

May 7, 2022 10:30am.- 1:00pm

## **Little Beverly Hills Neighborhood Meeting Minutes**

### **Get Involved/Action items:**

- Attend Tuesday, May 10 Zoom meeting at 5:30pm regarding development of Bel Air Greens. [Details here](#)
- Go to website and sign up for alerts [www.oswitlandtrust.org](http://www.oswitlandtrust.org)
- Sign up and join LBH's NORG at <https://littlebeverlyhillsp.org/>
- Submit photos of your property to Suzanne Delahanty to feature on [LittleBeverlyHillsPS.org](http://LittleBeverlyHillsPS.org) website. Email 1-2 photos to [suzannedel@me.com](mailto:suzannedel@me.com). Please state your street name (No addresses or names will be posted on web site)

### **Mayor Lisa Middleton**

#### **1PS**

- Explained the history of 1PS and how these neighborhoods are a great tool to create consistent interaction with city council
- Most neighborhoods run 600-700 people
- Neighborhood boundaries are left for each neighborhood to define for themselves
- 1PS is now getting involved and has the stance that neighborhood boundaries need to be inclusive of everyone. The 5 members of city council are aligned on this.
- City council feels very strongly that our LBH boundaries need to be fully inclusive regardless of income, homeowner status, etc.

#### **City Budget**

- City has had two good years budget-wise
- City in the midst of a budget - going to finish at \$170 Mil of revenue coming into the city, up from \$70 Mil 11 years ago
- Investments in downtown during the recession are what is paying dividends in terms of people coming to our city
- In 10 years, sales tax from \$8mil to \$40mil
- Ukraine and inflation will lead to hard decisions on what budget is going to look like
- Will be adding 50 members to city staff
- Adding significantly to police & fire dept
- Fire dept responded to 14k calls last year
- Police dept got 61k calls last year - 167 calls a day asking for response

## **Vacation Rentals**

- City is at 2,300 vacation rentals; Mayor Middleton personally thinks it's time to slow the growth
- City council members believe that once vacation rentals get to be X% of all rentals in a neighborhood it would be time to stop the growth
- Mayor would like to propose that for any new permit, someone would have to live in the home for at least 3 months per year

## **Homelessness issues:**

- Caused by:
  - Lack of housing
  - Mental health
  - Addiction
- None of these are issues which fall under the purview of the police officer. The city is working on ways to approach this

## **Street Paving:**

- City is paving streets that have a 55% grade and below first, 70% is considered satisfactory

## **Lieutenant Mike Villegas, Palm Springs PD**

- Has everything South of Ramon, east of mountains to Cathedral City
- Officers will be designated to work in our area so there is consistency and relationships with residences and businesses

## **Problems in southern Palm Springs**

- Homelessness - working on different ideas on how to deal with these issues
- Traffic - well aware that 1000s of people who are visitors drive carelessly
- Nonviolent crimes - the laws have changed in CA on how we treat non-violent crimes which controls drugs, controlled substances. All are charged as misdemeanors
- They have 6 beats
- 7 new officers in training with more to come. Still understaffed by 5 officers. Some officers are currently injured on duty. Officers have been more inclined to get involved in use of force incidents due to homeless issues
- Call non-emergency lines for complaints regarding parking, trash, violations in public parks
- Car racing on Ramon: Youngsters are souping up cars with loud exhaust, sometimes they aren't going fast. Street racing has also increased - Riverside County does have a team that targets some racing groups. Best thing is to be a defensive driver

## Jane Garrison - Head of Oswit Land Trust

- Oswit Canyon is forever protected from development.
- Huge victory last week - secured 4k acres above RimRock.
- Mesquite golf course is for sale in risk of being developed. Bel Air Greens is also being advertised for development.
- We need a place where people can enjoy nature and see a preserve and botanical garden that is flat and accessible for everyone. This is a priority to Oswit.
- **Where we are now:**
  - Reached out to UCSB - they did a similar project with a golf course. Assembled a restoration team from UCR because of the knowledge that each expert brings together.
  - Oswit has a draft with plans of what these golf courses will look like when they purchase
  - Bel Air Greens: Owned by 4 members of the tribe, Oswit has been approved for \$4Mil grant to purchase - funding is sitting with the state, ready to go. Lease holder is trying to get development plans to increase the property value. **Tuesday at 5:30** is another call for residents to raise their voice. Developer has a plan to create 75 houses - said he is not going to develop it, he is going to sell it.
  - Mesquite (golf course closer to LBH: Still very much a work in progress, want to work with community. House values increase when 2-3 blocks from a nature preserve.
- Wants to schedule a Zoom call for the neighborhood to see plans for the preserve
- PS Golf wants Oswit to buy Bell Air and Mesquite become a nature preserve
- **How to support:**
  - Financial
  - Go to website and sign up for alerts [www.oswitlandtrust.org](http://www.oswitlandtrust.org)
  - Voices needed at City Council meetings

