

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 :: 3:30 PM :: CAROL'S HOUSE

Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm. Board members in attendance were Carol Munro, Tony Vardaro, Larry Johnson, Michele Johnson, and Michael Faulkner. Jeff Hoffman joined via Zoom.

Guests: None

Acceptance of Agenda The agenda was accepted as proposed with the addition of a discussion of future Community Grant ideas requested by Larry Johnson.

Review and approval of minutes of September 17, 2025

It was **Moved/Seconded/Carried** to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025 meeting as presented with the correction of a misspelling.

Public Comment None

Treasurer Report

Copies of the October 15, 2025 Financial Report were emailed in advance. Larry Johnson reported that total 2025 income to date was \$96,423.10 including the beginning balance of \$60,809.14. Expenditures year to date total \$23,836.90, leaving a balance of \$72,586.20. Since the last Board meeting there was new income of \$25 in memberships and \$75 in donations. There were no expenditures.

Communications/Marketing

In advance of the meeting, members were emailed the current Calendar Worksheet for Events/Meetings/ Communications for FY 25-26. Larry said this worksheet is a helpful tool to present a one-page overview of the year and to help plan the interaction between meetings and events and communications with the general membership.

Fall Membership Meeting

The meeting on November 8, 2025 will be held at the Ocotillo Lodge. Registration begins at 9:45 am and the program at 10:15.

Communications Plan Michael Faulkner asked when he should send out the final RSVP email notice of the meeting. It was agreed that the best time to send is on the Sunday before the meeting.

Speaker Status

Carol confirmed that Councilman David Ready is still scheduled to be our Keynote Speaker. She asked Board members to suggest topics for Mr. Ready to be prepared to address. Micheal suggested updates on pending major build projects, including the Orchid Tree property, and the impact declining tourism is having on the city budget. This led to a brief discussion regarding Canadian tourists and their feelings about coming to Palm Springs. Larry suggested addressing the potential impact of rezoning in Palm Springs in general and Twin Palms specifically. He also suggested an update on the progress and completion date for the South Palm Canyon bridge replacement project, an update on efforts to address homelessness with in the city, and a general question about what Mr. Ready sees as the biggest opportunities and challenges facing the city in the next few years. Carol suggested an update on the airport expansion plans. She said she would share all these issues with David in advance of the meeting.

Carol also confirmed that our second speaker will be Battalion Chief Matthew MacLean from our local fire station #4. He can address both the operation of station #4 and also city-wide issues.

Carol again asked members for topics they would like Chief MacLean to address. Michele suggested asking him about wildfire regulations related to insurance issues and landscaping requirements. Michael wants to know if there is any formal fire risk assessment document related to Twin Palms. Larry wondered about trends and the number of calls to Station #4 for assistance in the past year, and what the new structures on the roof of the fire station are. Carol will pass along these questions to Chief MacLean.

Logistics

Friday, November 8th at 4:30 pm was set as the time for room setup for the meeting the next day. Tony, Carol, Larry, and Michael agreed to help. Other Board members are welcome to join them if available.

Larry will order the food. Based on the number of RSVP's, the order will likely be reduced from the last meeting to reduce leftovers.

January 2026 Social Membership Meeting

The Board continued its discussion from the last meeting about entertainment options for the social membership meeting. Carol suggested a game night like bingo. Michael suggested something 1970's related, and/or Twin Palms trivia. Larry again suggested having Eric Chiel

present his new 15 minutes presentation about the golf course that once existed in Twin Palms. We could also ask several long-term residents to share their memories of the golf course. Carol added the idea of renting a mini golf course setup if the price was reasonable. Tony offered to briefly share the recently completed and proposed restorations to the Ocotillo Lodge clubhouse.

After discussion of the options, it was agreed to ask Eric Chiel to be the primary entertainment speaker, and to have Tony Vardaro highlight the newest restorations to the Clubhouse (i.e., formerly the Candlelight Room in the late 50's and early 60's, and their fundraising campaign to continue more renovations).

