



2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2023

The meeting resumed 10:40 am

- Welcome and Introductions

Board members present:

- Rod Davis - President
- Ben Bauer - Vice President
- Bill Christensen - Treasurer
- Meredith Gardner - Secretary

- Special Guests

o Mayor Grace Garner

- Working on navigation center for homelessness in PS
 - The team has already begun work and started receiving supplies
 - Expanding access to more shelter spaces are available
- May 8th Initial Budget discussion
 - A 2-year budget has been introduced
 - The budget will be approved on June 29th
 - Encourage feedback from the community
- Questions:
 - Ben: "Who pays for the art at Demuth Park?"
 - Have an artist's commission made up of local artists who select what goes in the park; the council will then approve
 - Rod: "How do resources for the next two years compare to previous years?"
 - We are seeing a very solid budget, not as strong as when we received high TOT during the COVID years, but it's still significant
 - JP: "what's the relationship between the city and Prescott Preserve?"
 - There's been no funding so far from the city
 - There's been construction on Mesquite and El Cielo for 6 months
 - Its an expansion of the CV link to connect transportation throughout the city
 - It was for pedestrian and bike traffic
 - It's a Coachella Valley project, not a city project
 - Tom Kirk represents CV Link
 - Richard: Section 14 Restoration efforts

- There were forced evictions, and homes burned down
 - Residents were laborers, domestic workers, etc., and primarily black and brown people
 - City was approached by survivors of section 14 for reparations
 - The city is considering hiring a consultant to determine ideas for moving forward. The majority of the council feels consultant won't have an objective lens
 - The city will be sending another RFP to find out who can do this work
- o Palm Springs Police Department - Lieutenant Mike Villegas (area commander for LBH)
- Crime stats:
 - 8 reportable crimes year to date, all property related
 - Take preventative measures
 - Lock things up, Dont leave property in plain sight
 - Lighting
 - Cameras
 - Register surveillance systems with the police dept
 - Operation Relentless Sun:
 - Began Feb 1
 - Well over 400 homeless living in our city; they move around often, likely closer to 300 as it gets hotter
 - The emergency shelter will be going in east of Walmart
 - Ramon crossing was cleaned up (over 30 tents)
 - Ordinance was updated to kick people out of the airport
 - The biggest issue is in the wash area (east and west of Gene Autry); they cannot kick them out but have been doing sweeps of the area, waiting for housing to move them
 - The Navigation center will help with
 - Employment
 - Drug rehabilitation
 - Mental health
- o ONE-PS - Denise Goolesby & Peter Simkins
- Up to 52 neighborhoods
 - There is a monthly neighborhood newsletter
 - Trying to get everyone together and highlight good neighborhoods are doing
 - The direction of org is to let the city council know through the neighborhoods what residents think before their meetings
 - Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:30, except August
 - PS Police dept training center
- o Oswit Land Trust/Prescott Preserve - Jane Garrison
- Working fast to get everything done. There is money in the state for conservation, and they are trying to secure that funding for Prescott
 - Closed on property in August, hired LSA for restoration & envir, & Brightview landscape architects to ensure perimeter is pretty

- To do the planning, they look at hydrology, soil studies, biological resource assessment
- Trying to secure \$10M grant (application will be shared with the public) - need to show they are building a preserve that's sustainable for 25 years (need to include how they are monitoring success, how they intend to fund, etc.)
 - Will be submitted on 5/1
 - The state will review for 2-3 months
 - 8/24 state will vote on the project
 - If they vote yes, Prescott can begin working on the project in November
- First-year planning, the second year is planting
- Want to begin planting next season
- The area may be closed at times due to the planting
- Dogs have been prohibited from certain trails because it can jeopardize funding as a preserve
- There will be a 5-20ft border for the entire perimeter of the preserve - native plants - Cactus, ocotillo (fire resistant and prevents people from entering)
- The goal is project is finished 18 months from November (2 planting seasons) - will have 3 years to complete work on the project
- Bell Air Greens:
 - They have a \$4mil approved grant for flood plain protection with the state to do this project
 - Two sets of landowners and one lease holder can't come to an agreement
 - Haven't pushed forward with development plans
- Lawsuit with the condo complex:
 - Jane has exchanges with board members despite them saying they never heard about her plans
 - Board members met with the developer
 - There is nothing in their lease saying it has to be a golf course
 - OLT has spent \$300k to fight their lawsuit, they spent \$600k
 - Turnover with several HOA board members, hoping for a reasonable outcome - asked them to dismiss it
 - The state will not fund with an active lawsuit against OLT
- If OLT doesn't get a grant because of condo lawsuit
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- Neighborhood Updates
 - President's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - LBH Modernism Week Tour Recap and 2024 Opportunity
 - The neighborhood has already been selected for next year's Modernism Week tour
- 2023-24 Elections
 - Volunteer Committee Opportunities
 - Identifying block captains for each neighborhood

Election of Officers - New Board:

- Rod Davis - President
- Rob Gallagher - VP
- Bill Christensen - Treasurer
- Meredith Gardner - Secretary
- Brian Ramos - Communications

Meeting Adjourned