing Committees.*

5. City Council Lisa Middleton/

Dennis Woods

*On upcoming City Council meeting: Approving inventory of military-style equipment by PSPD in response to new State requirement for yearly report from cities and jurisdictions. Not a new or different practice; re-emphasized by State. PSPD already does this.*

*Continuing Study Sessions on City Budget. Good news is that even with COVID restrictions 2021-2022 revenue was much better than expected. Kudos to taxpayers voting in Measure J 10 years ago. Economy is strong in PS. Contact Council to tell them what we feel should be prioritized with revenue.*

*Homelessness: June 1st – reopening of the overnight shelter at the United Methodist Church of Palm Springs on Alejo/Sunrise. Martha’s Village will be running the overnight shelter. Over 160 individuals used this shelter last year. 89% moved on to permanent housing. The challenge continues to be people who live on the streets who are reluctant to accept services.*

*Questions from the floor:*

*Is City inventorying all of the Capital Improvements completed and needing attention?*

*How is Military equipment inventoried, how is it used and how often? Will all Officers be trained on its use?*

*Noise ordinance – Seeking update on this and the work that the committee did and reported to Council.*

*Homelessness- anything to learn from other desert cities? Example – el Paseo has private security all up and down street. Kaptur Plaza in PS – has similar security. There are issues with private vs public property; business owners’ willingness to report complaints.*

6. City Manager Justin Clifton

*Reported on  A.B. 2336 State pilot program on speed enforcement in 6 cities that includes getting permission to put up speed signs and monitoring traffic speed. Palm Springs was added to the list that includes LA, Glendale, Oakland, San Jose and SF thanks to Mayor Middleton.*

*Homelessness – Continuing to study and address. A study in San Diego identified urban neighborhoods, such as downtown and tourist areas that draw the most homeless people given the nature and activities of such areas.*

*Budget - One more Study Session planned on the General fund. Considering suggestions from residents.*

*Questions from the floor: Upper West Side- helping business there to get attention for economic development.*

*COD – Is COD willing to collaborate with PS Council? We are willing to partner. Individuals are encouraged to call in to COD Board of Trustees meetings and give public comment to COD Board.*

*Warehouse on the 10 - City has no application for a fulfillment center to date.*

7. City Departments

PSPD Hutchinson

*Homelessness – Moving people from spaces in the city is a complex issue. “No sit/lie” ordinances can be enforced only if there is a place to go. Navigation Center will be a huge help for PSPD. Type of land (e.g. business, tribal, allottee, etc.) impacts cleanup or moving people.*

*Community Meetings - Chief will release report in next few weeks. Themes: Crime prevention and reduction through design. Making areas in town less attractive for criminals. 60- 80 percent = crimes of opportunity. At any one time there may be 4 police on the street in town. Conf in Ann Arbor, MI – bringing ideas back to PS. Technology to make communities safer. Hutchinson tasked with homelessness.*

*Crime in last 7 years is actually down overall. Now due to social media we see more. Changes to crime laws (some offenses have been decriminalized).have led to some increases in stats.*

Emergency Services DeSelms

*Attended California Emergency Management conference in San Diego.*

*Everbridge: fixed glitch. Checkbox for PS had been unchecked. Works better than Nixle.*

*Heat – plan for blackouts/brownouts. Make sure you have water in your car. Vacuum sealed container better than plastic bottles.*

*May is wildfire awareness.*

Sustainability / Palm Springs Disposal Tracy

*State Foodware ordinance passed Jan 2022. Posters and materials are available that describe the various acceptable items that businesses can use for takeout.*

*Scholarships for business owners are available: $750 to reimburse businesses for alternatives to Styrofoam packages or getting three-bin trash cans.*

*Scholarship program of $750 to reimburse purchases of electric leaf blowers, chargers and other tools.*

*PSDS – Oct 1 rollout date for Organics waste might change. Trash containers are available and being delivered to PS. There’s a delay in trucks that can handle them. Check PSDS website to determine what kinds of trash goes into which bin. QR code will be on containers as reminders.*

10. Standing Committee Chairs, Announcements Only

(See Website ([ONE-PS.Org](about:blank)) for Written Reports)

Finance Tom Gardiner

*Cat Salazar (TRENO) has joined Finance committee. Ernie, Paula, and Herb continue on the committee. $43,000 in the bank due to Picnic revenue. Fiscal Year starts July 1st.*

Events Kathy Cohn

*Looking for homes for the HomeTour.*

11. Desert Water Agency Xochitl Pena

*DWA is keeping an eye on potential water restrictions in our district – no update yet. Flume is technology to monitor your water leaks. See www.flumetech.com/dwa for details.*

12. Office of Neighborhoods Denise Goolsby

*Denise – New information at City website shows smaller engineering projects – pickleball fence, playground equipment, lighting, stop signs/lights, etc. in graphic format.*

*Sat May 21st – Tahquitz River clean up – meet at pedestrian bridge.*

*Sat June 4th Fire Dept fish fry.*

*Wednesday May 11th is National Fallen Police Officers remembrance; Ceremony at the PS Police station at 5:00 pm.*

13. Membership Discussion Topics Reps and Alts

ONE-PS Membership Meeting time continues to be in discussion. Talked about different times: 8 am, 4:00 or 4:30. 5:00 is not popular. We need to distribute a survey to gather input about preferred times.

14. Public comments (2 Minutes)

(email copy in advance to

[monthly@ONE-PS.org](about:blank)

*None noted*

15. Adjournment Kathy Cohn

*Adjourned at 5:35 PM*