

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



MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, February 11, 2009
City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pougnet called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pougnet led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Hutcheson, Mayor Pro Tem Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pougnet.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ready, City Attorney Holland, City Clerk Thompson.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: At 4:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order and a correction was noted to the Closed Session Agenda, the Negotiating Party for the Property Negotiation Item, APN's 677-270-019, 030, 040, and 667-280-010, was corrected to the County of Riverside.

City Attorney Holland reported that the City Council recessed into Closed Session to discuss Items on the Closed Session Agenda. No reportable actions were taken.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ROXANNE PLOSS, commented on a recent article featuring Palm Springs in Sunset Magazine.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Foat and Councilmember Weigel announced the upcoming Dog Day Afternoon event.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

1. STUDY SESSION:

1.A. JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES:

Lee Husfeldt, Director Office of Neighborhoods and Community Relations, provided background information on the preparation of the Palm Springs Neighborhood Involvement Committee 2008 Annual Report.

John Williams, Chair, introduced the members of the Neighborhood Involvement Committee, acknowledged the members of the Neighborhood Organizations, and outlined the Mission of the PSNIC, and reviewed the 2008 achievements.

Neighborhood Organization achievements for the following neighborhood organizations were reviewed: Sunmor, Racquet Club Estates, Baristo, Tahquitz Rivers Estates, Deepwell Estates, Warm Sands, Historic Tennis Club, El Mirador, and Sunrise-Vista Chino.

Chair Williams outlined the 2009 goals and objectives: collect, respond to, and disseminate information to neighborhoods, provide resources and tools to strengthen neighborhood organizations, provide a forum for neighborhoods to work together to achieve mutual goals, and empower neighborhoods to meaningfully participate in decisions, policies and issues that affect quality of life.

Mayor Pougnet thanked the volunteers that support the neighborhood programs, commented on the establishment of the programs, and the successful achievements, and requested staff address the number of members of the Desert Highland Neighborhood Organization.

Councilmember Foat commented on the development of the Neighborhood Organization program, and thanked the volunteers that support the Neighborhood Organizations.

Councilmember Huteson commented on the reduction of crime and the other accomplishments and encouraged other neighborhoods to consider establishing a neighborhood organization.

Mayor Pro Tem Mills thanked the members, volunteers in the organizations and staff, and commented on the development of the programs.

Councilmember Weigel thanked the members and commented on the reduction in crime due to the community involvement.

Mayor Pougnet commented on the CERT training program with the Neighborhood Organizations and the Fire Department.

The City Council recessed at 6:55 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with the Historic Site Preservation Board.

1.B JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH THE HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD TO DISCUSS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES:

Craig Ewing, Director of Planning Services, provided background information on the topics to be outlined during the Joint Session.

Sidney Williams, HSBP Chair, introduced the members of the Historic Site Preservation Board, provided information on the upcoming Modernism Week event, the Historic Site nomination process, fact sheet, and public information.

Discussion was held regarding the initiation of Historic Districts and the creation of Historic Districts in the City of Palm Springs. The City Council directed the HSPB to start the research and investigation on the creation of Historic Districts.

Discussion was held regarding demolition by neglect.

Discussion was held regarding the Preserve America Grant. The City Council directed the HSPB to prepare an application for the Preserve American Communities Program, and authorize the Mayor to execute the application.

Brian Strahl, Vice Chair commented on the time of the process for Historic Designation, commented on the specificity of the Historic Site Ordinance and the powers of the Board.

Thomas DeLeeuw requested the City Council appoint a new member to make a full compliment of the Board.

Barbara Marshall commented on Historic Districts, and requested the City Council ask the City Attorney to review other cities' rules for demolition by neglect.

John Gilmer, Commissioner, requested additional assistance by staff to bring forth the appointment of the seventh member to the Board.

Chair Williams stated the Board is making processes and the Community is being made more aware of the significance of historic preservation and architecture.

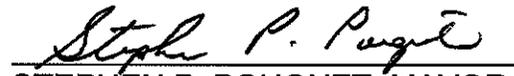
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Hutcheson requested a report from the City Manager on the maintenance of stripping on the streets in the Downtown area.

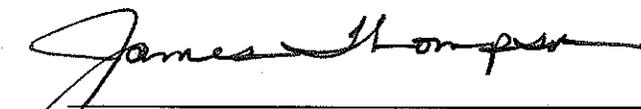
Mayor Pougnet announced the upcoming Modernism Week.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m. to a Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session at 5:00 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 FEBRUARY, 2009.**


STEPHEN P. POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK