

## 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes

17 March 2018 - Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort Clubhouse  
1885 Golf Club Drive, Palm Springs, California 92264

**Board Present:** Jim Knauss, President, Janet McSweeney, Vice President and Treasurer, Jeff Marx, Communications, Barbara Stanford, Secretary, Jen Gagner, Member at Large, and Lucia Thompson, Member at Large. Paul Devine was unable to attend. A quorum was present.  
**City Staff Present:** Mayor Rob Moon, Council Member Lisa Middleton, PSPD Officer Paola Ramos, Paul Hinrichsen of ONE-PS

### Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Jim Knauss. A total of 26 individuals had registered and were in attendance. Jim said the 2018 edition of ONE-PS Neighborhood Guide was available, and those present were welcome to take home one copy per household.

Jim welcomed all to the 2018 Annual Meeting, introducing **Mayor Rob Moon**. Mayor Moon gave an update on the state of the city, as well as recent and future actions in our neighborhood. He explained the importance of the Neighborhood Organizations and the role that they play.

The next speaker was new **Council Member Lisa Middleton**, who had formerly served as the City staff member liaison with ONE-PS. Ms. Middleton spoke about the Vacation Rental Hotline (760-322-8383) and encouraged all who experience disturbances to call immediately, as VRH had cars and staff on constant patrol to take care of disturbances. She announced there were vacancies on several City commissions and boards and encouraged all to visit the City website and apply for positions for which they felt they were qualified and could make a difference. She announced public budget hearings would be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> at City Hall and encouraged all to attend.

**Brandon Alexander**, General Manager of Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort, addressed the group about issues facing the course management and pricing issues. He also addressed the ongoing situation with the health of the golf course trees.

**Palm Springs Police Department Officer Paola Ramos** stressed the importance of all of us to be observant and call in suspicious sightings of individuals and activities; she noted that our neighborhood had a high incidence of property crimes/burglaries. She said three PSPD officers were assigned to our neighborhood: Sgt. Mike Casavan, Lt. Melissa Desmaris, and herself, and that all three were committed to our neighborhood's well-being and safety.

### Event Announcements

Jim announced the ONE-PS Annual Picnic would be held on March 24, 2018, 11-2 p.m. at Ruth Hardy Park and all were encouraged to attend.

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## **What is ONE-PS and our History**

Jim explained the history of the Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood Organization since its formation, providing a brief explanation of how the leadership of the individual neighborhoods comprised the larger body of ONE-PS; he explained how ONE-PS worked cooperatively with City Staff to improve the quality of life all of Palm Springs and its neighborhoods.

## **Board Business**

**Communications Update:** Jeff Marx, organizer of TCGNO's Neighborhood Watch (NW), explained how NW works, and said signage had been installed at strategic areas. He invited all to register with both Neighborhood Watch and Nextdoor.com. He displayed the new dog walker vests and invited those interested to take a vest home to wear so that NW would have a visible presence in our neighborhood. Jeff said he had recently created a TCGNO website, [tcgnoneighborhood.com](http://tcgnoneighborhood.com), and invited all to visit. He said the fee of \$60 for web hosting was included in the today's proposed budget.

**Approval of Website:** A motion was made by Pennie Feehan, seconded by Jeff Marx, to approve the new website, [tcgnoneighborhood.com](http://tcgnoneighborhood.com), as created by Jeff Marx, along with its \$60 annual cost of a web hosting fee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Non-profit Certification Update:** Jim explained that our TCGNO had achieved 501(c)4 status this past year, excluding income earned from our home tour from taxation. He explained that Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance was now required, and that the premium amounts had been noted in the budget.

**Blade Sign Update:** Jim said the blade signs had been received and the City had mounted them at locations within the neighborhood that were approved at last year's General Membership meeting.

**2018 Budget Request:** The 2017 Financial Report informational slide was presented showing expenditures had come in \$1937 under the approved budgeted amount.

