

## **Agenda, Annual Business Meeting. January 18, 2020**

Indian Canyons Golf Resort, North Clubhouse

Meeting Call to Order: Roll Call at 9:05

Present: Bruce Moccia, Carolyn Lumber, DeeAnn McCoy, Mike Dixon, Steve Bryan, Arlene Young, Ron Parks, Jerry Nies

By phone: Steve Villa, Mark Gold

Absent: Taylor Cushmore, Merah Bond

Committee Chairs present: Arlene Sanford, Mike Roberts

Introductory Remarks, Bruce Moccia

He thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone who served on the board, volunteered their homes for Modernism Week tours or ICNO parties, and all others who served on committees or volunteered as docents to stand. There was quite a crowd and they received a loud round of applause. He mentioned that we would like everyone's correct contact information so we can send members eblasts about upcoming events and meetings. People should contact Arlene Young, the membership chair: [Arleneyoung@gmail.com](mailto:Arleneyoung@gmail.com). ICNO posts on its Facebook page, Indian Canyons Neighborhood Organization, Nextdoor.com, and its website, PSICNO.ORG.

Speakers:

Todd Hooks, Economic Development Director, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Todd Spoke about plans for the new downtown arena and the leases for the golf courses and our homes. He said that truthfully, there had been no progress on the negotiations. In December he sent a deputy, Jeff Vatter, to inspect the course on the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway as there had been complaints about the rough. The issue has been taken back to the Tribal Council and they hope to have a suggestion for a resolution in the next few weeks. He invited anyone who wishes to contact him. [thooks@aguacaliente.net](mailto:thooks@aguacaliente.net) or cell: (760) 333-9947

Lisa Middleton, City Council, Palm Springs

Lisa spoke about the new downtown arena. There are several important issues to be resolved but they are working closely with the Tribe and city services which have been detailed in several articles in the Desert Sun. There seems to be a spirit of cooperation between the two sides. She also spoke about the newly re-organized structure of city government, with councilmembers representing specific districts and a rotating Mayor. More info can be found at

the city website: [www.palmspringsca.gov](http://www.palmspringsca.gov). Several members have been complaining about dangerous drivers on Camino Real. Marlene Coulis is circulating a petition to reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH and/or install speed bumps at the golf cart crossings. You can reach her at: [mvcoulis@gmail.com](mailto:mvcoulis@gmail.com). Questions were raised about Camino Real, the south end of which was not repaved with the rest of the neighborhood's streets. Lisa said that all city streets are reviewed periodically for repaving and that she would make note of Camino Real.

Lisa also announced a new program will be available to purchase electricity from green sources through your existing power lines. Details will follow when they are announced. Lisa can be reached at: [Lisa.Middleton@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Lisa.Middleton@palmspringsca.gov) or 760 323 8200 office or 760 507 7851

Lisa was then joined by David Ready, the City Manager for Palm Springs for a Q and A. He can be reached at: [Davidready@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Davidready@palmspringsca.gov). or 760 322 8362 office or 760 409 0833 cell

Lieutenant Erik Larson and Officer Amanda Enriquez, Palm Springs Police Department

Lt. Larson and Office Enriquez spoke about police activity in our neighborhood. In the past year there have been 9 burglaries and 3 attempted burglaries in addition to several robberies of pool equipment. Almost all of the crime is associated with access from the golf course. Member Sheldon Hellin cited statistics which showed that Palm Springs was a very dangerous city to live in. Officers Laron and Enriquez along with Councilmember Middleton and City Manager Ready all countered saying that statistics can be very misleading especially considering Palm Springs is a major tourist destination with 5.5 million tourists every year and has a disproportionately large number of part time residents. Lt. Larson noted that the police staff was down by two and they are looking for officers to fill the vacancies. David ready added that the new city budget would be drawn up in June and they would look at funding for police staffing with an eye to increasing the force.

Lt. Larson can be reached at: [Erik.Larson@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Erik.Larson@palmspringsca.gov) or 760 323 8119 and Officer Enriquez can be reached at: [amanda.enriquez@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:amanda.enriquez@palmspringsca.gov) or 760 778 8440 x 6567. The non-emergency hotline for the police is 760 327 1441.

Board member Jerry Nies noted that ICNO will conduct another free seminar, OPERATION LIGHTHOUSE, on March 14 at 9 AM at the North Clubhouse. Chuck Manley, an expert in personal safety, as well as representatives from the police and local safety companies will be present to speak. It is open to everyone, but we ask people to RSVP so we can properly prepare. You can RSVP by sending an email to the website, PSICNO.ORG or responding to the evite which will be sent out in February.

J. Daniel DeSelms, Emergency Management Coordinator, Palm Springs Fire Department

Mr. DeSelms spoke about fire safety and the CERT training programs which are held several times a year. Mr. DeSelms can be reached at: [Daniel.DeSelms@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Daniel.DeSelms@palmspringsca.gov) He also encouraged people to sign up for the community notification and alert system which you can

do on the city's website, [palmspringsca.gov](http://palmspringsca.gov). He also said that though the emergency kits you can buy "off-the-rack" are adequate, it's better to have one specifically for you own survival needs. For example, if you have a pet, make sure you have adequate pet supplies.

