



**Notes of the discussion of the
Palms Neighborhood Council (PNC) and its Representative Assembly
Wednesday, July 2, 2014
at the IMAN Center, 3376 Motor Avenue, Palms, California**

1. Welcome, Call to Order

Facilitator and President Marissa Stewart welcomed everyone and called the discussion to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. Roll call

Roll call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Six of the 10 Board Members were present at the beginning of the discussion:

Marissa Stewart, President Willie Bell, Residential A
Ryan Bradley, Vice-President Eli Lipmen, Residential C
 Trevor Mulligan, Residential E
 Eliot Hochberg, Business 3

Four Board Members were absent: Nick Greif, Treasurer; Cat Stevens, Residential B; Len Nguyen, Secretary; and Paulina Quaranta, Residential D. The PNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Palms-NC-Bylaws.pdf>), so at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any discussions, make any Motions or take any votes. Ten of the 13 Board Seats were filled. Three Board Seats were vacant (Community-Based Organizations, Business 1 and Business 2). Also attending: 17 Stakeholders and guests.

3. Public forum

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4. c.*] Monica Harmon, Community Police Advisory Board Member, announced the August 5th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. National Night Out at Mar Vista Recreation Center. The PNC could have a booth. Ms. Stewart will Agendize this for the next General Assembly Meeting.

4. Monthly Updates

a. Government Representative Announcements & Reports: (City, State & Federal).
Scott Malsin, Representative for State 54th District Assemblyman Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (310-342-1070; Scott.Malsin@asm.ca.gov), reported that SB1818, the housing density bonus Bill, "is currently the #1 issue" for Neighborhood Councils he has visited. He described issues on which the Assemblyman is working. He will relay to the Assemblyman requests for him to tour on Venice and Robertson Blvds. to view challenges and opportunities. Mr. Malsin encouraged the

PNC to send copies of its position Motions and Resolutions and to contact him with questions. Ms. Stewart would like Mr. Malsin to participate in a potential community forum.

Ms. Stewart will pick up voter registration material from the May 18th PNC Election, including ballots. A Public Records Act request is being processed. She will send Retreat, Ethics Training and Funding Training information to Assembly Members.

Ms. Stewart reported that she “signed everything that needed to be signed.”

There was extensive discussion of whether a Neighborhood Council is allowed to hear reports, even only as discussions without any voting, when there is no quorum. Carmen Hawkins, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, Neighborhood Council Advice Division (Carmen.Hawkins@LACity.org; 213-978-8132; http://atty.LACity.org/Community_Services/Neighborhood_Councils/index.htm), was called and confirmed that public comments can be taken.

5. Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m. Ms. Stewart thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the discussion.

Mr. Hochberg explained that a Special Assembly Meeting was scheduled for 8:15 p.m. and that Assembly Members would stay to see if there is a quorum for that Meeting. At 8:15 p.m. still there was not a quorum and no Special Assembly Meeting was held.

Notes written by DL, edited by PNC Assembly.