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Announcements –
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Thomas Sims

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Mark Gold



Indian Canyons Neighborhood Organization (ICNO) Newsletter

A Bit of Palm Springs History

Remembering Cora Crawford....

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0281/1352/files/TheDesertSun_20210418_A23_CoraCrawford.pdf?v=1618749372

Indian Canyons Neighbors in the News

New Palm Springs residents Paul and Lissa Gruman invited a few pals to think pink and join them on their front courtyard patio under their big pink polka-dot umbrella for French rosé, canapés, and small bites at their Indian Canyons home.

<https://www.palmspringslife.com/summer-parties-palm-springs/>

Our Mayor Goes to Washington

Mayor Lisa Middleton attended the June 15 Pride Month celebration at the White House at the invitation of President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden. LGBTQ leaders, advocates and allies from around the country were invited to attend the

**Communication/Social
Media – Jack Johnson**

Web-Site – OPEN

**Historian – Arlene
Young**

***Board Members at
Large***

Kenny Cohen

Mike Dixon

event, during which time the President signed an executive order expanding LGBTQ rights. June 15 was, coincidentally, the date of the Mayor's 70th birthday.

Lisa is posing with other LGBTQ Mayors in two of the photos.



Meet an ICNO Board Member – Kenny Cohen



Susan and Kenny Cohen

Kenny Cohen is a CPA (inactive), attorney (inactive), and MBA (Finance, Berkeley). He retired as Treasurer and Executive Officer of Intermec, formerly Litton Industries, a multi-billion, multi-national NYSE listed company. Kenny was past President of the Los Angeles Chapter of the University of California, Berkeley, Business School. He was Chairman of the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, and served on several local non-profit Boards. Kenny also was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of both the US. and UK Pension Plans of Litton Industries and was a Trustee of the Litton Foundation. He divides his time between Palm Springs and Whidbey Island with his wife, Susan, and their 2-year-old Australian Shepherd, Cappy (Captain Whidbey).

Susan is a Carlton College graduate and an Architect (Harvard). She previously worked at the Office of Mies van Der Rohe and served on several local non-profit Boards

This Month's Board Meeting Summary

June 18, 2022

Treasurer's report: George Doomany

Budget finalized and will be posted to website. George proposed to keep \$25,000 in reserve (approximately 3 years of operating expenses). Kenny had raised an objection via email that this was too much. In the discussion it was noted that the future is uncertain, especially these days, and we couldn't count on projected revenue from Modernism Week, for example, should it be cancelled for some reason. It was voted to accept George's proposal, noting it could be modified in the future should circumstances change.

Membership report: George Doomany

Nothing new to report.

ONE-PS report: Michael Alcenius (summarized notes from Don Barrett)

- *City Council*
 - Council Member Dennis Woods noted that Council will be approving the Budget in the 6/16 Council meeting.
 - There will be increased costs due to mandated addressing of composting to reduce greenhouse gases.
 - He also noted plans for July 4th, that the laser light show of last year was not well-received and thus there will be a return of fireworks and a drone light show at the downtown park on July 2nd.
 - He also described current issues related to handling the homeless and the need for the navigation center that will provide wrap-around services. Questions from the audience included planning for the impact of the likely recession on the city budget, where there were currently overnight facilities for the homeless, and
 - [Council is aware of the] problem with SCE shutting down neighborhoods over night for repair during the summer heat.
- *City Departments*
 - Danny De Selms described the importance of cooling shelters, the difference between public and private cooling shelter,
 - This is pet preparedness month and to protect animals from the heat,
 - He noted that those who wear masks outdoors in summer should use cotton, not N95, due to breathing problems in the heat.
- *Police*
 - Lieutenant William Hutchinson described operation clean streets, a targeted approach used downtown, including service providers, to deal with regular offenders. He noted that sometimes the homeless are not moved because moving them disrupts their connections with service providers, they are ineligible to be moved, or don't want to move. Noted that the navigation center will provide more resources

(including bed space) and will give the police more leverage to act by addressing, "how can we help get you off the streets."

