



**Minutes of the 159th Meeting of the
Palms Neighborhood Council (PNC) and its Representative Assembly
General Meeting, Wednesday, November 2, 2016
IMAN Center, 3376 Motor Avenue, Palms, California**

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I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

a. Call to Order (Greif)

President Nick Greif welcomed everyone and called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He explained procedures and rules.

b. Roll Call (Jadulang)

Secretary Claire Jadulang called the roll. Nine of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Elena Albright, James Dusenberry, Pam Fellin, Nick Greif (President), V. Claire Jadulang (Secretary), Maria Muñoz, Alison Regan, Paul Seo, Melissa Wyatt (Treasurer). Andres Cuervo (Vice-President) and Zale Richard Rubins arrived later. No Board Members were absent. Katie Sloss (Residential Rep. A) had resigned. The PNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see

<https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Eleven of the 13 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant (Residential Rep. A and Business Rep. 1; to apply, see <http://PalmsLA.org>.) Also attended: 22 Stakeholders and guests.

II. COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT REPORTS

a. Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz

Joseph Galloway, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Five Councilman Paul Koretz (323-866-1828; Joseph.Galloway@LACity.org; <http://CD5.LACity.org>), announced that, at 10444 National, “ADA access ramps” will be installed “hopefully within the next couple of months.” Palms Elementary School is working to get crossing guards. The City Bureau of Street Services is resurfacing a number of streets. “Venice Blvd. was recently given over from the State to the City,” which enables

the City to implement improvements; Mr. Galloway said “we will be working with the Palms Neighborhood Council” on that. Freeway over- and underpasses still will be in Caltrans jurisdiction. He “asked the Councilman for Overland to be our Great Street . . . we will write a support letter” with the PNC about it.

b. Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

No representative was present and there was no report.

c. LA Police Department

Juan Ceja, LAPD Pacific Division Senior Lead Officer (310-482-6334; 32929@LAPD.LACity.org;

http://www.LAPDOnline.org/pacific_community_police_station), reported that “we caught a couple of burglars” responsible for a residence and a vehicle theft; arrests also were made for sidewalk distraction burglaries by armed crews. He believed that some stolen phones are being put in mall used cell phone collection facilities. The annual Winter Wonderland will be December 10th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the LAPD Pacific Division Station [12312 Culver Blvd., 90066]. Year-to-date there is “almost a 12% crime reduction” overall. The Domestic Assault Response Team (DART) helps victims.

d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

No representative was present and there was no report.

e. Other Government Departments/Agencies

Zaneta Smith, Field Representative for State 54th District Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (323-841-0377; ZanetaJSmith@gmail.com; assemblymember.ridley-thomas@assembly.ca.gov), reported on their Open House and the minimum wage increase.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Goldstrom, of Westside JCC marketing, described their services to the entire community. Their Run, and Health and Wellness Expo and fundraiser will be Sunday, December 11th. Volunteers are needed. Flora Diaz of the LA Recreation and Parks Commission will try to help recruit a new PNC Area A Residential Representative. Father Vincent Shamo, of St. Mary’s of Palms Church, reported that the October 8th annual Faris Drive Block Party between Shamrock and Hammond had “nearly 100 people . . . had a good time”; he thanked the PNC for its funding. Stakeholder Lee Wallach, of the Motor Avenue Improvement Association (MAIA), will have a press conference regarding Venice Blvd. issues; also, cameras were installed at Woodbine Park. Jesse Creed, City Council District Five candidate, “wants to be an independent voice”; he described his community work and will work for land use planning.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Mr. Cuervo): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves Agenda Item #s IV. a. – g.

CONSENT MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Albright, Cuervo, Dusenberry, Fellin, Greif, Jadulang, Muñoz, Regan, Rubins, Seo and Wyatt; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- a. MOTION: To approve minutes from 10/5/16 General Assembly meeting. [See Supplemental Agenda Appendix]

MOTION PASSED as part of this Item #IV. consent Agenda.

