

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



**JOINT MEETING MINUTES
WITH THE AGUA CALIENTE TRIBAL COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2009
Spa Hotel and Resort, Cahuilla Room**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pougnet and Tribal Vice Chairman Grubbe called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Weigel, Mayor Pro Tem Mills, and Mayor Pougnet.
ABSENT: Councilmember Hutcheson.
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ready, City Attorney Holland, City Clerk Thompson.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Jeff L. Grubbe, Vice Chairman, Karen Welmas, Secretary/Treasurer, Vincent Gonzales III, Member, Jeannette Prieto-Dodd.
ABSENT: Chairman Richard M. Milanovich.
ALSO PRESENT: Tom Davis, Tribal Council Chief Planning Officer, Art Bunce, Tribal Attorney, and Michelle Carr.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Mayor Pougnet introduced City officials and staff, and Vice Chairman Grubbe introduced Tribal official and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

JOHN TYMON, Palm Springs, commented on the Belardo Bridge Project and the Museum Market Plaza Project.

PHYLLIS BURGESS, Palm Springs, commented on her presence at the Palm Springs Pride parade.

VALERIE ZUGATES, Palm Springs, noted Breast Cancer Wellness Month, and commented on her positive experience at Palm Springs Desert Regional Medical Center.

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1.A. TAHQUITZ MEDIAN LANDSCAPE DESIGN PROJECT:

David Barakian, City Engineer, provided background information on the Tahquitz Median Landscape Design Project.

Discussion was held regarding the timeline for submission to the City Council, and pads for public artwork installations.

No action taken.

1.B. UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MASTER PLAN:

Tom Nolan, Executive Director of Aviation, provided background information on the preparation of the Palm Springs International Airport Master Plan.

Discussion was held regarding improved advertising at the Airport and the baggage area, and upcoming new concessions.

No action taken.

1.C. UPDATE AND REPORT ON BELARDO ROAD PROJECT:

Margaret Park, Tribal Director of Planning and Natural Resources, and David Barakian, City Engineer, provided background information on the Belardo Road project.

Discussion was held regarding additional partial funding through the Indian Reservation Roads Funding Program.

No action taken.

1.D. PALM SPRINGS VISITOR CENTER TRIBE/CITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Margaret Park, Tribal Director of Planning and Natural Resources, and Jim Dunn, Palm Springs Convention Center, provided an update on the activities of the Palm Springs Visitor Center.

Discussion was held regarding opening the space, and timeline to completion during the tourist season.

No action taken.

1.E. TAHQUITZ CREEK MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT:

Sharon Heider, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided background information on the Tahquitz Creek Master Plan.

Discussion was held regarding type of path, and timeline to completion.

No action taken.

1.F. UPDATE ON THE TRAILS SIGNAGE PROGRAM:

Sharon Heider, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided background information on the Trails signage program.

Discussion was held regarding discussion with Tribal staff for expansion to the Tribal Visitor Center and interpretive signage.

No action taken.

1.G. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAMS/AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009:

Tom Davis, Tribal Chief Planning and Development Officer, and City Manager Ready provided background information on the status of the Federal Stimulus Programs and funding.

Discussion was held regarding funding of the Interstate 10 interchanges.

No action taken.

1.H. MUSEUM MARKET PLAZA UPDATE AND STATUS REPORT:

Craig Ewing, Director of Planning, provided an update and status report on the Museum Market Plaza project.

Discussion was held regarding the scheduling of the upcoming review by the City Council.

No action taken.

IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Museum Market Plaza update.

Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan (including the possible expansion to the Tribal Visitor Center and interpretive signage).

Tahquitz Median plan implementation.

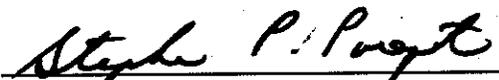
Schedule the next Joint Meeting in late January, 2010.

COUNCILMEMBER/TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMENTS:

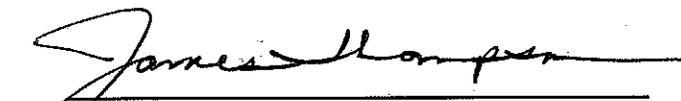
None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 6:35 p.m., to the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 6:00 P.M., Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session at 4:30 P.M., Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS
18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.**


STEPHEN P. POGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK