

MINUTES CANYON PALMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2019

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Greg Tormo, Chair. The following Directors were in attendance: Catherine Congleton, Howard Goldberg, Janice Kaminsky, Matt Lancellotti, Kenneth J. Patrick, Greg Tormo and David Vignolo. A quorum was established. In addition, Ann Coulston (Member), Carl Toland (Member/President, Canyon South One HOA), and Gustavo M. Araiza, Lieutenant – Patrol Operations / Desert Regional SWAT, Palm Springs Police Department, were present.

NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE OFFICERS: Lieutenant Araiza was introduced and spoke about the neighborhood policing program. There are 6 beats within the city, with an officer assigned to each neighborhood per shift (4-10 pm.) Lt. Araiza explained the importance of understanding the different reporting methods available to the public. He stressed the importance of reporting all concerns and issues, no matter how minor they might seem, using the MyPalmSprings application or by calling the non-emergency number (760-327-1441). Lt. Araiza recommended callers ask for the Police Officer to contact them to provide an update on the resolution, although reports may be filed anonymously. Lt. Araiza distributed a Crime Reporting and Information flyer, which will be posted on our website at <https://canyonpalms.com/neighborhood-news/>.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2019: Mr. Vignolo made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2019, seconded by Mr. Goldberg. With no discussion or dissent, the motion was approved by acclamation.

OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer (absent) had no reports. The Secretary, having previously submitted his Official Representative Report from the One-Ps Monthly Membership Meeting on November 14, 2019 (see attachment), had nothing further to add. The Communications Officer explained what he did to get a quick and easy to update website operational, including registering [CanyonPalms.com](https://canyonpalms.com) as a web domain for \$15.95 plus \$12 for privacy protection, at his own expense. He reported that a page <https://canyonpalms.com/become-a-member/> to allow Eligible Members to request membership had been added on the home page. After discussion about ways the website could be enhanced, Directors agreed to continue to look at improvements to the site consistent with other efforts such as a design of a blade sign for the NOrg.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board continued last month's discussion about using as many avenues of communication as possible, including Facebook, Next Door, and a neighborhood organization block party once or twice a year, to reach people where they are at. The Board agreed that routine communications such as notifications of community events, emergency communications, and general items of interest to the neighborhood could be judgment calls and sent out by a single Board Member. Directors may want to consult with at least one other Board Member on sending out any official communication on behalf

of the NOrg. The Communications Officer and one other Director will review new content or changes to existing content on the <https://canyonpalms.com/> site.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed ways to further bring the neighborhood together including distribution of a community letter to all Eligible Members, either by direct mail or in person. The Chair and Mr. Patrick agreed to work on a new letter which could include a statement of the NOrg’s mission and vision. Mr. Vignolo noted that the initial direct mail notice sent out in the spring of 2019 (when the NOrg was initially forming) cost \$360 for paper, duplication services, and envelopes, although the Office of Neighborhoods did cover the postage expenses. The Board also briefly discussed possible designs for a neighborhood blade sign, alternative fundraising options, in addition to, or in lieu of, the establishment of membership dues (which per Article VII of our current Bylaws would be voluntary). The Board agreed to defer discussion on other ideas like a welcome package to all new property owners and residents in the neighborhood to a future Board meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The Directors present agreed to schedule monthly Board of Director meetings due to the amount of work to be done. Mr. Goldberg suggested, and the Board agreed, that we would avoid having our monthly meetings on the same night of the week each month so as not to dissuade anyone from board membership because of a recurring time conflict. Although the January 2020 meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020, the Secretary subsequently requested the scheduling tool, <https://doodle.com/meeting-scheduler>, again be used to schedule the next Board meeting, as was agreed at the November Directors’ meeting. This allows all Directors a chance to indicate their availability. Mr. Lancellotti offered to host the January Board of Directors meeting at his personal residence at 1492 E Lobo Way.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Congleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Vignolo. All Directors present were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Vignolo, Secretary and Official Representative to ONE-PS
Board of Directors of the Canyon Palms Neighborhood Organization

ATTACHMENT #1

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT FROM THE ONE-PS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 8:05 AM – 10:10 AM

CITY YARD, PALM SPRINGS, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT: Liz Hernandez, Palm Springs Disposal Services, reminded members there is a free bulk item pick-up service once a month, as well as free cardboard pick-up.

Ashley Metzger, Desert Water Agency, reported the Agency will be engaged in street paving in the Sunmor, Old Las Palmas, and El Mirador neighborhoods. She also stated rebate funding for grass to desert landscaping is running low, thus interested parties must act soon if interested.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Ms. Cohn recognized the formation of the 48th NOrg, Canyon Palms. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was moved to formally recognize and approve the formation of Canyon Palms as the 48th Organized Neighborhood of ONE-PS. The motion was approved. The Official Representative of the Canyon Palms NOrg was presented with that NOrg's Certificate of Recognition, presented by Ms. Cohn and Denise Goolsby, Manager, Office of Neighborhoods.

Ms. Cohn announced the regularly scheduled Board of Directors for January meeting falls amidst the holidays and, therefore, the BOD has postponed that meeting from December 30, 2019, to January 2, 2020. The new meeting date will be held at 10:00 AM in the Large Conference Room.