The **2018 Budget** informational slide was presented, with an anticipated expenditure of \$1560. A motion was made by Pennie Feehan, seconded by Jen Gagner, to approve the 2018 Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items and Other Initiatives:** Jim reviewed the TCGNO's accomplishments over the past year, including weed abatement on the vacant lot at Broadmoor, which Jen addressed in detail. Also listed were the road resurfacing project in the Divot/Par/Birdie/Eagle neighborhood; the condition of the golf course trees; the fire ant situation and the involvement of Riverside County Vector Control District; the water leak on Waverly Drive near Golf Club; the safety of the intersection at Broadmoor and Highway 111; and the problematic Palm Springs signage on the Highway 111 median at Gene Autry Trail, and its subsequent removal.

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**Other Announcements:** Paul Hinrichsen of ONE-PS said the wall at 7 Lakes Country Club at the west side of Gene Autry Trail, (owned by Cal Trans), would be significantly lowered to provide greater visibility to cross-traffic; he said that similar action would be considered with the wall on the east side of Gene Autry Trail.

**Bylaws Revision – Board Elections – Article VI Section 8:** Following discussion a motion was made by Pennie Feehan, seconded by Lucia Thompson, to adopt the following bylaws verbiage regarding Board Elections. The motion passed unanimously. Verbiage:

***“Election of the Board of Directors will take place at the annual General Membership Meeting. Three (3) Directors will be elected on odd-numbered years with the remaining four (4) Directors elected on even numbered years.”***

**New Bylaw – Voluntary Dues – Article VI Section 12:** All felt this was positive, but recommended the verbiage be changed from “voluntary dues” to “donations”. Revised verbiage follows:

***“The Board of Directors is authorized to accept donations as offered by the membership and to use them to fund activities authorized by the membership in the annual General Membership Meeting. Neither membership nor voting rights are predicated upon donations.”***

Upon the above revision, a motion was made by Pennie Feehan, seconded by Jen Gagner, and unanimously passed.

**Board Elections:** The slate of candidates consisted of returning members Jim Knauss, Jeff Marx, Paul Devine, Jen Gagner; members Karla Keller and Nicholas Baker had submitted their names for election, and Pennie Feehan’s name was submitted as a write-in candidate; part-time resident Jesse McManus submitted his name for write-in, as well, for a total of 8 candidates for a 7-member Board.

Ballots were completed by those households present, collected by Paul Hinrichsen for tallying. Following the final count, Paul announced the new members as: Jim Knauss, Jeff Marx, Paul Devine, Jen Gagner, Karla Keller, Nicholas Baker and Pennie Feehan. Based on the strategy presented by Jim Knauss, The following Board members were elected for two-year terms:

- Jim Knauss
- Jeff Marx
- Jen Gagner
- Nicholas Baker

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The following Board members were elected for one-year terms:

- Paul Devine
- Karla Keller
- Pennie Feehan

At the 2019 General Membership meeting, the one-year term Board Members will be up for re-election.

**Adjournment:** A motion was passed unanimously to adjourn the 2018 General Membership Annual Meeting at 11:11 a.m., upon motion by Pennie Feehan, seconded by Barbara Stanford.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Stanford, Secretary

Attachments: Presentation Charts from the 2018 TCGNO Annual General Membership Meeting.

# Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood Organization (TCGNO)



Annual General Membership Meeting

Saturday March 17, 2018

Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort Clubhouse



## ***Agenda***

- Welcome and Introductions
  - 2018 Neighborhood Guide
  - Guest Speakers
- What is ONE-PS ??
- Board Business
  - Communications Update
  - Non-Profit Certification Update
  - Financial Report and 2018 Budget
- Neighborhood Actions / Initiatives
- Bylaws Revisions
- Board Elections
- Discussion and Adjournment



## ***Event Announcements***

- ONE-PS Annual Picnic – 11-2PM March 24<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Hardy Park
- Others?



