



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, April 2, 2022 :: 10:00 AM :: Ocotillo Lodge Clubhouse (1111 E Palm Canyon)

Attendees

Members Patrick Henry, Greg Leonard, Laura Miller, Jennifer Hixon, Robert Webster, Kristin Laymon, Michele Johnson, Terry Johnson, Arrington Williams, Marcus Canter, Cristie St. James, Thomas Eich, Matthew Lieberman, Steve Feinberg, Larry Johnson, Eric Chiel, Layla Maxwell, Carol Munro, Jeffery Burnell, Horacio Orantes, Jeff Hoffman, Ron Jack, Valoree Jack, Wally Brown, Sheila Brown, Michael Wollaeger, Margo Lea, Nelson Monteleone, Tom DeSimone, Laurie Ridgeway, Paul Rafail, Marilyn Mersereau, Barbara Gay, Andrew Rohrer, Richard Miller, Anthony Scafaro

Guests Eric Meeks, Zane Meeks, Peter Sipkins, Michael Villegas, Jane Williams

Welcome/Introductions/Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order by Larry Johnson at 10:17AM. He thanked the Ocotillo Lodge for use of their clubhouse for today's meeting and covered housekeeping announcements. Advisory Board members introduced themselves and residents attending for the first time were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Approval of November 20, 2021 Minutes

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2021 General Membership Meeting held at the Ocotillo Lodge clubhouse. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Guest Presenter

Eric Meeks, Twin Palms Celebrity Past

Our guest speaker, Eric Meeks, is a local author and historian. Mr. Meeks shared his experiences growing up and working in real estate in Palm Springs. During all these years he had the opportunity to interact with many of the famous people who have lived in the area. He shared stories of meeting a range of people from Frank Sinatra to Betty Ford. He highlighted the celebrities that have lived in Twin Palms over the years. He also shared information about many of the most architecturally noteworthy buildings in Palm Springs and some of the stories behind their construction. Following his presentation there was a question-and-answer period.

Advisory Board Elections

Our bylaws call for election of a new slate of Advisory Board members every two years at our organization's Annual Meeting. At our General Membership Meeting last November—the first after not

meeting due to Covid restriction for most of 2020 and 2021—the membership extended the terms of the existing Advisory Board until today's meeting in order to reestablish our regular of schedule of elections in the Spring of every other year.

Six people submitted Candidate Statements that were sent out prior to today's meeting. Each of the candidates was given the opportunity to introduce themselves and state why they want to run for the Board. Our bylaws allow for up to nine members on the Board, with a quorum being five. There were no nominations from the floor.

Our bylaws call for a written ballot. Each household is entitled to one vote. Paper ballots were distributed to each household present at the meeting and completed ballots were collected. The results of the election will be counted and announced at the end of today's meeting.

Organizational Accomplishments Since Last Our November 2021 Meeting

8th Annual Twin Palms Modernism Week Tour Recap (February 21, 2022)

Carol Munro, Larry Johnson, and Michele Johnson reported on this year's highly successful Modernism Week Home Tour. We sold out all 300 tickets by early January. The tour featured three private homes and two condos at the Ocotillo Lodge, all designed by William Krisel and built by the Alexander Construction Company. A new feature of this year's tour was the online brochure accessed with a QR code. This was accompanied by a two-sided color handout.

Another new feature of this year's tour was the addition of seven Twin Palms landmarks. Ticket holders also got to see the Ocotillo Lodge clubhouse overlooking the pool area and view six vintage cars along the tour route. Registration was at the Smoke Tree Tennis Club where the exhibit, *William Krisel's Twin Palms*, was on display in the clubhouse.

Following the tour, a thank you party was held for the 50+ volunteers who staffed the tour, the homeowners, and the car owners.

The projected final income for the tour is \$18,555.00. The final expense projection is \$4,783.53, which is \$716.47 under budget, resulting in a projected net profit of \$13,055.

First Neighborhood Orientation Session (December 4, 2021)

Our first ever Neighborhood Orientation Session for Twin Palms residents was held in the clubhouse of the Smoke Tree Racquet Club. Eighteen people attended, including a representative of ONE-PS (Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs). The purpose of the session was to give all residents—especially those who recently relocated to the neighborhood—the opportunity to learn more about our organization and how they can become more involved.

Eric Chiel was thanked for his leadership role in organizing this session. The agenda included a brief review of our history and key accomplishments since our inception in 2013, our organizational structure, our relationship with ONE-PS and other service organizations, our interaction with City government and its agencies, and current and future organization activities. The session closed with an open-ended discussion period.

Complimentary Twin Palms Guided Walking Tours for Owners and Residents (Fall 2021)

Eric Chiel reported that the four free guided walking tours held last Fall were attended by over 80 participants who very much appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the neighborhood. These tours are only for Twin Palm residents and invited guests from local organizations or the media with whom we want to expand our working relationships.