Ardine Thompson represented the Nominating Committee and presented the proposed slate of Officers and At-large Directors for 2020. These will be voted on at the December 12th meeting. The slate consists of: Chair: Kathy Cohn; Vice Chair: Salim Alama; Treasurer: Peter Sipkins; Secretary: Christine Hammond; Communications Officer: Charlie Roddy; At-large Directors: Don Barrett, Roy Clark, Sheila Cobrin, Bob Farran, Dixie Miller, and Chris Ruetz. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Canyon Palms ONE-PS Official Representative shall vote to approve all members of the slate.

There is some discussion about transitioning to an alternative meeting schedule in 2020. The proposed meeting options under discussion include: maintaining the current Thursday morning at 8 AM, Tuesday evening (6-8 PM?), and Saturday morning (9-11 AM?). It is possible the site of the meetings may have to change. There will be a one-year trial period, with an evaluation at three months. NOrgs will have an opportunity to express their opinions. Any changes in the meeting schedule will have to be widely promoted on social media sites.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORT:

- Finance: The Wells Fargo balance as of midnight 11/13/2019 is \$56,698.23 with all expenses paid. The Home Tour grossed about \$16,000.

- Governance: The Governance Committee is discussing policy recommendations on how ONE-PS "speaks" to City agencies to assure clarity in communication(s).
- Communications: Planning has commenced for a ONE-PS retreat on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Four Seasons, Palm Springs. Mr. Chiel stated the Neighborhood Guide is being distributed in 19 different locations now. He recently gave a presentation to the American Legion. He has also begun preparing background information for Neighborhood Guide #4 in which our NOrg will be included.
- Events: The Black History Parade and Town Fair will be Saturday, February 22, 2020. The Annual ONE-PS Picnic will be Saturday, March 21, 2020.
- Code Enforcement & Public Works (CEPW): Mr. Clark spoke to the effectiveness of the CEPW committee citing that at the September meeting concerns about traffic and parking in the Rimrock NOrg had been brought up to the committee and resolved. Traffic and speeding issues in Melody Ranch and Andreas Hills have been brought up at recent meetings. Having representatives from Code Compliance and Engineering at the committee meetings, enables the committee to work on issues in real time and to follow up. Similarly, issues have been resolved in Desert Highland Gateway Estates. The CEPW committee's Noise Work Group is still working on how to present its recommendations about noise from outdoor amplified music events. The Work Group's recommendations have been discussed with the CEPW Committee and the ONE-PS Board. If anyone in our neighborhood has a noise issue, they can contact me, or Mr. Clark or Mike Guerra on the CEPW. Finally, there are many changes in the proposed Ordinance before City Council which reflect much of what the Cannabis Work Group asked for: Green Zone, Industrial Zone, very strict odor controls with high penalties, and neighborhood notifications. The "Achilles Heel" in all of this seems to be the pipeline in which many applications appear to already be approved and are outside the moratorium boundary. City Council was to take action on December 4, 2019, and I am sure the City Manager and/or City Council Liaison will report on this at the next monthly meeting on December 12.
- Neighborhood Formation & Support: It looks like there may be three new neighborhood organizations to be formally organized in 2020, for a total of 51.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON (Councilmember Lisa Middleton):

- Ms. Middleton announced a half day seminar on **December 19** on LGBTQ and Aging. It is a free event sponsored by Eisenhower Medical Center and SAGE to be held at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The event begins at 8:30 AM.
- Ms. Middleton stated the cannabis facilities in the "pipeline" have no guarantee of being approved. They do have the opportunity to prove they can be in compliance with the condition of the Ordinance. She urged ONE-PS to remain involved with the Planning Commission and City Council.
- Councilmembers Grace Garner and Dennis Woods were sworn in on December 4th as new members of the City Council. Incumbent Councilmember Geoff Kors is the new Mayor with Christy Holstege as Mayor Pro Tern. Ms. Middleton explained the mayoral rotation will be

moving from Mayor Kors, District 3, then to District 4, District 5 (i.e., the District our neighborhood is in), District 1, District 2, and beginning the rotation again with District 3. A councilmember may decline or defer serving as mayor. A person may not serve as mayor in their first year elected to the Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: The City Council will discuss the Noise Ordinance in January; The Vacation Rental Ordinance will be reviewed in January or February; Meetings are being planned to redesign the City's Website. Dr. Ready, on reflecting on his 19 ½ years as City Manager, stated he is struggling with how to better connect with the neighbors in the City. As ONE-PS is institutionalized into the City by Ordinance, a better connection on his part is necessary. As such, he will be attending more annual NOrg meetings along with Denise Goolsby. There are problems with the new MyPalmSprings app. Ms. Goolsby will be helping to determine how to improve the direction of complaints and their resolution.

FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: A CERT Training class will be held in February 2020. There are 25 seats remaining of the 40 available. Mr. DeSelms is engaged in a complete rewrite of the City's Emergency Management Plan. He has culled it from 601 pages to its current 104 pages. The PSPD provided statistics on myriad crimes which I can share with you if interested.