- He did note that we are short on mental health and substance use providers. He was congratulated by the department's quick response to the gun fire issue at McDonald's but noted that their response was helped by extensive cameras in the area and witnesses. There were also questions about whether there may be active shooter training at the convention center in the future and noted that Chief Mills was working in that direction. He was also asked about enforcement of speed limits and noted that there will multiple solutions to speed problems including changes in infrastructure.
- *Desert Water Agency*
 - Xochitl Pena turned the presentation over to her colleague Clark Elliott who presented on changes in water use due to the drought. He noted that we are now at a level 2 emergency which forbids daylight watering, places restrictions on overseeding, puts restaurant provision of water to customers as by request only, and will have penalties for businesses maintaining non-functional turf (the latter is enforced by the state). In response to questions, he stated that water wasters can be reported on the DWA.org website, that the agency will work with HOA's to help them become more water efficient and responded to concerns about water usage by forthcoming developments in other Coachella Valley cities.
- *Membership Discussion*
 - Russ Uthe described concerns related to the golf course greens at Mesquite Country Club and at the former Bel Air Greens in Palm Springs, noting that due to ownership details the latter is likely to be developed, while the former might be converted to open space.

Social, Annual Parties: Steve Bryan

Nov 12, 2022, we are looking for a house and have several prospects. It should be finalized in the next few weeks.

Modernism: Thomas Sims, Mark Gold

We have 6 houses and are looking for two or three more as back-up. Mark and Tommy will preview the houses with the Modernism Week people.

Communication/Web Site: Jack Johnson, Doug Patterson

There is a proposal for the revamped website which should go live about July 1. Doug will solicit comments then as we will have a few weeks to adjust the format.

Announcements/Communications/Newsletter: Michael Alcenius, DeeAnn McCoy

Michael is looking for stories for the newsletter. We are planning to send out postcards as announcements/reminders for special occasions – the parties; membership drive, the website going live, etc.

Safety: Jerry Nies, DeeAnn McCoy

We are aiming to have another safety seminar in November/December which will focus on fire prevention, what to do in an emergency like an earthquake, etc.

Development, Landscaping: Mark Gold, Carolyn Lumber

We are working with the club on re-landscaping the access points on the golf course. Budgets and designs are being drawn up, but nothing will be done until the Fall when it will cool enough to plant.

Golf Affiliates: Bruce Moccia, Carolyn Lumber

The club has started drilling the new well on the North Course. The plan is to be able to water wall-to-wall with no brown spots. The cart paths will be resurfaced with wood chips. This is not ideal but better than just dirt. Club management will send out renewal letters about September 1 with pricing and benefits. We will follow up with our own mailing. Management is looking to improve social affiliation with more events and is looking for suggestions.

Other Topics

Upcoming Board Meetings (Zoom meeting links and/or instructions will be sent out prior. All ICNO members are invited to attend) All meetings are on Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PST unless otherwise noted.

- August 13**
- September 17**
- October 15**
- November 12**
- December 17th**

Need to Recycle Biohazardous Waste?

Palm Springs Disposal Service conducts a weekly free drop off at their satellite site right next to the Palm Springs Animal Shelter at 1100 Vella Road on Saturdays only from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm October through May and 7:00 am to Noon June through September. This includes medical waste and paint disposal. Just load up your trunk, drive through, and the friendly staff will remove your items and provide a receipt.

Palm Springs Art Museum News

In addition to the previously noted programming and exhibits, the Palm Springs Art Museum is presenting a summer movie series *Cine Mexico – Celebrating Mexican cinema with*

influential films that express the country's art and culture. See the link below for further information:

<https://www.psmuseum.org/events/el-angel-exterminador>

Palm Springs Animal Shelter News

- Palm Springs Animal Shelter is happy to provide low-cost vaccines available to the public every Thursday from 4-6PM excluding holidays. You do not need to be a Palm Springs resident to attend.
 - All Dogs must arrive on a collar and leash *Please no retractable leashes*
 - All Cats must be in secure carriers.
 - Please bring animals into the Community Room entrance on the left side of our main entrance.
- Prices are as follows:
 - Dogs: Rabies (Required for all dogs age 3 months and up) \$15
 - DA2PP- \$20
 - Bordetella- \$20
 - CIV Canine Influenza Virus- \$25
 - Cats: Rabies (Required for all cats 3 months and older) \$15
 - FVRCP- \$20
 - Other Services: Pyrantel Dewormer- \$20
 - Microchip (Implant & Registration)- \$25

If you would like to see updates and information from other community organizations, please provide suggestions.

Mark your calendars now for the fall Indian Canyons Neighborhood party on November 12, 2022. Details to follow.