

Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs — ONE-PS
Membership Meeting Tuesday November 09, 2021
MINUTES - approved 12/14/2021

1. WELCOME Peter Sipkins

Peter called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda as posted

2. TAKE ATTENDANCE Denise Goolsby

Peter asked the participants to enter their full name on the screen or in the chat so Denise can capture all those present.

3. Approval of Minutes of 10/12/21 - ACTION ITEM Kathy Cohn

The minutes were approved as posted.

4. General ONE-PS Business Items Peter Sipkins

A. Peter introduced the new PSPD Chief Andrew (Andy) Mills. Chief Mills commented on the importance of an organization like ONE-PS that enhances the communication among the police force, government officials and the community. He said he and his wife are renting a place temporarily in the north part of the city until they get more familiar with the city and decide where to settle.

B. Peter introduced three new reporters from The Desert Sun. They introduced themselves and shared their beats. Alban Burgio explained that their editor had suggested they attend our meeting to get acquainted with the city. He will cover education across the CV including PreK through higher education. Jonathan Horowitz ... Tom Coulter will cover local, county, and state government and politics.

C. Peter announced that Sustainability Manager Patrick Tallarico announced his retirement effective 12/11/2021. Peter thanked him for his commitment to work collaboratively with ONE-PS. Peter also praised Patrick for diligence and expertise.

D. Welcome to new attendees

Roy Clark announced that he is stepping down as the representative for Four Seasons. He introduced the new rep, Ed Knab. He is a long-time resident at Four Seasons and serves on its HOA Board.

Howard Goldberg introduced himself as the alternate representative from Canyon Palms.

E. In Person Meeting Status

ONE-PS Membership Meeting IN-PERSON
December 14,2021
MIZELL SENIOR CENTER

We miss the opportunity to meet, mingle and discuss things of interest. Denise contacted Wes Winter, Executive Director of Mizell Senior Center. He confirmed that we can meet at Mizell. Kathy 's ad hoc committee will work with Ector Simpson, the Mizell contact.

Details:

Check-in	5:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Membership Meeting	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Mixer & Refreshments	7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Health and Safety Requirements:

- Vaccination Record will be checked at the door. No record, no admission.
- Masks required, except when addressing the members, Or actively eating or drinking.
- Social distancing will be arranged as much as possible.

Meeting Structure:

- We will not have Zoom capability at this meeting.
- We will arrange for time-certain presentations, so our guests can manage their time.
- We do hope City Staff and officials will be able to attend the entire meeting and social, especially for this holiday mixer.

F. Peter introduced the new Technology Officer/Consultant, Richard Allegra, Sonora Sunrise. He works for a higher education non-profit where his responsibilities include organizing virtual events, communications, the website, and social media. Peter thanked Richard for volunteering his expertise.

G. Nominations Committee Report

Paula Auburn, Chair of the Nominations Committee, announced the nominees. She thanked the committee: Roy Clark, Christine Hammond, Sid Craig.

ONE-PS Candidate List - FINAL October 21, 2021

Office	Candidate	NOrg
Chair	Peter Sipkins	Melody Ranch
Vice Chair	Ted Janka	Warm Sands
Treasurer	Tom Gardiner	Deepwell
Secretary	Kathy Cohn	Sunrise Park
Comm Officer	Charlie Roddy	Upper West Side

At-Large

1 Shawnda Thomas Faveau	Desert Highland Gateway Estates
2 Stephen Moses	Old Las Palmas
3 Don Barrett	Warm Sands
4 Ardine Thompson	Escena
5 Cynthia Session	Desert Highland Gateway Estates
6 Chris Ruetz	Movie Colony East

H. Ted Janka said that there is as urgent need for volunteers. Much of the volunteer service is being provided by the board members and their spouses. He thanked Don Barrett who chaired the ONE-PS Pride event. He also recognized the volunteers who staffed the booth over the 2 days of the Pride Festival.

- Upcoming Events include:
- Farmers Market Booth, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Veteran's Day Parade, 3:30, Thurs. Nov.11, Peter's driving Vet, Russ Uthe
- VillageFest Booth, 3rd Thursday of the month
- Festival of Lights, Mary Clifford event chair

I. Peter reported that the ONE-PS board has had two retreats in recent months. The board agreed that the organization needs to refocus on the original purpose. To do that, the board will place emphasis on City wide issues and reinvigorating NOrgs. This echoes the goals identified at its January 2020 annual organization retreat. Six weeks later the pandemic shutdown stymied our moving forward. Peter wants to hold an organization-wide retreat with Reps and Alts in the Spring to revisit and update those 2020 retreat goals.

J. Use/Misuse of ONE-PS in signature blocks

Peter reminded the Reps and Alts that they should not include the name 'ONE-PS' in the signature block for their NOrg's business because we are separate organizations. Use only the full name of your NOrg in the signature block.

5. City Council

Lisa Middleton reviewed the current Covid-19 restrictions ordered by C. She explained they were put in place to protect the public after losing nearly 700,000 souls. The recent data show an increase in cases. The Council will revisit the situation at its December meeting.

She also asked the public to let the Council know your experience in shops especially with masks. What do you see? There were many angry comments at City Council meetings.

Lisa complimented ONE-PS on the well-written Noise Ordinance recommendation submitted to the Council. It will inform the Council's strategy going forward.

