



**Minutes of the 150th Meeting of the  
Palms Neighborhood Council (PNC) and its Representative Assembly  
Special Meeting, Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
IMAN Center, 3376 Motor Avenue, Palms, California**

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**I. WELCOMING REMARKS**

Call to Order (Stewart)

President Marisa Stewart called the Meeting to order at 9:36 p.m. This Special Meeting was immediately preceded by a General Meeting.

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

A. Roll Call (Nguyen)

Nine of the 10 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Willie Bell, Nick Greif, Faye Johnson, Eli Lipmen, Eduardo Mendoza, Len Nguyen, Paulina Quaranta, Cat Stevens and Marisa Stewart. One Board Member was absent: Dr. Wayne Byrd (excused). 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 the Board could take such votes. Ten of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats were vacant (Vice-President, Resident 2 and Business 2). [To apply, see <http://PalmsLA.org>.] Also attending: eight Stakeholders and guests.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. MOTION: [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Greif): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves the following resolution: Whereas neighbors and the Palms Neighborhood Council request the alleyway west of the 3700 block of Motor to be paved. It is in a state of considerable disrepair, rendering it hazardous to individuals' quality of life when driving on the alley, and a considerable bike hazard to any cyclist, due to the large potholes in the ground, and uneven terrain. The Palms Neighborhood Council has twice requested that this alley be

completely leveled and paved (not patched or slurry sealed) in 2011 and 2012. Therefore, be it resolved that the Palms Neighborhood Council will write Rep. Karen Bass, Rep. Ted Lieu, Councilmember Paul Koretz, the U.S. Postmaster General and the Bureau of Street Services Resurfacing and Reconstruction Division to request resurfacing of the entire alleyway.

**MOTION PASSED**; zero opposed or abstained.

B. MOTION: [see the below Motion].

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III. C.]*

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Mendoza, seconded by Ms. Stewart): The Palms Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$500 for EmpowerLA Time Warner Cable TV group buy for 3,400 ad spots for West region election outreach voter publicity.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Bell, Greif, Johnson, Lipmen, Mendoza, Nguyen, Quaranta, Stevens and Stewart); zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. MOTION: [see the below Motion].

**MOTION** (by Ms. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Greif): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves the following resolution: Whereas workers of the Palms Post Office have expressed concerns about water, air quality and other issues at the post office and whereas Rep. Ted Lieu has convened a task force with staff meeting with USPS managers to address various issues, Therefore, be it resolved that the Palms Neighborhood Council will write Rep. Karen Bass, Rep. Ted Lieu, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and U.S. Postmaster General to request that any such issues be investigated and addressed.

**MOTION PASSED**; zero opposed or abstained.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments at this time.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Stewart declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:39 p.m.

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