

# **LITTLE BEVERLY HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION**

## **ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

**The Annual Meeting of the Little Beverly Hills Neighborhood Organization will be held on Saturday, 7 May 2022, at the Palm Springs Pavilion between 10:30 a.m. and noon in the "Leisure Community Room."**

**The Palm Springs Pavilion is located at 401 S. Pavilion Way, immediately northwest of the Palm Springs Swim Center. Access is from E. Baristo Road between S. Sunrise Way and S. Farrell Drive. S. Pavilion Way is the extension of S. Cerritos Drive, renamed as it crosses Baristo Road, and it runs immediately west and adjacent to the Palm Springs High School athletic fields. The driveway to the large parking lot is on the right as you approach the Swim Center and only the back of the Pavilion building is visible from Pavilion Way.**

The Pandemic years have been difficult for this organization, and only two board members remain. It is important that members of the neighborhood attend and seriously consider running for a board position so that we may enter our next year with greater strength. A position on the board is a great way to get to know your neighbors and become acquainted with our city leaders.

The precise order of the agenda is yet to be worked out as we are awaiting confirmation of attendance by Mayor Middleton and by a member of Palm Springs Police force. However, the following items will be included:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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"
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Election of officers
- 6) Presentation by Jane Garrison, President, Oswit Land Trust. An alternative vision for Bel Air Greens Golf Course conversion.**
- 7) Introduction of Mayor Lisa Middleton**
- 8) Meet your community police officers, who will be available for questions.
- 9) Lunch from Aspen Mills

If anyone would be willing to serve as acting secretary and take minutes at this meeting, please contact me ASAP at <mailto:wchrist367@aol.com>

Bill Christensen, Treasurer

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