## What is ONE-PS ??







## What is ONE-PS

- Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (*ONE-PS*) is a city-wide organization comprised of representatives from over 45 independent Neighborhoods Organizations. Our *Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood Organization* is one of them!
- ONE-PS works diligently to address issues *affecting quality of life* in Palm Springs
- Refer to Page 16 in the Neighborhood Guide!





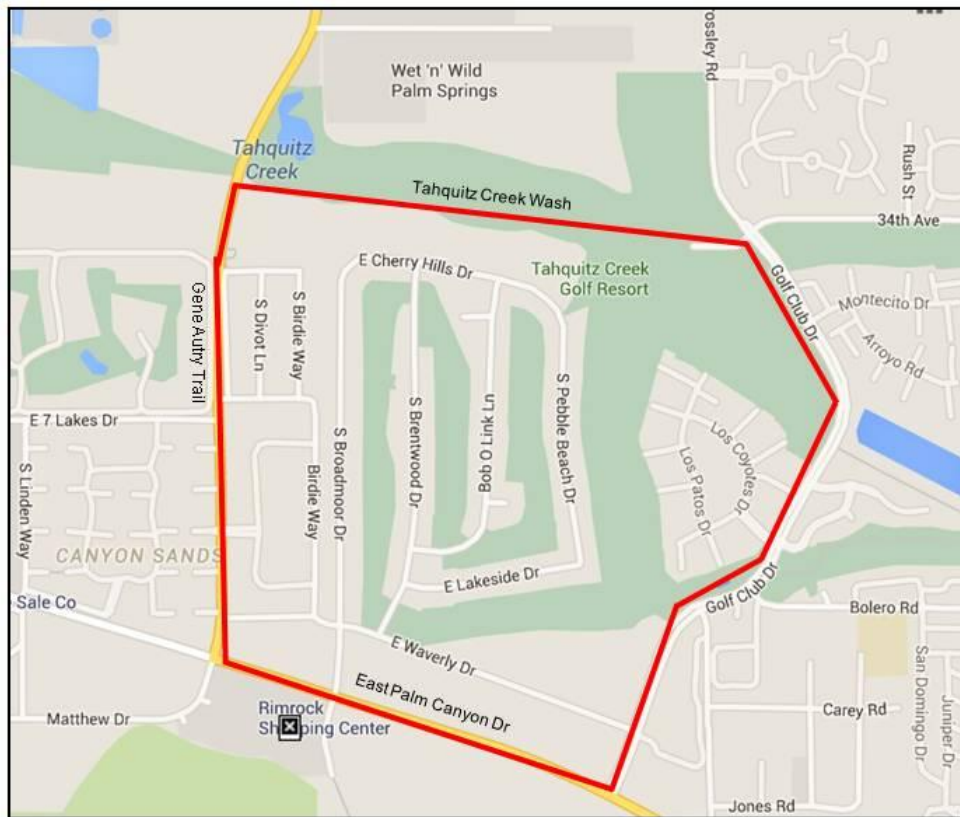
## ***What is ONE-PS cont'd***

Monthly meetings include active participation by all Neighborhoods to address issues such as:

- Vacation Rentals
- City Budget Recommendation
- Trash Ordinance
- Downtown Parking
- Neighborhood Noise



## ***Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood Boundaries***



# Communications Update

*Jeff Marx*  
*TCGNO Communications Lead*



## *Neighborhood Watch Goals*

### REDUCE CRIME IN OUR AREA THRU:

#### EDUCATION

- Provide Info on how to protect yours and your neighbors' property
  - Awareness of Crimes in the area

#### COMMUNICATION

- Establish Communication Channels
  - Registered users' email
    - Nextdoor
  - PSPD Contacts

#### SURVEILLANCE

- Voluntary patrolling
- Dog Watchers Program
- Just being watchful





## Signage



Five new Signs have been posted in strategic places around the TCGNO Neighborhood Perimeter





