



## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES--APPROVED**

**Saturday, November 12, 2022:: 10:00 AM :: Ocotillo Lodge Clubhouse (1111 E Palm Canyon)**

### **Attendees**

*Members* Carol Munro, Jeff Hoffman, Michele Johnson, Jeffery Burnell, Larry Johnson, Tony Vardaro, Eric Chiel, Lei Udell, Tom DeSimone, Ron Weaver, Kelly Gardner, Patrick Henry, Jeffrey Fine, Barbara Gay, Lowell Tillman, Victoria Balthazor, Terry Johnson, Jennifer Hixon, Paul Stevens, Paul Rafail, Joyce Debreczeni, Fred Ross, David Ross, Michael Wollaeger, Hung Fan, Michael Robert, Robert Webster, Phoung Nyugen, Raymond Bordeaux, Laurie Ridgeway, Jeffery Wiseman, Todd Koopman, Sarah Reed, Bob Bogard, Scott Wigten, Michael Feldman, Mark Worthington, Chris Menrad, Wally Brown, Sheila Brown, Virginia Giokasis, Connie Fine, Nelson Monteleone, Pierson Savono, Layla Maxwell, Horacio Orantes

*Guests* Mayor Lisa Middleton, Paul Ortega

### **Welcome/Announcements/Advisory Board member introductions/Agenda Approval**

The meeting was called to order by Carol Munro at 10:20 am. She thanked the Ocotillo Lodge for use of their facilities for today's meeting. Advisory Board members did self-introductions. Carol reviewed the agenda which was approved as proposed.

### **Approval of April 30, 2022, Minutes**

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2022, General Membership Social Meeting held at the Twin Palms Condominiums East Pool area. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

### **Guest Speakers**

Carol Munro introduced our first speaker Mayor Lisa Middleton, City of Palm Springs. The mayor discussed the status of the City's vacation rental ordinance, homelessness, and crime related issues. She said that the city got a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign's 2022 Municipal Equity Index. She also said that long delayed planning for rail service connecting Palm Springs and Los Angeles is progressing due to recent federal legislation.

Mayor Middleton fielded questions on a range of issues including homelessness, affordable housing, and the search for a new City Manager.

Carol introduced our second guest speaker Paul Ortega, Desert Water Agency Board member. Mr. Ortega described DWA which is a government special district. He provided a drought update, and highlighted current conditions in our valley, across California and on the Colorado River. He

outlined the long-term conditions impacting our water availability, and both current and permanent water restrictions. He also described current enforcement penalties. Finally, he shared suggestions for what residents could do to conserve water, and what outreach DWA is doing to offer incentives to encourage conservation. He completed his presentation with a Q&A period.

### **Award Recognition**

#### *Presentation of Architectural Award*

The Advisory Board periodically selects a recipient for the Neighborhood Architectural Award. Carol Munro said that this award recognizes outstanding architectural contributions to our Twin Palms Neighborhood. She presented Phuong Nguyen with a framed award certificate for “outstanding renovation of their William Krisel designed home, restoring the original breezeway and extended butterfly roofline which exemplifies the neighborhoods ongoing renaissance.”

Ms. Nguyen said she and her husband Matthew Work were very pleased to receive this acknowledgment and thanked everyone for all the support they have received since moving into the neighborhood.

### **Accomplishments Since Last Meeting (April 2022)**

#### *April 30<sup>th</sup> General Membership Social Event*

Carol Munro said that a good time was had by all that attended the Ice Cream Social Event on April 30, 2022. She thanked the Twin Palms Condominiums for providing the beautiful venue at their East Pool Area.

#### *Twin Palms Website and social media accounts*

Jeffery Burnell reported on our efforts to expand our social media outreach. In addition to our website, we are expanding our presence on Instagram, Facebook, and Next Door. We are now utilizing Constant Contact to upgrade the quality of our postings and have a new organizational email address [Info@TwinPalmsPS.org](mailto:Info@TwinPalmsPS.org). To keep everyone updated on neighborhood events, he stressed the important of providing us your email address so we can communicate directly with you. Jeffery was thanked for his leadership in these efforts.

### **Ongoing Activities**

#### *Financial Report*

Larry Johnson said that copies of the 11-22-22 Financial report were on each table. As of this date, total 2022 income was \$57,729.78 (\$36,128.82 beginning balance and \$21,600.96 in new income) and expenditures were \$13,985.81 leaving a balance on hand of \$43,743.97. He noted that as part of our commitment to full disclosure, our Annual Budget and current financial report are posted on our website [TwinPalmsPS.org](http://TwinPalmsPS.org).

#### *2022 TPNO Membership Dues*

Members who made voluntary dues payments today or earlier in the year were thanked for their show of support. Larry said that while there was no formal membership campaign this year, planning is already underway for an organized membership campaign in 2023.

### *Little Library Neighborhood Initiative presentation*

Carol Munro shared the design for a proposed Little Library which is inspired by the Krisel Butterfly roofline. The reaction to the design was very positive. She noted that over 40,000 Little Libraries are in neighborhoods all over the world and allow neighbors to exchange books. Larry Johnson said that the city has agreed to waive all usual permit fees. The Board is now in the process of seeking competitive bids for construction and negotiating an agreement to place the Little Library at a central location in the neighborhood.

### *ONE-PS Update*

Carol Munro said that she and other Board members have been attending ONE-PS meetings over the past 6 months. TPNO is a ONE-PS member which includes representatives of over 50 Palm Springs neighborhood organizations. She said the meetings cover topics of common concerns and are very informative. She invited anyone who would like to attend future meetings to contact her. One-PS meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

### **Planned Activities**

#### *February 20, 2023, Modernism Week Home Tour*

Planning is well underway for the upcoming 2023 Twin Palms Modernism Tour which will feature 4 private residences and 3 condominiums. Twin Palms has sponsored a home tour every year since 2014 except 2021 due to Covid restrictions. In addition to the home tour, Carol Munro said that we are planning several other Modernism Week events to help celebrate our organization's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Michele Johnson said that we need over 60 volunteers and encouraged people to sign up.

Carol said that planning for our Modernism Home Tours is a year-round effort. She said to please contact any of the Board members if you are interested in offering your home for the 2024 tour.

### *Volunteer Opportunities*

Carol encouraged everyone to review the Volunteer Interest Survey and let us know of their interests in volunteering. She highlighted the upcoming December 3, 2022, City of Palm Spring Festival of Lights and said we will participate if there is sufficient interest.

### **Open Membership Discussion/Public Comments**

The meeting was opened to discussion by those in attendance. All attendees had the opportunity to introduce themselves and share a few interesting facts about themselves. The owner of the first new business in our neighborhood in many years, the Twin Palms Resort, expressed appreciation for all the support he has received during the development and grand opening of the resort. Several members mentioned how much they enjoyed the presentation by the Mayor and the Desert Water Agency Board member and thanked them for meeting with us.

### **Adjournment**

Carol Munro thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and invited them to stay for lunch and enjoy a box lunch and beverage and time to socialize with their neighbors. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.