- b. MOTION: Amend the Planning and Land Use Committee Description in the “PNC Standing and Ad Hoc Committees” document to read “The Planning & Land Use Committee provides representation and advocacy for the community. We are dedicated to making our neighborhood a safe, vibrant and diverse place to live, work and play.

MOTION PASSED as part of this Item #IV. consent Agenda.

- c. FUNDING MOTION: Authorize spending up to \$500 on Public Safety Committee flyering to promote block captain acquisition, public safety tips, and public safety day.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED as part of this Item #IV. consent Agenda.

- d. FUNDING MOTION: Authorize spending up to \$1,600 to Co-Sponsor the LAPD Winter Wonderland Toy Drive by purchasing tents for the event from Hillcrest Party Rentals and setting up a PNC tent at the event on Saturday December 10th.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED as part of this Item #IV. consent Agenda.

- e. MOTION: To remove Gary Holm from the Homelessness Committee.

MOTION PASSED as part of this Item #IV. consent Agenda.

- f. MOTION: To Co-Sponsor the 2017 Palms Homeless Count on January 25th and authorize the Homelessness Committee to coordinate the PNC’s involvement.

MOTION PASSED as part of this Item #IV. consent Agenda.

- g. FUNDING MOTION: Amend the budget to add \$5,000 to the budget under Code 600 Unallocated pursuant to approved council motion 16-0600-S163 which adds \$5,000 to each NC budget.

[<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-0600-S163>]

FUNDING MOTION PASSED as part of this Item #IV. consent Agenda.

V. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

a. President's Report (Greif)

Mr. Greif reported that the PNC is seeking an administrative assistant.

b. Vice-President's Report (Cuervo)

Mr. Cuervo reported that the email system is up and running; "the website most likely will be up and running by our next meeting." The City Council is considering banning sleeping in vehicles from 9:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. and within one block of schools and parks.

c. Secretary's Report (Jadulang)

Ms. Jadulang indicated that there was no report.

d. Treasurer's Report (Wyatt)

i. MOTION: To approve the October Treasurer's Report and Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) [See Supplemental Agenda Appendix]

Ms. Wyatt distributed copies of and reviewed the October 2016 PNC "Monthly Expenditure Report," the "[PNC] FY 16-17 Budget Adopted on 7-6-16," the "[PNC] Balance Sheet for FY 2016-17 Prepared as of 10/28/2016," the "[PNC] Statement of Expenditures for FY 2016-17 Prepared as of 10/28/2016," and a list of "Purchases by Line Item" so far this Fiscal Year, The balance was \$29,746.72.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Ms. Wyatt): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves its Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2016.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Albright, Cuervo, Dusenberry, Fellin, Greif, Jadulang, Muñoz, Regan, Rubins, Seo and Wyatt; zero opposed; zero abstained

e. Community-Based Organization Rep (Regan)

Ms. Regan reminded to vote November 8th and reported that L.A. County is being urged to act on a needle take-back program.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Commercial Corridor Activation (Albright): Update; next meeting 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16th at Fire Station 43 (3rd Wednesday of the month)

Ms. Albright noted the above and announced the submission of Overland Ave. for the Mayor's Great Streets program.

- i. MOTION: To [see the below Motion]. [Any boxes that require payment to paint will need to still come to the General Assembly for funding.]

