

**ONE-PS Code Enforcement and Public Works Committee  
Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
10:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Committee members:**

Present: Don Barrett (chair), Ted Janka (vice chair), Kathy Cohn, Dan Fast, Mike Guerra, Peter Sipkins

**City Staff:**

Present: Patrick Clifford, Janine Newbry, David Recio, Joel Montalvo, Tracy Sheldon

**Guests:**

Carlene Hart, John Hetzler, Russ Uthe, Bill Strong

**Opening comments:**

Don began the Zoom meeting at 10:02, introducing Ted Janka as Co-chair of the committee

**Approve minutes of 11-03-21 meeting:** Minutes approved as posted

**Public Comment:**

**Scheduled comments:**

- Rimrock NOrg: Carlene Hart described the issues with multiple homeless encampments in the area west of Vons between East Palm Canyon, Matthew Drive, and Cherokee Way. She noted problems with driving and camping south of Matthew, furniture used by the homeless being left outside by a business, extensive outdoor residency in the area, and car camping in multiple parts of the area. She asked for city help in getting the county to block off driving and camping south of Matthew, and use of city code enforcement to limit business activities that encourage homeless camping. Further discussion of this situation occurred later (below) with Code Enforcement.
- Araby Cove NOrg: Dan Fast described the problem with drivers having to navigate S Araby Drive when its crossing of the wash is closed due to flooding. He asked if there could be additional signage to reduce driver problems that occur when getting close to the closed segment.
- Little Beverly Hills NOrg: Bill Strong expressed concern about the number of vacation rentals in LBH and the likelihood with increased sales that there might be more, thus wanted to know if there was a limit on the number of vacation rentals.
- Sonora Sunrise NOrg: John Hetzler thanked the committee for assisting the NOrg in getting the city to plan for crosswalks at Cerritos and Mesquite, and then asked about the possibility of a stop sign at Sonora and Farrell. Engineering noted that traffic at Sonora/Farrell did not warrant a stop sign there.
- Other: Russ Uthe (Sonora Sunrise) asked that the city consider a town hall on addressing homelessness on the streets, and Joe (name unclear) mentioned problems with homeless sleeping on sidewalks in the community and thus

forcing residents to walk in the street.

### **Code Enforcement November-December Code Compliance Report – Janine Newbry:**

See report in Appendix A. There was a discussion about RV's on the street and it was noted that there were a mix of circumstances such as no parking available at a residence and it's not illegal if there is registration, also not illegal to be overnight on the street unless violating a parking registration.

Regarding Rimrock complaint in public comments, it was noted that Code Compliance can address the issue of businesses leaving items out that can be used by homeless, and that code Compliance is working with police on vacant lots. Noted that vacant lots often Indian or BIA land and that police/code working with BIA on getting those cleaned up, also working with homeless services team.

**Vacation Rental:** Patrick Clifford noted that the reporting that is available on the website has been modified to be more accessible, including monthly reports on number of rentals, number of complaints and citations, and that information by neighborhood is available on request (call office). Clifford also noted that a number of citations are for vacation rentals that are unregistered.

Additional discussion was on continuing problems with noise complaints and on whether changes in state law regarding ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units) would result in more vacation rental units. It was unknown whether that would happen with ADU's.

### **Engineering Services – Updates of projects**

Joel Montalvo provided a detailed report on various projects noting the status of some projects with City Council and/or funding issues; all of the projects and most of the detail is in the report in Appendix B. Since Sonora Sunrise NOrg was present, we also talked in more detail about Cerritos/Mesquite and Sonora/Farrell intersections. Also discussed (and listed in the appendix) was the request for a road diet on South Palm Canyon (south of the curve).

Additional discussion was provided on pavement projects, including the value of slurry to prolong the life of a street before it will reach the status of needing complete reconstruction. Regarding reconstruction, DB asked if it was possible to give NOrgs a 'heads up' for when reconstruction was going to happen and Joel said that the contractor decides that and it's not possible to give any more 'heads up' other than the list of streets that are going to be reconstructed each year.

Also discussed were:

- Changes of Palm Canyon from Tachevah to Ramon that will improve pedestrian safety.
- Converting the complex intersection of Camino Parocela, S Palm Canyon and S Indian Canyon into a roundabout
- Plans for CV Link conversion on Mesquite between Farrell and Sunrise

### **Noise Work Group Status**

Mike Guerra noted that due the status of noise recommendations with City Council, the Noise Work Group will be in hiatus.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, 03/16/2022, 10:00 – 11:30 am (Zoom)**

**ADJOURN**

**Don Barrett, Chair; Ted Janka, Vice chair**