

Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs — ONE-PS

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Membership Meeting December 14, 2021

5:30-7:00 PM

MIZELL CENTER

MASKS AND PROOF OF VACCINATION WERE REQUIRED

A Social Gathering followed the meeting.

1. WELCOME

Chairperson Peter Sipkins called the meeting to order at 5:32. He welcomed the audience to the first in-person meeting in 22 months.

He recognized several individuals. Russ Uthe represented ONE-PS in the PS Veteran's Day Parade and was driven by Peter. He next thanked the Nominations committee Paula Auburn, Chair, and Roy Clark, Sid Craig, and Christine Hammond for the service and for presenting a slate of offices and directors.

Peter welcomed Richard Allegra, the new ONE-PS Tech Volunteer.

Thanks was extended to the Mizell Senior Center for hosting the meeting this evening and to the Volunteer Director, Ector Simpson for managing the logistics. Also, Aspen Mills provided the refreshments and will continue to do so in 2022. ONE-PS appreciates their generous support.

The agenda was approved.

A. Schedule of Evening /Logistics Kathy Cohn

Masks are required at all times except when actively eating and drinking. Immediately following the business meeting there will be a social

2. CONFIRM QUORUM

Denise Goolsby called the roll of Reps/Alts and confirmed a quorum.

3. Approval of Minutes 11/09/21 - **ACTION ITEM** Kathy Cohn

The minutes were approved as posted with one abstention.

4. CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

Teresa Gallavan, newly appointed Asst. City Mgr., represented Justin Clifton, who was on vacation. She shared her background in municipal management. She briefed the attendees on current City projects and initiatives, including the redistricting maps, vacation rentals, the City's strategic planning and opportunities for community input.

5. CITY STAFF, POLICE AND FIRE

Chief Andrew (Andy) Mills, the new PS Police Chief spoke about his prior experience and approach to community policing and "thoughtful democracy". He has interviewed every PSPD officer. Priorities for the city's districts and neighborhoods will be determined in January. He described Palm Springs as a small city with a big presence given its demographics and active tourism. He addressed recent shootings and the homeless situation, pointing out the need for more mental health support, a task the should not fall to the police. He also mentioned the recent laws that have limited what police can do to deter crimes.

Lt. Gus Araiza returned this month. He reported the shortage of staff continues to impact crime prevention. Hiring incentives continue to be in place for potential lateral police officer hires. The hiring and training protocols can take nearly 2 years. In response to a question he noted that The Citizens on Patrol program had to be discontinued due to Covid-19. He encouraged Residents to report crimes and provide as many details as possible. Ask the dispatcher for a followup report if you want to know the outcome. Nearly 80%

of crimes are crimes of opportunities, such as unlocked doors and windows.

Tracy Sheldon, of the Sustainability Department, reported on new state laws passed to reduce food waste that produce harmful gases that contribute to climate changes. In 2022, residents will be issued a 3rd recycle container for food and green waste. Also plastic food ware (containers and utensils) in restaurants will be eliminated.

6. General ONE-PS Business Items Peter Sipkins

A. Welcome to new attendees (if present)
[none were present]

B. Nominations Committee Report, Paula Auburn

Election - **ACTION ITEM** Jane Williams

There were no self-nominations and no objections to the slate. Therefore, the proposed slate was approved by acclamation.

See attached document, "2022 Board of Directors and Officers".

C. Schedule of 2022 Membership Meetings

The Board of directors will meet at 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. on the Monday of the week prior to the Membership Meeting. The Membership Meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday. There will be no meetings in August.- Please share your preference for the time of the Membership Meeting.

D. NORG input on City wide issues

The Board has discussed focusing on issues of concern to the community at large. Some ideas being considered are, College of the Desert, PS Campus; Plans for the golf courses; affordable housing, etc. Please contact ONE-PS.ORG to share your ideas.

E. March Retreat

Details for a ONE-PS Retreat planned for March will be announced soon.

7. Desert Water

Xochitl Pena

Consider a Smart Water Meter to conserve water and save on your water bill. Other incentives are available. Remember we are in a drought, so restrictions and mandates are possible. Report leaks and excess watering.

There will be 2 vacancies for the Division election.

8. Standing Committee Reports (See Written Reports)

Events

Ted Janka

Ted reminded everyone that the traditional events will resume in 2022. Volunteers are essential. Consider signing up for one or more of these events:

January, Volunteer Appreciation

February 2/26 Black History Month Festival

March 19 ONE-PS & PS City Annual Picnic & Staff Appreciation

Candidate Forums

Finance

Tom Gardiner

The Finance Committee is seeking additional committee members. Contact Tom via the ONE-PS.org

Communications

Charlie Roddy

Charlie thanked the 400 attendees for supporting the the Toast of the Town programs. They will continue monthly on the 3rd Tuesday.

Code Enforcement/Public Works

Don Barrett

The CEPW Committee has a new meeting schedule. It will meet the 3rd Wednesday in the odd months at 10:00 a.m. The Vacation Rental program will begin issuing regular compliance reports to the committee. Numerous streets will have changes to their speed limits due to the passage of AB 43.

Neighborhood Support

Chris Ruetz

The new name tags for Reps. and Alts issued at tonight's meeting will aid in taking attendance. Please return the to the check-in desk before you leave each month

There will be a new neighborhood next month. El Dorado Park Estates Neighborhood will be the 50th neighborhood organization.

9. PS Neighborhood Involvement

Denise Goolsby

Denise thanked the members for their support during a difficult year for her family and so many others affected by the covid-19 pandemic.

She announced that the annual Homeless Point in Time count will take place Saturday, January 26, 2022. It begins very early, 5:30 a.m. It is a very interesting experience.

10. Membership Discussion Topics

Reps and Alts

Chairman Sipkins said the Board would like to hear from your NORGs about:

A. Morning Meetings, Saturday Meetings, Earlier start times

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

There were NO public comments.

12. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTACHMENT

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

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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

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