



# THE ROADRUNNER

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## OUR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

### FIRST IN-PERSON MEETING SINCE PRE-COVID

Following a bit of mingling augmented by coffee and donuts, the Board opened the meeting by welcoming guest speakers. (Apologies to the Zoomers who signed in on time and experienced nothing but an unexplained delay! Won't happen again.)

### VIPS JOIN THE MEETING

David Carden, Founder & Former Chair of the Baristo Neighborhood, (joining later) Councilmember District 3 Ron deHarte. Lt. William Hutchinson had hoped to speak, and assures us that he'll be at our next meeting. David is also the Founder of Volunteer Palm Springs. Other VIPs who joined included Denise Goolsby, Manager of Palm Springs' Office of Neighborhoods (ONE-PS), and Don Barrett, a ONE-PS Board Member. David Carden took us back to 2007 and helped us understand the size, scope, early accomplishments and influence of Baristo. David also regaled us with stories, including the development of our blade sign roadrunner logo. The artist charged with the task didn't know what a roadrunner looked like, and the first drawing came back to the Board based upon the template of a rooster!

### TEE SHIRTS

Vice Chair Patrick Vincent introduced our tee shirts – in fact, the three board members in the room were wearing them. He announced that, with support with Member Leslie Smith, our tee shirts are for sale (and soon to be available online). Patrick, our ONE-PS authorized representative, shared details of key learnings at recent ONE-PS meetings, see page 2.



From our local NBC News, Patrick Vincent Speaking about Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

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### Board Members

- Ned Barker** (Village Traditions)  
Board Chair
- Patrick Vincent** (Village Traditions)  
Vice Chair
- Michael Conway** (48@Baristo)  
Treasurer

### Tee Shirts



Soon to be available online

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The Documents page of our website has digital minutes in three formats: Closed Captions, Audio-Only and Full Video.

### BYLAWS UPDATED

A motion was made to adopt the 2019 version of the Bylaws, a major update from the 2016 version, but not ratified in 2019 due to the lack of an Annual Meeting that year, as well as the following COVID years. The new bylaws updated Membership status to include all residents and businesses, and extended our western boundary, previously at S. Indian Canyon between Ramon and Tahquitz, to S. Palm Canyon between Ramon and Tahquitz.

**Workgroups were discussed – for detail see What’s What With Workgroups, page 3.**

### TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Michael Conway reported a Bank Balance of \$800.49 He listed In-Kind Donations from Board Members for items including website setup & monthly fees, Annual Mtg. Room Rental, Donuts & Printing, Postcards, and Misc. Supplies totaled about \$1,500. Current liabilities are for B&O Insurance reimbursement, \$959. A board member funded the tees shirts cost, and will be reimbursed directly from sales of the shirts.

Ned Barker announced that a Donations page has been set up on our website, and that a \$25 voluntary donation per year by each member is suggested, for those who are able to afford it. Several donations actually came in during this meeting – thank you Zoom viewers! Ned Barker offered some examples of how donations would be spent – in accordance with our bylaws. He mentioned meetings / communications (signs & mailings), social meetings, Neighborhood blade signs, Neighborhood projects (e.g., A “Cleanup”), Donations to a local cause and Fundraising costs. Barker emphasized that a board member can never profit from a Neighborhood.

An election was held to re-elect the slate of three board members: Barker, Vincent, and Conway. Angie Thill completed her one-year term, and will be missed! However, no further nominations were offered. The existing slate was re-elected unanimously by a count of 24. The board’s current makeup extends to just two condominium developments. We encourage interest from apartment developments, businesses and other condo developments. Thank you!

### COUNCILMEMBER DEHARTE / HOMELESSNESS

**Councilmember Ron deHarte** spoke about several issues, including homelessness. Councilmember stated that he believes that Neighborhoods can make a difference. He further explained that the city is looking at best practices from around the state, and that some of the solutions may be outside of the government, *per se*. Mr. deHarte also spoke of working with the police department and Operation Relentless Sun, crediting them with getting 30 persons back into permanent / supportive housing in recent months. He also mentioned that some homeless individuals are homeless by choice, and that current laws make it difficult help those afflicted by mental health issues. The Councilmember said that he is advocating for funds to find social / mental health staff, rather than police, to work those in need. He further explained that the police are limited in what they can do with those that are using drugs, or even selling small amounts. He also said, in answer to a housing question, that the City is actively pursuing additional affordable housing.



The meeting closed with Ned Barker talking about Baristo’s role in the Housing Element report (referenced by Councilmember deHarte), and the board’s desire to leverage support for new development to achieve other goals for the entire Neighborhood, such as more green space, fewer empty lots, residential features such as boulevards, pedestrian and bicycle walks and lanes, traffic-pedestrian safety and general Neighborhood beautification.

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## WHAT'S WHAT WITH WORKGROUPS

### SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS - YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MEMBER!

You may be aware that three Workgroups were created following the Neighborhood-wide digital survey conducted earlier this year. Those Workgroups are now beginning to have meetings, which will be primarily discussion and planning meetings. The meetings will be in-person, and all Baristo Neighborhood members are welcome to join any of the meetings. WE WILL PUBLISH THE DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS OF THESE MEETINGS AT OUR EVENTS & MEETINGS PAGE OF THE WEBSITE. Patrick Vincent is the board liaison for the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Workgroup, Michael Conway for Beautification & Improvements, and Ned Barker for the Workgroup on Homelessness.