## Vests

- We have a very limited number of vests with our logo on the back for those who take walks or walk their dog.
- These will be made available on a first come/first serve basis to those who have signed up for neighborhood watch.
- Benefits to wearing the vest
  - Notifies people working or 'visiting' in the area that we have an active program.
  - Provides the person wearing the vest with high visibility for safety



## *Communication*



The key to an effective Neighborhood Watch Program

- **Nextdoor**
  - General Information re: our Neighborhood.
  - Can filter out info you don't want/need  
<https://nextdoor.com/>
- **Newsletter & Bulletins**
  - For registered members
  - Register by sending your name(s), street address, phone number and Email to:  
[tcgno.NeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com](mailto:tcgno.NeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com)
- **Future Web Site**

*Motion to Implement  
Neighborhood Website*



# Non-Profit Status

*Jim Knauss*  
*TCGNO Chair*



## ***Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation Status***

Complete

- Needed due to income generated from Home Tours
- Tax filings made

## ***Board Liability Insurance***

Complete

- Needed due to income generated from Home Tours



# Blade Sign Update

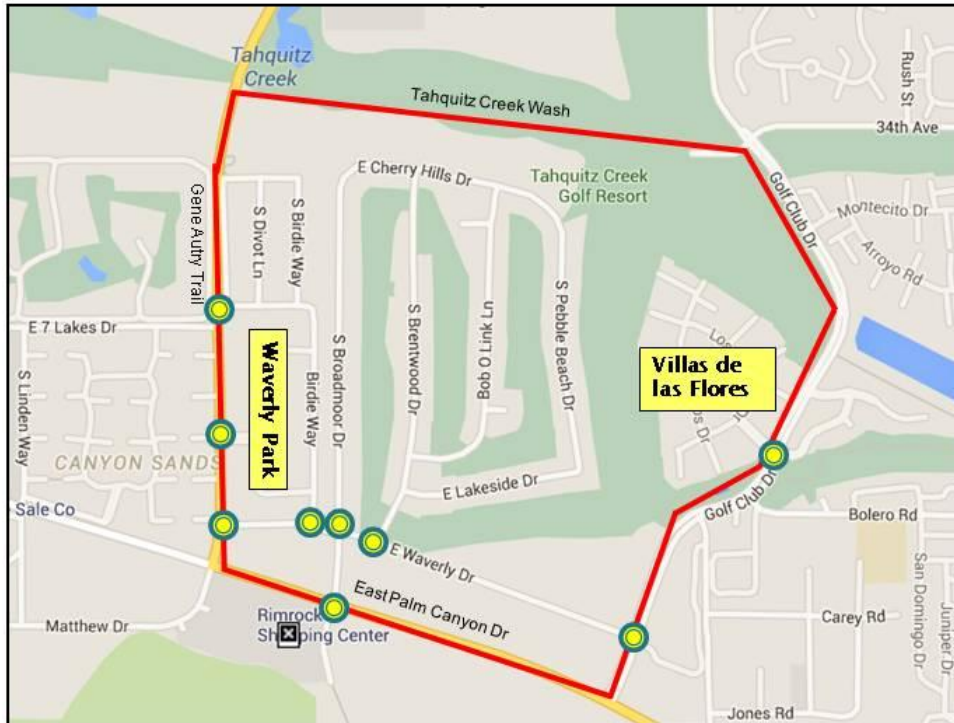


## ***Neighborhood Blade Signs***

Blade Signs identify individual Neighborhoods and create a sense of identity for its residents.