Lisa also addressed the Council will plans to hold a 2-day treat. Topics include the year meeting calendar including being proactive with the schedule. The homeless issues are "on the front burner". Also climate change and sustainability. She sent "kudos" to Patrick Tallarico, the outgoing Sustainability Manager. She also congratulated Ron DeHart and others for a successful Pride Festival.

Dennis Woods joined Lisa in praising the Pride leaders and mentioning the parade and the laser.

Lisa also remarked on the selection of the new Police Chief, Andy Mills whom she described as a strong innovative leader.

Lisa and Dennis responded to a question about the Desert Community Energy. It is much more costly than expected, and the green renewables unclear.

A member commented that the new Homeless Wrap-around Service Center under the management of Martha's Kitchen has eliminated loitering around the former Boxing Club. Lisa attributed to building the program based on a proven model.

Three members questioned the Council's decision to place the future Navigation Center in Desert Highland Gateway Estate, an already underserved area of Palm Springs. They were critical of the lack of some

type of impact assessment. Deiter Crawford questioned the lack of an SCQUA review.

6. City Manager Justin Clifton was not present.

7. City Staff Report

Patrick Tallarico reported a successful shredding and e-waste event. An addition of one more shredding truck will be added to the next recycling event. He also addressed the upcoming rate adjustments for PS Disposal Service, whose owner Glenn Cunningham was present. Patrick explained that annual rate adjustments are based on the Consumer Price Index. Extraordinary events are also increasing operating costs, the decreased foreign market for waste and the new CA law, SB1383 requiring solid waste disposal. The public can file a complaint.

Danny DeSelms, a retired Marine, wished the Marine Corp a Happy Birthday. Two days before Veteran's Day, he recognized and thanked all those who have served our country.

Danny urged the public to complete a survey that will generate FEMA funding CERT Training. **NOVEMBER 30 IS THE DEADLINE**

8. Fire Department Nathan Gunkel (Not in attendance)

9. Police Department Lt. Gus Araiza (Not in attendance)

Lt. Frank Browning presented the PSPD report. He reminded the attendees that the crime rate data reported now is for 2 months ago, September. Overall rates are higher than 2020. He attributed that to more residents were home-bound due to the pandemic. He said to be alert downtown as there is a flurry of snatch and run incidents. Lock car doors and your home doors and windows. Place packages out of sight in your vehicle. Do not enable a crime of opportunity.

10. Desert Water Agency Xochitl Pena

Xochitl reported that the ALL of California is in a drought. **SAVE WATER!**

DWA continues to have incentives for residents who take water-saving actions, such as reducing grass, switching to water-efficient appliances and nozzles. DWA will adjust rates for the first time since 2016. Visit the DWA website for bill paying assistance.

11. Standing Committee Reports (See Written Reports.
Some reports were delayed as the meeting ran overtime.)

Finance Tom Gardiner – The Report was posted in the Meeting Materials.

Governance Don Barrett and/or Steve Moses – No report

Communications Charlie Roddy

Talk of the Town, November 16, 2021, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Julie Warren & David Gray, co-founders of The LGBTQ+ History & Archives of the Desert will unveil what is the rich and deep fabric of our shared LGBTQ+ history. PS Springs Pride President & CEO Ron De Harte will share the establishment of an LGBTQ+ Wall of Honor and monument.

Code Enforcement/Public Works Don Barrett - No Report

Neighborhood Support Chris Ruetz - No Report

12. PS Neighborhood Involvement Denise Goolsby- No Report

13. Membership Discussion Topics Reps and Alts

Richard Bowman, Sunmor NOrg called for increased support for the neighborhoods in the Northern area of Palm Springs.

14. Public comments (2 Minutes)
(Email copy in advance to monthly@ONE-PS.org)

15. Adjournment Peter Sipkins, 6:55 p.m.

ONE-PS Membership Attendance for November 09, 2021

Unique participants per Zoom records: 67

NOrgs with Rep or Alt present:

Andreas Hills	x
Araby Commons	x
Araby Cove	x
Baristo	
Canyon Corridor	x
Canyon Palms	x
Deepwell Estates	x
Demuth Park	
Desert Highland Gateway Estates	x
Desert Park Estates	
El Mirador	
El Rancho Vista Estates	
Escena	x
Four Seasons	x
Gateway	x
Gene Autry	x
Historic Tennis Club	x
Indian Canyons	
Lawrence Crossley	x
Little Beverly Hills	x
Little Tuscany	
Los Compadres	x
Melody Ranch	x
Midtown	
Mountain Gate	x
Movie Colony East	x
Oasis Del Sol	
Old Las Palmas	
Palm Springs Villas II	

Parkview Mobile Estates	x
Racquet Club Estates	x
Racquet Club West	
Ranch Club Estates	x
Rimrock	x
Rogers Ranch	x
Sonora Sunrise	x
Sunmor	x
Sunrise Park	x
Tahquitz Creek Golf	x
Tahquitz River Estates	
The Mesa	
The Movie Colony	
Twin Palms	x
Upper West Side	x
Vista Las Palmas	x
Vista Norte	x
Warm Sands	x
Westgateps	
Whitewater Club	

Total # of NOrgs represented: 32