

**2019 General Membership Meeting Agenda 9-11 AM**

*16 March 2019 - Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort Clubhouse  
1885 Golf Club Drive, Palm Springs, California 92264*

- **Meeting called to Order: 9:15am**
- **Welcome and Introductions\***
  - Mayor Robert Moon – gave brief summaries regarding the following:
    - Zelda’s Night Club security issues
    - Golf Course conversions
    - Street paving throughout the city - 50% of neighborhood streets have been re-paved; funded by Measure J
    - Tourism in Palm Springs is up; the demographics of tourists are significantly rising with younger people (age 25-45)
    - Downtown Development Plan has advanced significantly over the last 4 years.
      - It was put in peril due to the indictments of the developers and former Mayor
      - Saved by the current City Council working with local banks who agreed to continue to fund the plan
    - Vacation Rental Program
      - Very important revenue stream for the city
      - The task force set up last year, is working regarding enforcing the rules for renters. The task force now handles and enforces the noise ordinance for vacation renters, removing the burden from police in most cases
    - Historical Building Preservation
      - Tahquitz Plaza saved by the current City Council
      - Remodeling Permits – for any residence or commercial building built prior to 1980, must be reviewed by the city before a permit will be issued.
        - Façade restriction – updated from former requirement to preserve more of the original façade of a residence or building deemed historic
        - City of Palm Springs has spent \$160M to preserve and maintain city owned buildings

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- Golf Resort General Manager Brandon Alexander
  - Discussed the continued effort for planting and maintaining the trees along the golf course.
- Officer Ronnie Jones - Palm Springs Police Department – discussed the following issues:
  - Neighborhood Safety
    - Encouraged reporting suspicious activity; police cannot help if they do not know about it
    - Suggested homeowners use live-feed cameras vs. alarm systems.
      - 90% of alarm calls are false
      - The alarm companies do not call the police until they have tried to contact the owner. Sometimes can take 1-2 hours before the police to arrive
  - Homelessness
    - PSPD has three officers assigned to work with community service officers that help clean-up and find resources for the homeless
    - Trespassing – explained there can be no arrest unless there is a “victim” of trespassing. Meaning, there must be someone (owner/renter) at the home at the time the trespassing occurs in order to arrest.
  - Non-emergency issues:
    - Use the non-emergency phone # to report consistent speeding in neighborhood
    - Use the Vacation Rental Hot Line to report noise complaints from rental homes
      - Both can be found on City of PS website
- DWA – Joseph Stuart – Board of Directors President & Ashley Metzger – Outreach & Conservation Manager
  - Joe Stuart gave an overview of the DWA; 5 board members, 85 employees
    - DWA has many initiatives to conserve water and connect with the community. All are outlined on the DWA.org site

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- Ashley Metzger discussed the conservation rebate program as outlined on the website.
  - There are many options available for homeowners to recover some of the costs for conserving water
  - Tour the Facility – DWA offers a free tour of the behind the scenes operations of the DWA.
    - Offered twice a year; spring and fall
- Lisa Middleton – Palm Springs City Council member, discussed the following topics:
  - 2019 Valentine’s Day Storm recovery
    - The city learned that traffic management after an emergency needs immediate attention
    - Farrell Drive alone will cost \$500k to repair
    - Araby Drive – washes out at least once a year over the last few years. This causes all traffic in/out of Araby Cove to be diverted to Rim Road...a mostly one-lane road along the east mountain of the cove. Rim Road also received significant damage during this storm.
      - Puts all residents in this area at risk, especially for emergency response
      - In the past, residents in this neighborhood have been opposed to building a bridge over Araby Drive. Lisa indicated this is starting to change
  - City Budget
    - 2018 revenue projection vs. actual = \$106M vs. \$113M
      - City currently has \$21.5M in reserve
      - Sales tax from tourism is the largest contributor to the current surplus
    - City will be moving to District-Based elections vs. At-large
      - Palm Springs will have 5 districts; Christy Holstege is the representative for the TCGNO (District 4). She will be up for re-election in 2020
      - District-based elections will be less costly and are designed to increase diversity on the council and committees

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- **Event Announcements**

- ONE-PS Annual Picnic – 11-2 PM March 23<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Hardy Park

- **What is ONE-PS and Our History**

- Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS)
  - Consists of representatives from 46 independent neighborhood organizations
  - Mission is to work together to address the issues affecting quality of life in Palm Springs

- **Board Business**

- Communications and Neighborhood Watch Update
  - Jeff Marx reviewed ways to contact the TCGNO board and report suspicious activities or incidents to Neighborhood Watch
- Neighborhood Actions / Initiatives – Review/proposed
  - Broadmoor/Waverly Corner Vacant Lot – Jen Gagner reported that this is ongoing. The City of Palm Springs is aware and working toward a resolution with the current owner
  - Book Nook – Jim Knauss reported that this issue was denied due to the high cost
  - Holiday Happy Hour – Karla Keller gave a summary of the first, hopefully annual social event. The TCGNO board plans to offer other social events in the coming year. Encouraged attendees to be sure and give the board their email addresses
  - Feb 2020 Modernism Week Home Tour:
    - Our neighborhood will have six homes participating
    - ***Motion to participate: Passed (Robert/Pennie/Unanimous)***
  - Golf Course Conversion – Jim Knauss
    - There are 10 remaining golf courses in Palm Springs; Bel-Air Greens is next up for conversion
  - Public Park next to Vons – Pennie Feehan
    - Explained the proposal for development and issues around the Quimby Act to preserve open spaces; issue is ongoing

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- Latest activity is the proposal for a park to the east of Rimrock Shopping Center
- Traffic safety @ Gene Autry (Hwy. 111) & Eagle Drive
  - Since Gene Autry Trail is State Hwy 111, it comes under the jurisdiction of CalTrans. Karla Keller will reach out to Chad Mayes – CA State Assembly for conversation and guidance towards a resolution
- Welcome to the Neighborhood Process
  - Will be created to continue efforts to engage members of the neighborhood as new residents move into Tahquitz Creek; ongoing
- Planting more trees on the golf course – Pennie Freehan
  - Will continue working with golf course management
- Financial Report and 2019 Budget – reviewed by Jim Knauss
  - ***Motion to accept: Passed (Jen/Pennie/Unanimous)***
- **Bylaws Revisions**
  - Neighborhood Boundary Extension – explained by Jim Knauss
    - ***Motion to extend TCGNO boundaries: Passed (Pennie/Jen/Unanimous)***
- **Board Elections 2019**
  - Three positions will be elected during odd numbered years
  - Three candidates were nominated:
    - Bryce Linsenmayer
    - Jonathan Olow
    - Jaymi Gottfried
      - ***Motion to close nominations and approve slate by consensus: Passed (Jen/Pennie/Unanimous)***
- **Adjournment: 11:35am**
  - **Motion to adjourn: Passed (Karla/Pennie/Unanimous)**