MINUTES OF THE CANYON PALMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HELD ON APRIL 22, 2023 AT 9:00 AM at the PAVILION, 401 SOUTH PAVILION WAY, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by the Acting Chairperson, David Vignolo. In addition, Vice-Chairperson, Catherine Congleton, Director Janice Kaminsky, and Director Mario Bucacci-Pezzulo were in attendance. The Acting Chairperson noted the other Directors were unable to join and that Mr. Bucacci-Pezzulo had advised him that he would not be able to serve another term as a director. The Board thanked him for his year of service. There were approximately fourteen individuals in attendance, representing 12 Member households.

Mr. Vignolo welcomed the current Mayor of Palm Springs, Grace Garner, and Lieutenant Mike Villegas, Patrol and Support Services Division, Palm Springs Police Department. Both Mayor Garner and Lieutenant Villegas provided updates on the city's ongoing efforts to address increasing homelessness, Operation Relentless Sun, the new navigation center in the northern part of Palm Springs, as well the opening of a daytime drop-in center with wrap-around services for homeless individuals that will also be an overnight shelter to be operated by Martha's Village and Kitchen. Mayor Garner also spoke about the opening of the Thompson Hotel at Palm Canyon and Alejo later this year, and the upcoming city budget discussions. Lieutenant Villegas updated the community of crime statistics in our neighborhood and ongoing traffic enforcement, especially at the intersection of Toledo and Maricopa.

Peter Sipkins, Chair of the ONE-PS Organization, along with ONE-PS Board Members, Ardine Thompson, and Chris Ruetz, addressed the membership and spoke about the umbrella organization, neighborhood support, consolidation efforts by some neighborhood organizations, and the value of the ONE-PS organization as a single voice for the currently fifty-two neighborhoods.

REVIEW OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Acting Chair and those Board members in attendance reviewed the accomplishments of the neighborhood since April 2022: the second community yard sale, held in March 2023, in which over twelve households participated, and which raised $258 for the neighborhood organization, and new business cards which can be handed out to individuals in our neighborhood while Directors are out walking. The business cards have our neighborhood organization's URL address, as well as a QR Code that can be scanned so someone can sign up right way to subscribe to our email list. With regards to future community yard sales, it was suggested that it would be helpful to provide shoppers with a map which shows the location of participating households.

The Acting Chair reported that the current balance in the neighborhood organization's bank account was $1289.76. There was discussion about hosting a community social this summer in the neighborhood, as well as publishing a postal mail newsletter that could be mailed to all households, once or twice a year, providing updates and announcements of future neighborhood events. This would be in addition to the current email blasts via Mailchimp and could help us reach more members than the approximately seventy-seven Members who have opted to receive email communications. Greg Tormo also suggested the Board look again at having some kind of welcome kit for new residents in our neighborhood.

The Acting Chair introduced Councilmember Lisa Middleton, who represents our neighborhood in District 5. The Councilmember spoke about pending business before the council, including ongoing discussions about reparations for those impacted by Section 14 evictions, the city's efforts to provide compassionate care to our homeless community and similar challenges faced by communities throughout California. She also discussed the possibility of the City not renewing its contract with American Medical Response which currently provides ambulance and medical transport services but having those directly provided by the Palm Springs Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ELECTION OF 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Acting Chair explained that all current Directors except Mr. Bucacci-Pezzullo had decided to run for re-election. In addition, Ms. Kristen Maschka, residing at 2020 S Caliente Drive, had submitted her request to be a director. A request was made for any Members who wished to become write-in candidates; however, no Members indicated interest. A motion was made by Mr. Bucacci-Pezzullo, and seconded by Janice Kaminsky, to approve by acclamation all eight candidates for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors:

1. John Carlisle
2. Catherine Congleton
3. Howard Goldberg
4. Todd Kaminski
5. Janice Kaminsky
6. Matthew Lancellotti
7. Kristen Maschka
8. David A. Vignolo

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by the Acting Chair and seconded by Director Kaminsky. It was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM. The newly elected Board of Directors was unable to meet due to the absence of a quorum, and therefore did not meet in executive session to elect new officers. The Acting Chair stated he would place this business on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and that those serving as officers would continue in their current roles. Ms. Maschka offered to function as Secretary until such a time.

1. David Vignolo, Chairperson
2. Catherine Congleton, Vice Chairperson
3. Kristen Mashka, Secretary
4. Matthew Lancellotti, Treasurer
5. Howard Goldberg, Communications Officer

Respectfully submitted, David A. Vignolo, Acting Chairperson, Canyon Palms Neighborhood Organization

NOTE: Pursuant to Article IX, Section 10, the Board designated David A. Vignolo as its Official Representative to the ONE-PS organization. Mr. Vignolo has provided notice of the current list of Directors and Officers, an updated NORG Annual Status Report for 2022, and a redacted copy of the official sign-in roster of Members, to Denise Goolsby, Manager, Office of Neighborhoods.

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