## Kathy Cohn - 1PS

Wants a member of our organization to come to 1PS monthly meetings

Ron - director at Palm condominiums is very pleased they are being welcomed into the association

The Palms undergoing a major project

- Painting the entire complex
- Each building will have accent color to add pizzazz to place
- Entire new lighting system - \$5k loan from Mutual of Omaha
- Desert landscaping on perimeters was installed
- Want to be a good neighbor to us

[LittleBeverlyHillsPS.org](http://LittleBeverlyHillsPS.org) is our new website

- Lists our neighborhood bylaws
- Can do email blasts and field inquiries
- Send photos of LBH homes to Suzanne
- Suzanne controls website, submit photos to her of our homes for website

#### **Voted in Favor**

- *Consideration and voting on a change in the bylaws which would make our bylaws consistent with the boundaries of the Little Beverly Hills Neighborhood as established by the City of Palm Springs. The boundaries, as recognized by the city, are Ramon Road on the north, El Cielo on east, Sunny Dunes on the south, and Compadre on the west. With this change, the Palms Condominiums and the Casa del Cielo Apartments would be explicitly included in our bylaws, more than doubling the number of households in the Organization. a. The Little Beverly Hills "Board of Advisers" agreed on 10/08/2014 with, at that time City Manager David H. Ready, PhD., Esq., that the residents of the condominiums and the apartments would be invited to the annual meetings and "in time," the residents of those facilities would be included in the organization. b. During the eight years that I have been involved with the organization as treasurer, we have rarely had a full complement of board members. This is attributable to the small number of full-time residents, which has gradually decreased with the increasing number of short-term rentals. It has been particularly difficult to retain a secretary. c. Without the city-recognized boundaries, Little Beverly Hills has the fewest households of any of the recognized neighborhoods, which does not serve to our advantage in lobbying for street improvements or in presenting a neighborhood position on such critical issues as golf course conversion. d. We have worked closely with the Palms Condominiums in such areas as crime control. We supported their application to the city for the construction of covered garages, with enhanced lighting and shrubbery removal along Theresa.*

#### **Voted in Favor**

- *Consideration and voting on a change in the bylaws which would enable the membership to vote directly for officers at the annual meeting rather than voting only for board members and letting the board decide what office each board member will fill. a. The current system has never worked well for our organization since, once elected, no board members are willing to fill some positions, notably that of secretary (with the duty of taking minutes) and that of vice president, which carries with it the obligation to attend monthly meetings of the parent organization, Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS). b. The members of the neighborhood should be able to decide whom they want for each position, and those self-nominating for an office will better understand the obligations which they incur in serving in a particular position.*

#### **Voted in Favor**

- *Consideration and voting on a change in the bylaws relative to the titles of officers: a. Change "chairperson" to "president b. Change "vice chairperson" to vice-president c. Change "communications officer" to "communications facilitator"*

## **Election of 2022 LBH NO Officers - New Board:**

President - Rod Davis

VP - Ben Bauer

Secretary - Meredith Gardner

Treasurer - Bill Christiansen

Communications Facilitator - Suzanne Delahanty

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Balance as of the 04/27/2019 General Membership Meeting: \$23226.24**

### **Subsequent expenses to date:**

04/27/2019: \$534.51 Aspen Mills; food for 04/27/2019 General Membership Meeting

07/28/2019: \$200.00 Backpacks for APS students; City drive

11/14/2019: \$197.34 New bank checks

04/04/2022: \$244.50 Rental of P.S. Pavilion for Annual Membership Meeting

04/22/2022: \$25.00 Registry of Charitable Trusts. California Attorney General

### **Subsequent income to date:**

06/01/2019: \$200.00 Return of cleaning fee for Modernism Week house

**Current balance: \$22,224.89**

### **Filings submitted for fiscal year 2021:**

State of California, Franchise Tax Board: 04/22/2022.

IRS: 04/22/2022.

Annual Registration Renewal, Fee Report to Attorney General of California, Registry of Charitable Trusts: 04/22/2022.

State of California, Secretary of State, Statement of Information. Original filing date of Articles of Incorporation was 05/19/2016. New Statement of Information due every other year: **next due before 05/31/2022**. Will need to include names of new officers.

Every California corporation is required to have at least these 3 officers: Chief Executive Officer ( i.e. president); Secretary; and Chief Financial Officer (Treasurer).

Current Agent for Service of Process: Brooke Sivo.

Submitted by William I. Christensen, Treasurer