



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, March 29, 2025 :: 9:45 PM :: Ocotillo Lodge Clubhouse

### Attendees

*Members* Carol Munro, Michele Johnson, Jeff Hoffman, Tom Eich, Michael Faulkner, Roger Gendron, Terry Johnson, John Ferroro, Charly Zukow, Nelson Monteleone, Joe Mhemet, Andrew Roher, Eric Chiel, Vivian Chiel, Harold Whitson, Toby Whitson, Laura Miller, Kevin Fruhwirth, Connie Fruhwirth, Tom Desimone, Steven Frank, Robert Webster, Jennifer Hixon, Paul Stevens, Ron Weaver, Virginia Giokaris, Lane Aldridge, Brad Armistead, and Denny Dours.

*Guests* David Ready

### Welcome

Carol Munro welcomed everyone to our Annual Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:16 AM. Carol thanked Tony Vardaro for arranging the use of the Ocotillo Lodge Clubhouse. Members of the Advisory Board were introduced.

### Introductions

Carol asked everyone to introduce themselves.

### Approval of Minutes

There was a **motion and a second** to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 General Membership Social Meeting. **The minutes were approved.**

### Keynote Speaker—

Carol introduced our keynote speaker David Ready, our new District 5 City Councilperson. She summarized his background including the fact David was the Palm Springs City Manager from 2000 to 2021.

David thanked us for the opportunity to share information about some of the most important current City activities. He said his personal top two priorities are service delivery to the public, and economic development. He gave examples of both. He noted the critical importance of tourism, and the revenue it produces to help support City services.



During a wide-ranging question and answer period, he addressed a number of issues including traffic issues related to the bridge being rebuilt south of Downtown, progress on the restoration of the Plaza Theatre, potential new housing development in our neighborhood, crime, and initiatives to address homelessness including the new Navigation Center.

David said he is available to talk with residents about city-related concerns. He gave out his personal phone number (760) 409 0833.

Carol thanked David for joining us today, and for his continued support of neighborhood organizations and the important role they play in improving interaction between city officials and staff and the residents of the city.

Carol reported that our second speaker, Daniel DeSelms, Emergency Manager for the City of Palm Springs, was called away at the last minute for a staffing emergency. She said he did leave brochures and other printed materials about emergency preparedness issues. She also thanked Councilmember Ready for filling in and sharing some highlights of current city efforts to prepare for earthquake and flooding issues.

#### **Accomplishments Since Last General Membership Meeting (November 2024)**

##### *January 9<sup>th</sup> General Membership Social Meeting*

There was a good turnout for the Social Membership meeting. Sven Kirsten, recognized as the top expert on tiki culture, gave a presentation on history of Palm Springs Tiki that was both fun and informative. The tiki decorations and food added a festive mood.

##### *February 8<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Guided Tour*

Eric Chiel recently led another of his complimentary neighborhood walking tours open to only Twin Palms residents. It was “sold out.” Carol encouraged anyone who has not taken the tour to do so the next time the tour is offered in the Fall. This is the same tour that costs \$45 during Modernism Week.

She thanked Eric for generously donating a percentage of his Modernism Week Walking Tours proceeds to TPNO.

##### *February 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Twin Palms Modernism Tour Recap*

This year marked out 10<sup>th</sup> Twin Palms Modernism tour. We sold 440 tickets. Feedback from



attendees and volunteers was very positive. The six homes on the tour gave a good overview of the diversity of homes in our neighborhood. Carol thanked the homeowners, vintage car owners, and tour volunteers who all enjoyed the volunteer after-tour thank you party after a very successful day. Copies of the colorful 2025 Home Tour brochure were on each table for people to take with them.

#### *Community Grant to Plaza Theatre for Seat Naming Rights*

At our November 2024 meeting, JR Roberts, Director of the Plaza Theatre Foundation, mentioned that there were a wide variety of naming opportunities for individuals and organizations to support the restoration of the Plaza Theatre. Carol reported that the Board recently approved a \$2,000 Community Grant to the Foundation to secure a seat to be named for the Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization. She noted that this grant fits very well with at least 3 of our 6 funding priorities.

#### **Ongoing Activities**

##### *Financial Report*

Larry Johnson gave a brief financial report. The current balance on hand is \$77,263.98. A copy of the 3-29-25 report was on each table, and can be found on our website. Attendees were asked to please see Larry after the meeting if they have any questions.

##### *2025 TPNO Membership Campaign*

Larry said that we are accepting voluntary 2025 membership dues today. Membership forms were on each table. He thanked everyone who has already done so. People can also find the membership form on our website and mail it in with their check to our P.O. Box.

##### *Update on Little Free Library*

It has been almost a year since we dedicated our Little Library. Since then, it has become quite a popular destination, with people even coming from outside our neighborhood. Carol said there has been a steady flow of people dropping off books and selecting books to take home. During Modernism Week, all our Home Tour attendees passed by it, along with the double decker buses that drove by multiple times a day. Numerous people posted pictures of the Little Library on their Instagram account.



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A big thanks for Laura Miller, local resident, who is doing an outstanding job keeping our library well stocked and organized. Everyone who has donated books were also thanked for making the Little Library a big success and a unique Twin Palms landmark.

### *Update on William Krisel's Twin Palms Exhibit*

Tom Eich reported on the efforts underway to update and refresh the Exhibit. After many years of display, it is time to upgrade the exhibit content and materials. Special focus is on making sure that all the original Krisel colors are historically accurate. Tom was thanked for his leadership on this effort.

### *ONE-PS Update*

ONE-PS stands for Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs. It is composed of representatives from each of the city-recognized neighborhood organizations in Palm Springs. Carol said the group meets monthly, except in August. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a great way to stay informed about what is happening in the city.

### **Planned Activities**

#### *Upcoming Events Calendar*

Carol said the Board has begun to plan for the Fall General Membership meeting in November, the social event in January 2026, and the Annual meeting in the Spring. Everyone will be notified of the dates once they are set.

#### *Planning for 2026 Twin Palms Modernism Events*

Last summer Modernism Week changed their policy regarding neighborhood home tours which will now be allowed only every other year. So Carol reported that we will not be doing a Twin Palms Home Tour in 2026. The Board may consider some other type of event to sponsor in 2026.

#### *Volunteer Engagement Opportunities*

Volunteer interest forms were on each table. People were encouraged to fill out the form to let us know how they would like to become more involved.



### *Grants and Initiatives Ideas*

Carol reminded the membership that we are always on the lookout for new Community Grant and Neighborhood Initiative ideas. Carol recapped several of the grants and initiatives we have sponsored over the years. If you have a suggestion, please let a board member know.

### *Status/Monitoring of Potential new housing development on E. Palm Canyon Drive*

Carol said that many of you are aware of the early planning stages for a proposed housing development on the large vacant lot along E. Palm Canyon Drive. In February a large group of residents attended a meeting on-site with the developer and provided feedback and questions about the initial outlines of the development. This past week there was an evening meeting of the Planning Commission which provided the first opportunity for the developer to outline their ideas. It was reported that respected local architect Sean Lockyer has been recently hired by the developer. Many members of the community, including nine Twin Palms residents, provided their input to the Commission. Carol said that the Board will be tracking this project and will share any information they obtain about future community meetings and next steps.

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

Carol opened the floor for any comments or questions from those in attendance. Several people thanked all those involved in planning today's very informative meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

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