The Board discussed the pros and cons of several dates in January. Saturday January 24, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm was tentatively agreed to pending confirmation that Eric Chiel was available on that date.

Krisel Exhibit

Tom Eich sent an email to the Board yesterday since he will be out of town today. Included in that email was his update on the status of the redesign of the exhibit. Tom wrote that he is working on identifying the original colors used by William Krisel for Twin Palms. He has had two meetings with our designer focused on the colors to use for the exhibit update. He noted that Dunn Edwards Paint is about to launch a line of Krisel colors. He has also met with Chris Menrad to discuss the history of the colors and obtain the original Krisel source swatches. Our designer is now using these colors to convert them to the Pantone Matching System colors. Finally, he will be meeting soon with Eric Chiel to ensure we are all on the same page as the "official Twin Palms" colors to be used moving forward.

Technology and Communications Update

In his email, Tom also stated that he is working with our webmaster John Mahon to schedule a date certain to cut over to reestablishing our TPNO email addresses on Google Workspace. This is on track to happen in November.

Objectives Status

Traffic Calming

Finally, Tom Eich stated in his email that he is collecting the required number of names of residents that support the formal application to the City requesting a traffic study. We will be asking the study focus on traffic on Navajo and options to slow cars traveling this major north/south street in Twin Palms. Hopefully this study will be approved and take place during the upcoming "high season" when traffic is at its highest level.

Modernism 2027

Carol said efforts to recruit 6 homes for the 2027 Twin Palms Home tour are already underway. She briefly reviewed her current list of potential homes. So far, several home owners have expressed interest in participating in 2027. Several Board members suggested additional potential homes to investigate. Assuming we identify more than 6 homes willing to be on the tour, Larry suggested that one criterion for selecting the final six homes would be location. He said reducing the distance between homes should be considered.

Measure J

Carol said we need to begin the discussion of ideas for a possible Twin Palms application for funding from Measure J. This is money the city receives from the additional sales tax approved by voters. Jeff Hoffman suggested we include some method(s) to engage the residents to solicit their ideas. He suggested we start by introducing the idea of seeking Measure J funding in 2026 for a project in the neighborhood at the November 8th Membership meeting. So meeting attendees have time to think about this in advance, he also suggested that some information about Measure J be attached to the final November 8th Membership Meeting email notice, along with the request that their project ideas will be solicited.

Incorporation Status

Jeff Hoffman reported that our resubmitted application for Federal 501 (c) (3) status is still being reviewed. Reduction in IRS staffing is likely contributing to this very slow review process. He said he hopes for a ruling within the next few months.

Community Grants

Larry reminded the Board that we have \$5,500 left in this year's approved budget that can be spent on Community Grants. Any unspent funds will be rolled over into next year.

The Board brainstormed potential grant ideas. Carol suggested we approach our local Fire Station #4 and see if there was a need for a grant. Another idea was the Palm Springs Animal Shelter. Michael said he saw on the news that they needed a replacement industrial washer.

Larry again suggested we reach out to the Palm Springs Historical Society to inquire if there might be grant opportunities with them. Their organization fits nicely with several of our priorities. Eric Chiel has several good contacts with them and has offered to serve as a liaison to set up an exploratory meeting. The Board agree to proceed with outreach to the Historical Society. Larry suggested that Carol join him and Eric if a meeting is scheduled.

Neighborhood Advocacy

Larry read an email he received yesterday from the potential developer of the housing construction project on the lot adjacent to the Travel Lodge. The developer indicated they are continuing to work on their application to the City Planning Department. In the next month or so, the developer anticipated scheduling another meeting with selected residents to seek input prior to formal submission to the City. No specific timeline for that submission was provided.

Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Advisory Board has been confirmed for Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 3:30 pm. After discussion, the following Board meeting was tentatively set for Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 3:30 pm, pending confirmation of Saturday January 24th for the Social Membership Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.