



Baristo NOrg

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -- MINUTES

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Meeting held at PS Library's Learning Center, and via Zoom

Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the bylaws, notice of the meeting and agenda for the Annual General Membership of the Baristo Neighborhood Organization was provided to the members via the Organization website, Realtor signs posted throughout the neighborhood, The Roadrunner (our monthly newsletter), a posting on Nextdoor and an email notification. The meeting was held on the above referenced date.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by Ned Barker, Chair. The Norg will be using new technology "Slido Polling" to track attendance, budget approval and solicit feedback via online surveys, questions, and volunteer activities .

Roll Call

Present: Ned Barker, Chair/Secretary; Patrick Vincent, Vice Chair; Michael Conway, Treasurer; and Andria Antoine , Communications Officer. A quorum was established.

Board Business

A. Approval of Minutes

The Organization had a quarterly Board Meeting on December 16th, 2023. The minutes were distributed to the Board members and posted on the Organization's website. A Motion was made by Patrick Vincent and seconded by Angie Thill to approve the minutes. All four Directors were in favor, none opposed.

B. Board Member Elections.

Motion was made to re-elect all 4 current board members, Using Slido the membership voted unanimously to vote FOR all board members for two-year terms. David Reilly from VUE Palm Springs introduced himself as a self-nominated board candidate. No write-in ballots were received. Motion was made and a second was received to add nominee David Reilly to the Board. Voting via polling software was unanimous with no opposing.



C. Treasurer's Report

Ned reviewed the 2023 Income and Expenses with a yearend balance of \$970.96. He continued to outline the 2024 proposed budget. The Org would like to do more active events in 2024 and have added these to the proposed budget. Hoping to collect donations by selling Blade signs.

Motion to pass the budget was made by Andria Antoine and second by Mark Richard, no comments/discussion was made to pass the 2024 proposed budget.

Board member focus.

Ned explained that the Board members are actively working with three workgroups, Traffic & Pedestrian Safety, Beautification & Improvements and Homelessness. He then mentioned the boards focus on maximizing neighborhood engagement, participating more in social events like One-PS Picnic and National Night out, enhancing our communication method.

Working Group Updates

Patrick Vincent gave an update on the Traffic & Pedestrian Safety initiative. The board met with the police several months and were guided to pick one initiative. They decided to focus on El Segundo as this has multiple issues such as speeding, dark, no pedestrian cross walks and cross streets are not aligned and no good corner to cross El Segundo. They have started tracking info on Speed on that street and will go through the SafeGrowth Program to determine next steps. Members brought up the need to focus on Ramon (known as the Ramon Expressway) and discussion was held about the city's plan to address Ramon, but nothing has been initiated. May be part of the City's Master Plan or the Section 14 plan.

Michael Conway gave a brief update on Beautification; he mentioned the need for neighborhood assistance in maintaining the streetside trash and vacant lots. He referenced to engage the city via the PS App. Michael also mentioned an initiative to put up signs identifying the Baristo Neighborhood.

Both Michael and Ned mentioned the National Night Out event in early October. Looking for ideas and suggestions to make this a successful event.

Ned educated the members with the Homelessness workgroup. He mentioned that this is much bigger than the neighborhood organization and we will not solve it therefore the efforts of the committee are to focus on providing information on homelessness including opportunities for volunteering The Baristo Norg website is filled with educational information on this topic to educate the community.

Ned updated the members with two initiatives within the Baristo Park and playground is slotted for a shade structure this year and new Playground equipment in the future, with no date yet.

PALM SPRINGS -C.E.R.T. Community Emergency Response Team.



Ned explained that we have a supply of Doorknob hangers with preparation checklists. These are for neighborhood and not in the event of a real issue such as an earthquake. These wanting more can get the information directly from the Baristo Website under Emergency Preparedness.

ONE-PS Meeting:

Patrick updated members on the March 12th ONE-PS meeting and highlighted the new website “Engage Palm Springs”, Reminder on the 3/23 Picnic, Briefly covered the Housing initiatives such as the Access center, entry way to Navigation center. He mentioned the two additional affordable housing projects under construction in the city besides the Monarch Apartments recently opened. The Aloe and the Vista Sunrise II and the city halls initiative to give another \$1 million for tenant relief. Patrick announced that the city received a \$96 Million for construction of the Visa Chino bridge. This is planned for 2026 and is a federal project. Measure J has 3 open commissioner positions opening in June and anyone interested should apply.

Baristo Neighborhood & PS Housing Element:

Guest speaker David Newell; *AICP, MPA, Assistant Director of Planning, City of Palm Springs, Department of Planning services.*

David presented the detailed Housing Element Plan, that was updated in 2019 and covers an 8-year plan from 2021 – 2029. He covered the housing elements such as the housing needs, constraints, inventory of available lands, goals & policies, and implementation programs. David’s presentation generated great questions from the members on topics such as Tribal land, how the city is planning to address housing affordability, general height limits, water and infrastructure concerns associated with increased density. David’s Power Point presentation and the meeting video is available on the Baristo website.

Baristo Neighborhood – Traffic & Pedestrian Safety project:

Guest Speaker Officer Luciano Colantuono, Long term officer with 18 years at PSPD,

Officer Colantuono discussed some statistics that he retrieved for incidents within the neighborhood. Luciano educated the members on an Impact Team created to address speeding and drunk driving concerns. The team will be meeting at local Bars to meet with patrons and educate them on tools and effects of drinking. Discussion was held regarding the speeding and racing taking place on Ramon and El Segundo around Friday and Saturday nights. Officer Luciano recommended that if residents are hearing/witnessing racing that residents call the non-emergency number so the PSPD can track and build statistics. If no-one calls, then the department does not know of the issues.

Meeting Adjournment



The meeting ran into overtime, as such Chair Ned Barker mentioned that a follow-up email with the ability to ask additional questions as well as volunteer for one of the Workgroups.

Meeting was Adjourned at 12:45pm