

Racquet Club West Neighborhood Organization-Minutes of Annual Meeting of April 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Bob Farran at McLeans Offices at 6:00 pm. Self-introductions were made, and neighbors enjoyed pizza and cookies. Eighteen people in attendance. The minutes of the fall meeting were reviewed and filed. The treasurer's report indicated that we have \$884.49 in our account at Sun Federal Credit Union with some anticipated expenses for the community garage sale permit and the cost of pizzas. Peter Sipkins, chairs of ONE-PS was introduced, and he invited interested members to the monthly meetings.

Lt. Frank Browning of the Palm Springs Police Department reported on local crime statistics indicating a reduction in most areas but with the month of October 2022 being a month with the most issues. He will add patrols this coming October. If you need to contact him:

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Mark Hames and David Maurice Jones did a presentation on Disaster Preparedness including hand outs and information on purchasing kits for your home. Information is also on the neighborhood website at www.racquetclubwest.org. This is the first in a series of presentations. It was agreed that the community gathering point would be at "five-points" in the center of the neighborhood.

Bob provided an update on the Navigation Center indicating that the construction phase is about to begin, and the advisory committee is now focusing on the programs to be offered via Martha's Kitchen, the designated provider. A fall/winter opening later this year is anticipated. The new City Manager reported recently that a second facility is being considered in the southern/eastern area of the city for overnight stays.

Other items reported included information about the garage sales on Saturday, April 22 with four homes participating; Little Free Library is full of donated books; a new provider has been identified for the mental health center and will be invited to a future meeting; and acknowledgment of street improvements in the area.

Neighborhood issues included attempting to get improvement to the Five-points intersection and removal of thrash and junk on a vacant lot off Pico. Bob indicated that he will seek city involvement and report the trash issue via the City app. We still have one blade sign needing a sponsor and, in the fall, we will try to give five more sponsors for signs. Also, at the fall meeting we will invite our city councilperson Jeffrey Bernstein.

The election of officers was held with Member at large Rock Johnson, Mark Hames, David Jones, Secretary Marisa Estrada, Treasurer Erin Havel, Vice Chair Rick Bernardin and Chair Bob Farran being elected by the body. A list of accomplishments for the previous year was also distributed and will be attached to the minutes.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Farran bobfarran@yahoo.com

