

MINUTES  
Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs — ONE-PS  
Membership Meeting  
October 11, 2022  
4:30-6:00PM  
Pavilion, 401 S Pavilion Way

Links: meeting [Materials](#); [Zoom](#) for Out-of-Towners

*Minutes are in italics, attendance is at the end*

*Meeting began at 16:40*

1. WELCOME Peter Sipkins  
Approve Agenda  
*Motion by Steve Moses/Paul Hinrichsen, approved unanimously*
  
2. CONFIRM QUORUM Denise Goolsby/other
  
3. Approval of Minutes of 09/13/2022-**ACTION ITEM** Don Barrett  
*Motion by Paul Hinrichsen/Steve Moses, approved unanimously*
  
4. Chair Comments and Announcements Peter Sipkins  
*Reminded NOrgs that they can't endorse or otherwise support candidates for office. Noted that due to election, November Membership meeting Wednesday 11/9*

*Reminded members of the Return of Brown Bag sessions including Thurs., Oct. 20, 11:30 AM in Main Conference room on organic recycling. Also, that will have 2 NOrg presentations in November, from Rimrock and Baristo, that the third NOrg presentation was already ready and would be later in this meeting. See #8.*

*Invited Denise Goolsby to introduce two new key city personnel, Jeremy Hammond, Deputy City Manager and Stephanie George, HR Director. Denise also noted that Hammond lives in La Mesa NOrg and is considering restarting that.*

5. City Council ~~Lisa Middleton/~~  
~~Dennis Woods~~

*Peter Sipkins noted that Middleton was out of town and unable to attend, and that Woods was not present.*

6. City Manager (interim) Teresa Gallavan

*Following reported by Teresa Gallavan:*

- forthcoming special Council study session on vacation rental and possibility of a temporary moratorium on new permits. Discussion of the vacation rental study group and future plans*
- construction permit for the navigation center is forthcoming*
- continuation of parklets program for downtown,*
- facade program grants,*
- security camera grants for businesses.*
- Parks & rec: restrooms complete at Demuth and Jame O'Jessie, also new shade structures.*
- temporary dog park closure.*
- state has announced an RFP for widening Indian Canyon at the railroad bridge,*
- library has received a grant for renovation with matching funds from Council.*

7. City Departments

Emergency Management Danny Deselms

*Danny Deselms reported:*

- national preparedness month was in November at Home Depot with contributions by Home Depot.*

- *Next month emergency preparedness training, 11/18-20 at Fire Dept training center and there will be additional trainings in 2023, see: <https://www.palmspringsca.gov/government/departments/emergency-management/events>*
- *problems with Everbridge (mobile) emergency notifications have been fixed and encouraged signing signing up*

Fire

Nathan Gunkel

*Nathan Gunkel noted that there were promotions in the department and that it has been able to return to the standards of two men at the truck for every two men in an emergency situation, but still needed hire. Noted there about 1000 calls last month*

Police

Mike Kovaleff

*Mike Kovaleff noted that department was slowly attacking staffing issues though still very difficult to hire new police in current job market, that they were down to only 14 officers out on temporary disability, that downtown bike service has restarted. Noted that operation Clean Streets continues with teams of police and service providers working with unhoused, with a focus on downtown corridor, noted that the housing crisis aggravates the problems since there is no place to move. Noted that department is addressing the problems of the large encampments near Dinah Shore Drive. He also introduced the new police Public Information Officer, Tamara Watkins.*

Sustainability

LP McCloy

*LP McCloy and Liz Hernandez from PSDS expressed thanks for residents cooperation on learning on trash separation, that ONE-PS is important in helping make that work. LP also noted the upcoming (10/15) Saturday shredding/e-waste, 8-12 event.*

8. Candidate Forums, Modernism, and Pride

Bob Farran

*Mary Clifford announced the beginning of organizing for the December balloon parade, Bob Farran announced that the Candidate Forum had been a success with good attendance, that Modernism for 10/15 was sold out with an additional 40 tickets allowed by Modernism for a total of 340 tickets, that volunteers were still needed for the Pride booth and that an auto and a veteran have been identified for Veteran's Day Parade.*

*Bob Farran's report on his NOrg, Racquet Club West:*

*Located in northern section of Palm Springs between Palm Canyon and Indian Canyon, south of San Rafael down to Vista Chino, the RCW neighborhood has some of the most diverse types of housing in the City: Apartments, duplexes, transitional housing for the homeless (Nightingale Center), 7 HOAs, with five of them gated, regular homes on streets and estate property around the old Racquet Club (including the Joan Crawford estate).*

*Our "Free Little Library" has distributed over 300 books over the past two years, all donated by neighbors. The bulletin board on the side of the library is for messages and serves as our Emergency Communication Center.*

*Community Garage Sales: We hold an annual garage sale at multiple locations, allowing HOAs to bring items to one of the locations. All proceeds go to the individual, not the organization. City allows one fee for all locations for us.*

*Disaster Preparedness: We have held six neighborhood training. More are needed. Documents are on the website.*

9. Nominations Committee Paula Auburn

*Reported by co-chair Jim Bowman that candidates will be listed in November for December vote.*

10. Standing Committee Chairs, Announcements Only

(See Website ([ONE-PS.Org](http://ONE-PS.Org)) for Written Reports)

Finance Tom Gardiner

*Financial report available on website*

Events Bob Farran

*See notes under #8, above*

Code Enforcement/Public Works Don Barrett

*October meeting on 10/20*

Neighborhood Support Peter Sipkins

*[no report]*

11. Desert Water Agency Xochitl Pena

*Xochitl Pena reported that turf conversion grants have increased from \$2 to \$3 per square foot and are available for HOA's and with no limit on the square feet eligible.*

11. Palm Springs Disposal Liz Hernandez

*Free bulky (e.g., furniture, appliances) item pickup (limit of 2 per household) at City Hall on 10/22. Also see above under Sustainability*

12. Office of Neighborhoods Denise Goolsby

*[no report]*

13. Membership Discussion Topics Reps and Alts

*Jerry Brown of Sunrise Park asked about problems with fading blade signs; a member from Historic Tennis Club asked about obtaining D&O insurance for their Board; and Russ Uthe described good relations with the Prescott Preserve organization and the importance of continuing that.*

14. Public comments (2 Minutes)

(email copy in advance to [monthly@ONE-PS.org](mailto:monthly@ONE-PS.org))

15. Adjournment Peter Sipkins

*Meeting adjourned at 17:43*

**Attendance** (39 Neighborhoods)

*Andreas Hills*

*Araby Cove*

*Baristo*

*Canyon Corridor*

*Canyon Palms*

*Deepwell Estates*

*Desert Highland Gateway Estates*

*El Dorado Palms*

*El Mirador*

*El Rancho Vista Estates*

*Escena*

*Four Seasons*

*Gateway*

*Gene Autry*

*Historic Tennis Club*

*Lawrence Crossley*

*Little Beverly Hills*

*Little Tuscany*

*Los Compadres*

*Melody Ranch*

*Mountain Gate*

*Movie Colony East*

*Old Las Palmas*

*Palm Canyon*

*Racquet Club Estates*

*Racquet Club West*

*Rimrock*

*Rogers Ranch*

*Sonora Sunrise*

*Sunmor*

*Sunrise Park*

*Sunrise Rafael*

*Tahquitz Creek Golf*

*Tahquitz River Estates*

*The Movie Colony*

*Twin Palms*

*Upper West Side*

*Vista Las Palmas*

*Warm Sands*