

Minutes of the Indian Canyons Neighborhood Organization Annual Business Meeting, January 15, 2022, 9 AM

Call to order: Doug Patterson. 9 AM

Present: Doug Patterson, Steve Vila, Steve Bryan, Mike Dixon, Jerry Nies, Mark Gold, Bruce Moccia, DeeAnn McCoy, Kenny Cohen, Carolyn Lumber, George Doomany

Absent: Arlene Young

Attending, Lisa Middleton, Mayor of Palm Springs; Todd Hooks, Economic Development Director of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; Denise Goolsby, Manager of the Office of Neighborhoods; Lt. Gustavo Araiza, Patrol Operations and police liaison to ICNO; Jack Johnson, ICNO communications director; and 35 others.

Welcome: Doug Patterson

Minutes: Bruce Moccia

Approved as written

Lisa Middleton:

The priorities for the City Council this year include environmental stability, community infrastructure, reducing crime, and, most importantly, addressing the homelessness situation. Lisa said that if we don't get homelessness under control, nothing else matters. The Mayor announced that the city council had approved a zoning change that would allow a fulfillment center to be built near Interstate 10. If built, it would bring an estimated \$32 million in annual revenue.

Members asked about the rate hike for electricity. The Mayor explained that this for green, renewable energy and users would pay a premium, but would cut down emissions equivalent to that of 35,000 cars. The cheapest rate is the Desert Saver plan, but the Mayor hoped that those who could afford it would pay the higher rate for the sake of the environment.

The Mayor urged everyone to download the MyPalmSprings app to keep up to date on what's happening and for interaction with the city.

The Mayor stated that the south end of Camino Real would finally be paved this year.

Todd Hooks:

The Tribe is grateful for the support the community has given. He noted that the cultural center downtown would open later this year but had been delayed because of archeological

artefacts found while digging the foundation. All had to be saved and catalogued. It is one of the largest and most important finds in the region and will be displayed in the cultural center. He mentioned that the Tribe had opened a new fuel station across from the hotel and casino in Rancho Mirage. He said that there has been no progress on the lease renewal but suggested that individuals communicate with the bureau of Indian Affairs to try and move things along. We hope to have Todd come back and speak to us later in the season about just how we should proceed.

Denise Goolsby

There are now 50 neighborhood organizations. ONE-PS meets every second Tuesday and all are invited to attend. You can check out what's happening on their website, <https://www.one-ps.org>. They are now looking for volunteers for the annual community picnic. Details are on the website.

Gus Araiza

In past year, there have been 34 reported incidents. The majority are residential burglaries and 60% of those are crimes of opportunity – unlocked doors, open garage doors, failure to set an alarm, etc. Gus emails Doug the crime statistics every month which we then publish.

Minutes:

The minutes of the December board meeting were approved as written and will be posted.

Budget:

George will have the budget for the current year at the February meeting

Membership:

George noted that in 2021, there were 143 ICNO members, but in 2022, only 111. We will reach out to those who were members last year and haven't re-upped.

ONE-PS meeting

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1. A shortened meeting was called to order via zoom. Due to the growing covid case numbers, a decision was made to return to zoom versus an in-person meeting which was originally scheduled.

2. Mayor Lisa Middleton spoke first updating the meeting on three points. First, the city council will discuss a possible fulfillment center being considered east of Indian Canyon and north of the freeway. No specifics as to the owner were made public, however the estimated revenue in sales tax for the city could be in excess of \$30 million. This could result in an almost doubling of city sales tax revenue. The project in discussion has two potential sites; one within Palm Springs city boundaries, and one that would site in Desert Hot Springs.

Second point covered the ongoing city planning for 2022 and beyond, and more specifics were covered by City Manager Justin Clifton later in the meeting. Lisa also spoke on a resolve to make city council meetings shorter, with important issues leading the agenda.

Third issue concerned the explosion of covid cases. The numbers she presented were sobering. The city sampling of wastewater during the pandemic gave a guide to the extent of the current level of virus circulating in the city. A recent sampling of wastewater in January week 1 showed an almost doubling of the virus levels compared to the December 2020 peak. She encouraged everyone to follow masking guidelines and limit chances for exposure.

3. City Manager Justin Clifton spoke next and focused on the major themes of the new city plan now being formulated with a focus on Improving Quality of Life for citizens of the city: 1) Optimize services and facilities; 2) Focus on issues impacting quality of life, such as homelessness; 3) Focus on the most important issues first, as the city can't address all issues that are brought before them; 4) Priorities should be integrated if possible; and 5) Social equality and sustainability should underpin all discussions and decisions. More to come on this process.
4. Committee heads spoke to planning for the ONE PS March picnic, the January Board retreat, and the need for volunteers. The Farmers Market is in need for volunteers to staff the table at the weekly event beginning in February, as well as other events. See the ONE PS website to volunteer. A person does not need to be a ONE PS rep, or alternate. It can be any citizen who wishes to help. Lastly there is a city-wide shredding and electronic disposal day on January 14, 2022, at city hall from 8 to 12. Drive thru, stay in your car, as lanes will be set up. Come early as possible as once the trucks are filled, they will close.
5. Finally, by voice acclamation we welcomed our 50th neighborhood, El Dorado Palms Estates to One PS.

Party:

Steve Bryan announced that a house has been secure4d for the Spring Party which will be held on April 9. It will be pay-as-you-go via Evite and announcements will be sent shortly.

Modernism:

Mark and Tom showed the brochure for this year's Modernism Week Home tour to be held on February 26. The Board voted to approve the Modernism Week budget and approved the cost of printing extra brochures to be included in welcome packets for new resident. We are on track to sell as many as 300 tickets this year. Docents are needed. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Mark via the website. Docents will be able to tour all the homes and to attend an evening cocktail event. There are mask protocols in consideration of Covid and have been distributed to all the home owners on the tour.

Communications:

Jack is interviewing potential webmasters to bring the website up to date and give it more functionality. We should get a report at the February board meeting

Operation Lighthouse:

DeeAnn and Jerry are organizing another safety seminar to be held at the North Clubhouse on February 10 4-5:30 PM. Steve Kaufer from Maximum Security, reps from ServePro, and the police and fire departments will talk about ways to protect your home, make it less attractive to burglars, and other ways to keep you home and its occupants safe.

The light on the sign at the entrance:

Carolyn is working on getting the light fixed, but because of COVID issues it is taking longer than anticipated. It's in process and will happen.

Committees:

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the various committees: Development, Landscaping, Social, Affiliates, History, etc. Anyone interested please send a message through the website or attend the February board meeting, February 12 at 9 AM.

Affiliates:

More money was raised this year than in the past due to the increased number of golfers. There is a gradual shift from social affiliates to golf affiliates which is good. Club management has arranged golf outings every 3 weeks and theme-night dinners every three weeks. The program has been somewhat hampered by staffing issues due to Covid, but management promises more and better events once this crisis has passed.

Board Elections:

Six board member terms expire every year. All those who were serving on the board whose terms had ended opted to run again and since no one else put themselves forward as a

candidate, we re-elected everyone by acclamation. As per the by-laws, the new board will elect its own officers and assign committee chairs at the next board meeting. All those wishing to serve on a committee or as an alternate board member should contact the board through the website. [After the board meeting David Freedman challenged the election on procedural grounds. We will address and correct this at the February meeting.]

Meeting adjourned 11:01