

**PALOS VERDES CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**March 26, 2026 – Thursday 6:30 -8:00 pm**  
**Koelbel Library, Room C**  
**On-site Meeting**

**Minutes**

Board Members Attending:

Co-President – Dawn Biniek (27)

Co-President – Fran Summerhill (26)

Vice Pres – Nancy Nickless (27)

Treasurer – Stacey Hilzer (27)

Robert Truhlar (26)

Rod Brown (26)

Curtis Barber (27)

Alex Spahiu (27)

**6:32 Welcome** - Member/Guest Comments: Morgan Scuster and Holly Spahiu were in attendance as guests.

**6:35 Approval of Agenda** Approved by Alex, seconded by Fran

**6:40 Approval of Minutes of last Board Meeting(s)**, 02/26/2026 - Approved by Rod, seconded by Fran.

Dawn said she will go to the next District 2 meeting and ask our new representatives if one of them will attend a PVCA board meeting so we can give more details on our request to install a mirror under the Orchard bridge.

**6:45 Financial Report** - approved by Rod, seconded by Bob. Stacey said the bill for Senske has not been paid yet, so it will appear on the April report. We are below the number of paid members compared to this time last year.

**7:05 Reports**

a. Grounds Committee and Related Items

i. Landscape Maintenance on Holly and Orchard - Nancy has received a very detailed proposal from Namatse for tree work on Holly and Orchard. Alex has a verbal quote and no knowledge of the license and bonding status of his landscaper, so he will get more details. Fran asked Stacey to send her the contact name for the company we used the last time tree work was done, so she can ask for a proposal from them also.

ii. Xcel mitigation on Holly update - Morgan expressed concern about all the new paint markings on Holly and Orchard, which others have observed too. Rod has contacted the city to see if they know who the contractor is. He is also following up on the status of the clean-up requested on Holly, following the large Xcel project. Flags, sandbags, and painted rocks are all still there, and an eyesore.

**7:25 Membership/Welcome 2025/2026** – Sales in Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb – (6) Gift Cards mailed Sales in Mar – (2)

**7:30 New Business**

a. 2026 Large Community Grants - Nancy, Bob, and Dawn met with Ryan to discuss the possibility of submitting a request for a \$10,000 grant, which would cover the cost of a bench and landscaping near the PV Park bridge. However, SSPRD says they have plans to put seating near the bridge when it is replaced in the next year or two, so the request for a bench grant will not proceed. Rod is going to pursue the option of submitting a grant to pay for lighting the trees at the Maplewood entrance before the application window closes on April 1st.

b. 2026 Small Community Grants - Open registration starts April 1 for these \$500 grants, and Stacey will be applying for 4 or 5 to ask for help paying for our social events.

c. 2026 Event Schedule - Stacey will post information about the Egg Hunt on ND. Fran reported that the southern end of the Holly perimeter is badly in need of a cleanup, which led to a conversation about neighborhood cleanup. The board agreed it should be moved to Earth Day on April 22, and Stacey suggested that we give away edible forks to encourage attendance. Ruth has enlisted the help of a new neighbor to help her run Movie Night. Stacey will reserve the movie equipment for either August 8th or Sept 12th. Food trucks will return again, on the third Thursday of each month, May through September.

d. Fran expressed concern that no other beautification has been planned for the 2 entrance monuments at Maplewood. Given the lack of water in that location, there was general agreement that river rock or similar could be used to conceal the new rock platforms and complete the two areas. She will do research on the cost of such a project.

e. The flag at Maplewood will be replaced this Spring - Stacey will call the company used in the past

### **7:50 Old Business and Adjournment**

a. Communications/Newsletter - Second quarter newsletter is in progress, and Curtis previously said he would have it ready by April 1st. Dawn asked Rod if he would follow up with a new resident who lives on Ivanhoe and has had to replace a perimeter fence post. He told Dawn that additional repairs to the perimeter fence on his property are needed

b. CenCON Update - Dawn attended the meeting on March 23rd. A representative for the new women's soccer team presented updates on the new temporary stadium they will use until their own is completed. The project is way behind schedule. It will seat 12,000 people. The complex will include pitches, with either real or synthetic grass.

### **2026 Palos Verdes Calendar of Events**

	<b>Date/Leader</b>
Spring Egg Hunt	Apr 4, Sat prior to Easter
Neighborhood Clean-up Day	Jun xx, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Food Trucks	May - September
Dumpster Day	June xx, 8 am – noon - PV Park (Curtis)
4th of July Parade/Flag Distribution	July 4th (Sat / D. Jones)
Movie Night	Aug xx,
End-of-Summer Picnic	Sept xx, 4 pm – 6:00 pm - PV Park
Dumpster Day	Oct xx
October Annual Meeting	Oct 22 - BOD Elections / 2027 Budget
Halloween Hut	Oct 31 (Sat), 6-8 pm, PV Park
Board Officer Elections	Nov 19
Holiday Decorations Distribution	Nov 27
Holiday Social	Dec XX

Next Scheduled Board Meetings: (Typically 4th Thurs, scheduled 2-3 months in advance)

Apr 23 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Koelbel Library, Meeting Room C

May 28 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Koelbel Library, Meeting Room XXX

Jun 25 – 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Koelbel Library, Meeting Room XXX

