

For the foreseeable future, monthly Membership meetings will continue to be on the 2nd Tuesday at 4:30PM in the Pavilion

5. City Council

Lisa Middleton/
Dennis Woods

Council Member/Mayor Middleton noted that the search for a city manager has begun but interviews will be after the election so that the interviewees will know the new Council Members. Middleton described extensively the City's actions against College of the Desert regarding their actions related to developing a Palm Springs campus. Due to the detail involved, that will not be summarized here, consult the [statement](#) on the city website for additional information.

*Middleton also described two infrastructure projects that will be made possible due to the recent passage of infrastructure funding by the federal government. **Rail service:** Due to that infrastructure funding, work is now progressing (in conjunction with Riverside County and the Governor's coordinator on infrastructure (former LA Mayor Villaraigosa)), on developing passenger rail service to the Coachella Valley. While there is support for such service from Riverside County and AMTRAK, a chief concern is that the owners of the trackage (Union Pacific) do not want to start new passenger service, thus current plans are to explore the addition of a third track for a passenger train. **Bridge over Whitewater Wash:** The additional infrastructure funding available also makes it possible to consider a bridge for the roadways crossing the Whitewater Wash that are frequently closed due to blowing sand or flash floods. Previous discussions have focused on a bridge for Indian Canyon Dr. from near I-10 to just above Desert Highlands, but such a bridge has been very expensive. Recent architectural research has indicated that three prefabricated bridges could be used to eliminate most road closures by crossing the vulnerable areas on Indian Canyon Dr. and Gene Autry Trail, at much less expense. Middleton noted that this action could be prioritized because it addresses an inequality of time to access medical services during storms for poorer populations living north of I-10. Work with CVAG on this project is scheduled.*

Middleton also noted that the city committee on vacation rentals will be reporting to Council with possible recommendations on changing the vacation rental ordinances. She also reported on hiring of firefighters, city staff, and on support for research on the staffing needs of the police department. She also noted that she has been elected Vice President of the [League of California Cities](#).

6. Interim City Manager

Teresa Gallavan

Interim City Manager Gallavan was introduced at the beginning of the meeting and spoke briefly at the time about her future involvement with ONE-PS.

7. City Departments

CERT: *Danny Deselms noted that CERT training that was due to begin this weekend is postponed due to time demands on the trainers, he expected the CERT course to start soon.*

Fire: *Nathan Gunkel thanked City Council for identifying funding so that all trucks could go to emergencies with four personnel, noting that national standards require 2 to stay with the truck when 2 enter the emergency situation. There was an audience question about new regulations on defensible space around homes.*

Police: *Lt. Hutchinson noted that he was delayed in getting to our meeting due to the fact that the Mongrels Motorcycle Club are in town, noting that their being here means that we have extra police from other agencies in town. He also noted that local police had recently conducted an operations Cleanstreets which aims to connect the unhoused with resources while separating out those involved with crime but he noted that the majority of the approximately 20 recently identified, the majority turned down access to resources. He also noted that he was recently elected to a board on homelessness, and that currently 18 officers are out due to injury.*

Sustainability *Lindsay-Paige McCloy and Palm Springs Disposal (Liz Hernandez) reported on upcoming shift to separating compostables from garbage, including that distribution of containers has begun and that it is true that compostables need to be bagged if included with green waste. They also noted that there will be an electronic waste and shredding event at City Hall from 8-noon on 10/15 and a bulky item collection at City Hall from 8-2PM on 10/22.*

8. Getting to Know the NOrgs
Racquet Club Estates (*not present*)

Old Las Palmas *Chair Dan Kiser and ONE-PS rep Steve Moses presented, these notes are from Steve Moses: Old Las Palmas is about 400 properties, mostly single family; some historic. (golf course; church; art museum; American legion). A little over half our properties are members, the Board meets monthly; two general meetings at which we have speakers. We have invested some of our*

funds in beautification of our area and we have occasional members events (viz. Doggie walks; participation in parades; home shows; etc. We're proud to be part of Palm Springs

Melody Ranch:

Courtesy of Kate Castle: Melody Ranch is a neighborhood located in south Palm Springs. It is bounded by the wash/Gene Autry/Hwy 111. The neighborhood is comprised of approximately 1,000 residents that live in 3 HOAs and the world famous Parker Palm Springs. The HOAs are Desert Oasis, Canyon Sands, and Seven Lakes Country Club best known to mid-century modernists for their seven lakes and William Cody designed clubhouse.

The name for our neighborhood; "Melody Ranch" has historical significance. The world famous Parker Palm Springs was originally the singing cowboy Gene Autry's hotel where he housed his baseball team California Angels during spring training. Until 1998 Gene Autry and his wife Jackie lived on the property.

It took me two years to establish this neighborhood due to the large number of HOAs, residences and the Parker Palm Springs Hotel management. I also sought and gained the approval to use the name from Jackie Autry. Our blade sign honors the historical connection with a picture of a horse and guitar.

9. Candidate Forums and Modernism Tours Bob Farran and
Shan Carr

Shann Carr reported that the ONE-PS tour of 6 homes representing mid-century architecture is sold out and thus generating needed income for ONE-PS; some additional tickets may become available soon. She reiterated the need for volunteer docents and that a benefit of being a docent is doing the tour for free.

10. Nominations Committee Paula Auburn/
Richard Bowman

Very short report from Paula Auburn indicating that the committees work is very close to complete and they will report the nominations in November.

11. Standing Committee Chairs, Announcements Only
(See Website (ONE-PS.Org) for Written Reports)

Finance Report (see [posting](#) materials) Tom Gardiner

(not present, document in meeting notes)

Events Bob Farran
(reported earlier)

Code Enforcement/Public Works Don Barrett
CEPW restarts 9/15, 10AM, Zoom
(reported that CEPW restarts on 9/15 after a break, encouraged NOrgs to bring code enforcement, vacation rental, and engineering concerns to the meeting)

Neighborhood Support Chris Ruetz
(noted by Cohn that Ruetz was on the vacation rental task force that will be presenting their results to Council)

12. Desert Water Agency Xochitl Pena

Xochitl Pena emphasized the importance of not overseeding this year, citing five reasons:

- 1. There are fines for daytime watering*
- 2. Landscaping labor costs are up*
- 3. Cost of seeds are up*
- 4. Let it go 'gold', it will grow back*
- 5. Do your part*

When questioned by the audience regarding the permitting of new construction given the water shortage, Pena noted that DWA does not control permitting of new construction, the city or county does.

13. Office of Neighborhoods Denise Goolsby

Denise Goolsby reported on the good working relations with Council and others.

14. Membership Discussion Topics (3 minute limit) Reps and Alts

Paul Hinrichsen suggested that in the "Getting to Know" reports from NOrgs that they report on the value they've received by working through ONE-PS with the city. He also suggested the need for a segment on water issues in a ONE-PS meeting.

Tom Oliver complimented the city for changes in landscaping on 111

15. Public comments (2 Minute limit)

(email copy in advance to monthly@ONE-PS.org)

David Vignolo announced a symposium on bullying that will be presented by the Human Rights Campaign at the Convention Center on [October 1st](#).

16. Adjournment at 6:08

Kathy Cohn