MOTION (by the Committee): The Palms Neighborhood Council authorizes the Commercial Corridor Activation Committee to coordinate and commission artists to paint all the unpainted commercial street adjacent utility boxes in Palms.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that parkways, the areas between curbs and sidewalks, are the responsibility of business and property owners.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- b. Communications & Outreach (Jadulang): Update; next meeting 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 15th at Fire Station 42 (3rd Tuesday of the month)
Ms. Jadulang encouraged applying [Claire.Jadulang@PalmsNC.LA] for the administrative assistant position, especially if you have digital marketing experience.
- c. Green (Dusenberry): Update; Update; next meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 16th at Fire Station 43 (3rd Wednesday of the month)
Mr. Dusenberry reported that the Committee met and discussed the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance and the City's Cool Blocks Program. He encouraged contacting him [James.Dusenberry@PalmsNC.LA] to participate.
- d. Planning & Land Use (Wyatt): Update; next meeting 7 p.m. Monday, November 14th at IMAN Center (3rd Monday of the month)
Mr. Greif noted that the next Committee meeting would be November 21st, not 14th. Ms. Wyatt reported that the Committee met; she explained the below Motion.
- i. MOTION: The Planning and Land Use Committee recommends that the Palms Neighborhood Council [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by the Planning and Land Use Committee): The Palms Neighborhood Council supports working with Beautify Earth on a mural program in Palms and will write a letter to Councilmember Koretz indicating our interest in seeing a proposal for this program to move forward.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- e. Public Safety (Seo): Update; next meeting 7 p.m. November 8th at Fire Station 43 (2nd Tuesday of the month)
Mr. Seo encouraged "be aware of your surroundings." He reported from the CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board;
http://lapdonline.org/pacific_community_police_station/content_basic_view/8984)

Meeting that GMC trucks' third seats are being stolen and resold. He encouraged reporting graffiti through the MyLA311 app. The Committee discussed creating a Palms Public Safety Day for Police and Firefighters "to come out and meet the public." The Committee set up a Palms Crime Watch on Nextdoor.com to be "a conduit" for information to the Police.

- f. Transportation & Infrastructure (Cuervo): Update; next meeting 7 p.m. Monday, November 14th at Fire Station 42 (3rd Monday of the month)

Mr. Cuervo reported that the Committee is working on a parking permit pilot program. Also, the Expo Line train [https://media.metro.net/riding_metro/bus_overview/images/806.pdf] is running every six minutes. Metro approved more bike share stations and will work to include Palms in the next group.

- i. MOTION: To [see the below Motion]. [See Supplemental Agenda Appendix]

MOTION (by Ms. Regan, seconded by Ms. Wyatt): The Palms Neighborhood Council authorizes the Transportation Committee to send a letter to local and state leaders regarding changing the entrance on Overland Ave northbound onto the I-10W into a two lane entrance with pedestrians on a separate walk phase.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Regan and Mr. Greif explained the Motion. Mr. Cuervo encouraged submitting [Andres.Cuervo@PalmsNC.LA] transportation ideas.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- g. By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee (Greif): Update; next meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 22nd at the Fire Station (4th Tuesday of the month)

Mr. Greif noted the above and that the Committee is doing an "overhaul" of the PNC Standing Rules and the Bylaws.

- i. MOTION: The Palms NC [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Ms. Fellin): The Palms Neighborhood Council approves amending the Bylaws to revise Election Rules in Article X Section 6 to remove the following language from section C: "~~The candidate with the highest number of votes will be declared the winner. Instant runoff voting will be used if no majority is obtained. Instant run-off voting is defined as follows: voters rank candidates in order of choice: first, second, third and so on. If anyone receives a majority of the first choice votes, that candidate is elected. If not, the last place candidate is defeated, and all ballots are counted again, but this time each ballot cast for the defeated candidate counts for the next choice candidate listed on the ballot. The process of eliminating the last place candidate and recounting ballots continues until one (1) candidate receives a majority of the vote.~~"

DISCUSSION: Mr. Greif explained the Motion. Board Members and Stakeholders expressed support and opposition.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Dusenberry, seconded by Mr. Rubins): The Palms Neighborhood Council will TABLE this Item to its next regular General Board Meeting.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED unanimously.

Mr. Greif also reported that the Committee will discuss adding Youth, and also Community Interest Stakeholder Seats, which would increase the number of Board Seats from 13 to fifteen.