Todd Connelly, General Manager, Indian Canyons Golf Resort

Todd noted that there have been a lot of capital improvements to the North Course, including a new parking lot, a new roof, new golf carts, and investment in new plants and landscape features. He also noted that the Disney Fountain was undergoing repairs and would be operational again soon. Todd can be reached at: [tconnelly@indiancanyonsgolf.com](mailto:tconnelly@indiancanyonsgolf.com) or 760 833 8701. Gene Molenkamp, Events Manager, can be reached at [gmolenkamp@indiancanyonsgolf.com](mailto:gmolenkamp@indiancanyonsgolf.com) or 760 833 8711

Denise Goolsby, Office of Neighborhood Involvement (*Carolyn, what is Denise's correct title?*)

Denise was unable to attend due to family emergency. She can be reached at [denise.goolsby@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:denise.goolsby@palmspringsca.gov) or 760 323 8255. ONE-PS meetings which are open to all are held the second Thursday of every month at City Yard Operations Center, 425 N. Civic Center Drive. The website is: [one-ps.org](http://one-ps.org)

Business:

Approval of minutes: - Steve Villa

December's minutes were approved unanimously and posted on the website shortly.

Treasurer's report: – Mark Gold

ICNO currently has \$15,408.82 in its Wells Fargo account and \$6,253.68 in its PayPal account. Much of that money has already been earmarked for charitable donations, landscape improvements along the LaVerne Parkway, and operational expenses. ICNO changed banks from Pacific Premier Bank to Wells Fargo due to on-going service problems with Pacific Premier. ICNO also hired Paul Cain as its bookkeeper to keep better track of its finances. There will be a full financial report at the February board meeting, Saturday, February 15.

Membership report: – Arlene Young

A full membership report will be available at the next meeting as our lists are being updated with new members who signed up at this meeting and from our recent mailing.

ONE-PS report: Carolyn Lumber

Carolyn urged members to check the ONE-PS website, [one-ps.org](http://one-ps.org), for information regarding events around the city. ICNO posts a brief resume of the meetings incorporated within the body of the minutes.

Social, Annual Parties: Steve Bryan

Steve reported that the next party will be April 11 at a house to be announced shortly. Parties have increased in size from about 80 people to over 200. It's a great way to meet your neighbors as well as enjoy great food and drink. Parties are open to all paid memberships.

Social, events: - DeeAnn McCoy, Mike Roberts

Mike announced that there will be a golf outing followed by a barbecue on February 1. Both the golf and the barbecue are open to all, but affiliates enjoy a reduced tariff. Contact Gene Molenkamp, [gmolenkamp@indiancanyonsgolf.com](mailto:gmolenkamp@indiancanyonsgolf.com), for reservations.

Modernism: Bruce Moccia for Merah Bond

Our Modernism Week tour, scheduled for Saturday, February 22 is about half-way sold out. Ticket sales are slower this year than they have been in the past, but there is usually a last-minute surge as the event draws near. We have past the break-even point, however. We are looking for docents for the houses. Docents have an opportunity to preview all the houses on the tour Saturday morning. You can contact Merah at [Merahbond@gmail.com](mailto:Merahbond@gmail.com) or Tom Sim at [ts@tax-and-financial.com](mailto:ts@tax-and-financial.com) to sign up.

Bruce announced that P. David Ebersole and Todd Hughes, ICNO members, are premiering their new documentary, HOUSE OF CARDIN, at the Plaza Theatre 128 S. Palm Canyon Drive, on February 21 as part of the Modernism Week events. Tickets are still available and can be purchased through the Modernism website, [modernismweek.com](http://modernismweek.com). They are also raising money for a star for Pierre Cardin on the Palm Springs Walk of fame. To contribute, please contact them at: [p david@ebersolehughes.com](mailto:p david@ebersolehughes.com).

Development Committee: Arlene Sanford

ICNO distributed its first check from the proceeds of the 2019 Modernism Week home tour to the Friends of the Palm Springs Library for \$500 on January 14. More donations to be announced and to follow. ICNO will be making improvements to the landscaping on the LaVerne Parkway replacing stolen plants with boulders which will be difficult to move. Photos will follow. Solicitations for suggestions for donations from this year's proceeds will sent out in March once we know how much money we will have to spend.

## Election of Board Members:

Every year, the terms of six members of the board expire and if they wish to continue to serve for another two-year term, they must submit in writing their candidacy. Steve Bryan, Mike Dixon, Arlene Young, Steve Villa, and DeeAnn McCoy all asked to serve for another term. Ron Parks asked to step down and we thank him for his service. Taylor Cushmore, who had another year left on his term, is also stepping down for health reasons. Doug Patterson and Kenny Cohen asked to be nominated for the vacant board seats. The slate was approved unanimously by acclamation. Doug will replace Ron for a full two-year term. Kenny will replace Taylor for the remainder of Taylor's term. He will be up for re-election next January if he chooses to run. At the next board meeting, February 15, the new Board will elect new officers. The Board acknowledged David Freedman's objection that the board in its sole discretion has the ability to appoint someone to fill a vacant seat (Taylor's) without a vote, but in the interests of transparency, expediency, and inclusion, the board felt it was acceptable to do things this way.

Parade: Next year

Theo Coulis asked if it were possible to resume ICNO's participation in the annual Festival of Lights Parade in December. He will organize a committee to explore the feasibility and level of interest. You can reach him at [theocoulis@gmail.com](mailto:theocoulis@gmail.com)

Adjournment. 10:45