#### Our Workgroups

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety • Beautification • Homelessness

#### New MPH Sign on El Segunda Near Ramon



#### TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

At the Annual Meeting, Patrick Vincent shared his thoughts on Traffic & Pedestrian Safety. He mentioned that he'd already asked for and obtained a speed limit sign for El Segundo. Patrick further spoke of the need for crosswalks on several streets including Baristo and El Segundo near the park. He sighted the piece of undeveloped land on El Segunda may be a pedestrian hazard, and has no sidewalk. Patrick also spoke of the need for continuous safe pathways from the Neighborhood to downtown, especially in the evening. Patrick, as the Neighborhood's official representative for ONE-PS, added: "But I think what I found most impressive is that the city listens to the neighborhoods and really kind of governs through this one PS system and where the Neighborhoods bring our concerns to them, and they listen..."

The Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Workgroup met Nov. 2. Lt. Hutchinson joined the group, and the injury-accident at El Segundo near Saturnino was discussed. Patrick and the team are contemplating an El Segundo focused initiative, this will be updated on our Meetings & Events page.

#### BEAUTIFICATION & IMPROVEMENTS

Michael spoke of multiple beautification issues, including roadside tree trimming (also a traffic safety issue), and ways to get Baristo Park to its full potential. For example, Michael cited opportunities to add more plants in the Park. He wants us to press for more cleanup efforts as well. Michael also praised the City's website and their responsiveness to issues that are reported. Ned added that the City's app, MyPalmSprings, provides another way to report issues.

#### HOMELESSNESS

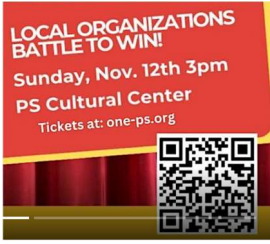
Ned said that the Workgroup on Homelessness would work to figure out the best ways for a Neighborhood Organization to help with the challenges presented by homelessness, and the accompanying impact on Baristo. In one example he mentioned the extensive services offered by several organizations on Fridays, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. He mentioned that some of them could use additional volunteers. This Workgroup has already posted some initial thoughts on the Workgroup page of the website.

The Beautification & Improvements Workgroup planned meeting was postponed. Their meeting details, when confirmed, will be posted on our Meetings & Events page.



The Workgroup on Homelessness met on October 21. The next meeting is tentatively planned for 6pm Monday, Nov. 20. Details will be posted on our Meetings & Events page.

The MyPalmSprings App



ONE-PS "Fun-Raiser" - Watch City VIPs Lip Sync to their Favorite Songs and get judged by the celebrity judge panel!

### NEWS FROM ONE-PS - A few highlights from Patrick, from the October 10 meeting

- The One-PS Board of Directors election is in December 2023. Several key board members will be leaving the board and working groups. The new Board will update the membership on the direction of One-PS at the January 2024 meeting.
- Jeffrey Bernstein update – Indian Canyon was reopened by the building of a new temporary road. The PSP airport is expected to double in traffic over the next 20 years. Plans for the expansion of the airport are underway with several options being considered including a new terminal. The Wexler terminal will remain intact despite the plan chosen.
- The city has finalized the street vending ordinance which required vendors to have a business license and health certificate to serve food.

### BARISTO BITS: LOCAL NBC STATION COVERS ANNUAL MEETING

This story wouldn't exist were it not for Denise Goolsby, Manager of the City's Office of Neighborhoods (ONE-PS). Denise attended our meeting, and took several pictures. She returned to her office and posted the images and meeting notes on Facebook. The next morning, Denise watched the local news via NBC, only to discover that the station had made a short story from her writings and photos! The station, it turns out, carried the story on both Sunday and Monday morning!

If you'd like to view the NOrg's "15 seconds of fame", we've posted it on our home page, <https://www.baristops.com/>



From our Local NBC Station, Councilmember deHarte Addressing Attendees

#### What's Next?

All of the Workgroups will meet in November. Some of the meeting details are referenced in the What's What with Workgroups. Workgroup meeting details will always be published on the Meetings & Events page of your Neighborhood website.

The Board will meet in December, the exact location, date, and time has not been established. The Board would like to host a social get-acquainted event, thoughts, suggestions, and ideas are welcomed!

FUTURE EDITIONS of The Roadrunner will feature some local personalities and businesses. Our Annual Meeting took a lot of space in this first issue.

### FEATURED COMMUNITY: THE MODERN CACTUS LUXURY APARTMENT HOMES

The 175 Luxury Apartment Homes of The Modern Cactus are located on Sunrise at Baristo. They are available in Studio and 1- and 2-bedroom configurations. Their many amenities include a 24-hour fitness center, 3 separate pool-and-spa areas, free Wifi, a 24-hour laundry and much more.

Andria Antoine, Area Manager for the Modern Cactus' parent company, touts the location, adjacent to shopping, as a main attraction, but her eyes really lit up when she spoke about pets, bragging the Cactus is the only complex in the city that will accommodate pets up to 65 lbs.!

[www.ModernCactusApartments.com](http://www.ModernCactusApartments.com)