- h. Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee (Fellin): Update; next meeting Wednesday, November 23rd at Culver Palms Church of Christ (4th Wednesday of the Month). Ms. Fellin reported that the Committee did not meet because there was no quorum.

Board Member Melissa Wyatt left at this time (8:26), making 10 Board Members present (the PNC quorum is seven).

Ms. Fellin noted the increasing number of homeless women and children. The Committee will discuss solutions at its December 14th or 15th Meeting. The next LAHSA (L.A. Homeless Services Authority) [LAHSA@NationBuilder.com; <http://lahsa.org>] homeless "Count" will be in January.

- i. Executive (Greif): Update; next meeting 8:15 p.m. Monday, November 21st at Fire Station 43 (4th Monday of the month)
 - i. CIS Motion: Therefore, [see the below Motion]. [See appendix for motion]

MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Mr. Cuervo): Be it resolved that the Palms Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS Council File 14-1624 and will submit this Community Impact Statement: "A single point of contact at key City departments would substantially assist NCs and neighborhoods in coordinating with departments."

DISCUSSION: Mr. Greif explained the Motion.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MOTION: The Palms Neighborhood Council resolves to communicate to the Los Angeles City Council that it SUPPORT / OPPOSE Measure A on the November

8th, 2016 ballot. [See Supplemental Agenda Appendix for PRO and CON arguments]

MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Mr. Dusenberry): The Palms Neighborhood Council resolves to communicate to the Los Angeles City Council that it SUPPORTS / OPPOSES Measure A on the November 8th, 2016 ballot.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Greif explained the Motion, noting Palms' open space need.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Mr. Dusenberry): The Palms Neighborhood Council deletes “/ OPPOSES” from the above Motion.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously.

- b. **DISCUSSION and CIS MOTION:** Discussion on LA City Council President Herb Wesson's request of NCs to [see the below Motion]. [See Supplemental Agenda Appendix for Council President letter, committee recommendations, and report]

MOTION (by Mr. Greif, seconded by Ms. Fellin): The Palms Neighborhood Council will Agendize and discuss pending changes to cannabis regulation in the City of Los Angeles, including a potential CIS Motion to recommend policy suggestions to the City of Los Angeles

DISCUSSION: Mr. Greif explained and there was discussion of the issue. Ms. Regan reminded that possession or use of cannabis [marijuana] is still illegal by federal law. Mr. Rubins and Mr. Seo wanted more information before voting.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Rubins, seconded by Ms. Fellin): The Palms Neighborhood Council will TABLE this Item to its next regular General Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of whether to table this Motion; Stakeholders supported tabling the Motion.

Board Member Claire Jadulang left at this time (9:06), making nine Board Members present (the PNC quorum is seven).

MOTION to TABLE PASSED by a hand vote with six in favor; two opposed; zero abstained. [President Greif did not vote.]

IX. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. Residential Rep. A (Vacant) -- This Board Seat is available.
- b. Residential Rep. B (Fellin)

Ms. Fellin reported that Stakeholders wanted to know the status of vehicle speed mitigation measures.

c. Residential Rep. C (Dusenberry)

Mr. Dusenberry encouraged reporting suspicious behavior and joining Nextdoor.

d. Residential Rep. D (Seo)

Mr. Seo reported that there have been mail and phone thefts using stolen universal keys.

Board Member Maria Muñoz left at this time (9:12), making eight Board Members present (the PNC quorum is seven).

Mr. Seo encouraged safely filming and/or photographing criminal behavior and giving it to the Police.

e. Residential Rep. E (Albright)

Ms. Albright indicated that there was no report at this time.

f. Business Rep. 1 (Vacant) -- This Board Seat is available.

g. Business Rep. 2 (Muñoz)

Ms. Muñoz was not present and there was no report.

h. Business Rep. 3 (Rubins)

Mr. Rubins reported that recreational vehicles are being left or parked when they should not be.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Greif declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 9:24 p.m.

This General Meeting was immediately followed by a Special Meeting.

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