Guest Speaker

Lt. Mike Villegas, Palm Springs Police Department (PSPD)

One of the benefits of being a ONE-PS member organization recognized the City is being assigned Neighborhood Policing Officers (NPOs)—our liaisons to the PSPD. Lt. Villegas attended our meeting to fill in for our assigned liaison officers who were previously committed to other neighborhood meetings.

He shared information about the new Police Chief, and the fact that, despite sustained recruitment efforts, PSPD remains understaffed largely due to the impact of Covid and significant competition for the best officers.

Lt. Villegas responded to a number of questions from the attendees regarding crime in Twin Palms and throughout the City. He suggested ways that residents could take action to make their homes safer from criminals. He acknowledged that response times are not ideal given the staff shortages.

Update on the William Krisel's Twin Palms Exhibit

Eric Chiel reported on the current status of the *William Krisel's Twin Palms* exhibit. He said a new panel has been completed and was first displayed at the 2022 Modernism Week Tour. It is also on display at today's meeting. One more panel is ready for production and will be done in the near future. Feedback on the exhibit continues to be strong whenever the exhibit is displayed and is an effective way to highlight both our unique history and our organization.

Ongoing Activities

Financial Report

Larry Johnson distributed copies of the April 2, 2022 Financial Report. As of this date, total income was \$57,374.78 (\$36,727.28 beginning balance and \$20,647.50 in new income) and expenditures were \$9,673.66, leaving a balance on hand of \$47,701.12.

2022 Organization Membership Campaign

Everyone was encouraged to consider one way of demonstrating their support for the organization by making a volunteer \$25 dues membership donation for 2022. The Board has set a goal of \$800.00 for this year. Donation forms are available at the registration desk, or on line at our website.

Twin Palms Website and Instagram Page

For information about recent and upcoming meetings and events, and general information about the organization, everyone was encouraged to visit our website, *TwinPalmsPS.org*. Efforts are underway to relaunch our Instagram page.

ONE-PS (Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs) Update

Eric Chiel reported on current ONE-PS activities. He said he is seeking volunteers who would like to join him in attending the monthly meetings, and assuming a greater role in representing our neighborhood.

April 30th Social Meeting

Everyone was invited to attend this year's our organization's annual Social Meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2022 to from 1:00PM to 2:30PM at the Twin Palms Condominium's east pool area. The theme of this year's event will be an old-fashioned ice cream social. The Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization is hosting this free event for anyone living or owning property in the Twin Palms neighborhood. The goal is to provide a fun atmosphere for people to socialize and get to know people they have not meet before.

Our organization will provide the ice cream and toppings, beverages, and paper goods. We will also be providing cookies and brownies from Aspen Mills. We are asking anyone interested in bringing one or two dozen of their favorite homemade cookies to sign up in advance.

Planned Activities

Upcoming Events Calendar

The April 30th Social Meeting concludes this season's formal events. Due to the large response to the complimentary Twin Palms Guided Walking Tours for owners and residents initiated this year, tour creator and guide Eric Chiel is considering additional tours, most likely starting this Fall. Our next General Membership Meeting will be held in the Fall, in either October or November.

Creating the Twin Palms Blade Sign Presentation for the Preservation Matters 2022 Symposium

Eric Chiel reported that each year, the Historic Site Preservation Board of the City of Palm Springs mounts a two-day conference that features presentations, discussions, exhibits, and tours designed to further the City's goal of architectural and cultural preservation. This year's event will be offered Saturday and Sunday, April 23rd and 24th. On Sunday, Eric will be making a 20-minute presentation on the design of our neighborhood blade sign which was created in 2014 by neighborhood residents in collaboration with William Krisel. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no cost, but those wishing to attend need to register in advance.

Planning for 2023 Twin Palms Modernism Week Home Tour—Identifying Tour Homes

While we have just completed our 2022 tour, it is already time to begin planning for the 2023 Modernism Week tour. Carol Munro said that one of the key initial tasks we are now working on is identifying homes for the 2023 tour. If you are interested in having your home considered for inclusion in the 2023 tour, please let us know.

Volunteer Engagement Opportunities/Grants and Initiatives Ideas

As a volunteer neighborhood organization, the Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization relies on our members for our success. If you have not done so already, Larry Johnson said that Volunteer Interest Forms are available at today's meeting on each table, and also on our website. These completed forms let the Board know about both your interests and skills.

Membership Discussion

The meeting was opened to the attendees for open discussion of any neighborhood issues for which our organization might play a constructive role, or suggest ideas for future activities or involvement.

Election Results

The results of the election were announced. The following people were elected to the Board for two-year terms: Jeffery Burnell, Jeff Hoffman, Larry Johnson, Michele Johnson, Carol Munro, Tony Vardaro. As called for in our bylaws, the Advisory Board will meet within 30 days to elect officers for one-year terms, and to kick off planning for the upcoming year. Members of the new Board were congratulated and thanked for their willingness to serve.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44AM. Everyone was encouraged to stay and to enjoy a box lunch and the opportunity to socialize with their neighbors.