## Blade Sign Installation Locations



# Financial Report



## 2017 Financial Report



<b>2017 TCGNO Financial Statement</b>			
Beginning Balance- 3/25/17		\$7,441	
Item	Approved Budget	Expenses	Over/ Under
501(C)(4) Filing Fees	\$50	\$30	\$20
IRS Fees	\$850	\$521	\$329
Registration Fees	\$25	\$25	\$0
Officer Liability Insurance	\$1,500	\$944	\$556
Blade Signs	\$2,000	\$1,481	\$519
Neighborhood Watch	\$400	\$186	\$214
2018 Meeting Prep	\$300	\$300	\$0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$5,125</b>	<b>\$3,188</b>
Ending Balance - 3/17/18		\$4,254	

## 2018 Budget Request

<b>2018 BUDGET REQUEST</b>		
	Expense	Total
<b>2017 Balance</b>		\$4,254
<b>Officer Liability Insurance</b>	\$1,000	\$3,254
<b>Website</b>	\$60	\$3,194
<b>Neighborhood Watch</b>	\$200	\$2,994
<b>2019 Annual Mtg Prep</b>	\$300	\$2,694
<b>Totals*</b>	\$1,560	\$2,694

\* Tentative Home Tour not included



**Motion to Approve  
Requested Budget**



# Neighborhood Actions and Initiatives



### ***Action Items and other Initiatives***

- Broadmoor Vacant Lot (Action Item) - **Jen**
- Road Repair Divot/ Birdie/ Par/ Eagle Drives (Action Item) - **Jim**
- Golf Course Tree Condition - **Janet**
- Golf Course Fire Ants - **Paul**
- Broadmoor/111 Intersection Safety – **Jim**
- Water Leak on Waverly near Golf Club – **Jim**
- “Palm Springs” signage on 111 median – **Jim**



# Bylaws Revisions



## ***Bylaws Revision – Board Elections***

### **Existing Language - Article VI, Section 6:**

“Elections will take place for the Board of Directors at the annual Organization Membership Meeting every two years”

### **Board Recommendation:**

Director terms should be staggered to provide continuity of operations.



## ***Bylaws Revision – Board Terms***



### **Implementation – 2018 Elections:**

Top four vote getters in 2018 receive a two-year term while the bottom three receive a one-year term until elections in 2019. Beginning in 2019 all Directors will have two-year terms.

### **Recommended Language:**

“Election of the Board of Directors will take place at the annual General Membership Meeting. Three (3) Directors will be elected on odd numbered years with the remaining four (4) Directors elected on even numbered years.”

***Motion to Adopt Revised Elections Bylaws  
Language and Implementation***

## ***Bylaws Revision – Voluntary Dues***

### **Existing Language:**

None

### **Recommended Language – Article VI Section 12:**

“The Board of Directors is authorized to accept voluntary dues as offered by the membership and to use them to fund activities authorized by the membership in the annual General Membership Meeting. Neither membership nor voting rights are predicated upon the payment of dues”

***Motion to Adopt Voluntary Dues Bylaws Language***



# Board Elections



*Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood Organization  
17 March 2018  
Board of Directors Ballot and Tally*

<b>Nominee Name</b>	<b># Votes</b>
• Jim Knauss	_____
• Jeff Marx	_____
• Paul Devine	_____
• Jen Gagner	_____
• Karla Keller	_____
• Nicholas Baker	_____
• 7 _____	_____
• 8 _____	_____
• 9 _____	_____
• 10 _____	_____



*Tahquitz Creek Golf Neighborhood Organization  
17 March 2018*

*Board of Directors Ballot and Tally*

	<b>Nominee Name</b>	<b># Votes</b>
• 11	_____	_____
• 12	_____	_____
• 13	_____	_____
• 14	_____	_____
• 15	_____	_____
• 16	_____	_____
• 17	_____	_____
• 18	_____	_____
• 19	_____	_____
• 20	_____	_____

# Neighborhood Concerns Open Discussion



## **Next Steps**

### **Get Connected – Stay Informed**

Signup for Neighborhood Watch

[tcgno.NeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com](mailto:tcgno.NeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com)

Visit Websites

- **ONE-PS.org** Citywide Neighborhood Organization
- **Nextdoor.com** Current local information

Download Smartphone Apps

- Palm Springs at Your Service
- Palm Springs Police Department
- Nixle.us Police and Fire Alerts



# Meeting Adjourned !!



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