



President Diane Ahlstrom

Kicked off the Fall Business Meeting

## *The Movie Colony*

### MINUTES—FALL BUSINESS MEETING

**Call to Order:** Diane Ahlstrom called the Fall Business Meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. She welcomed the members present and introduced the various speakers and agenda, highlighting the main concerns of residents. She outlined the activities of the advisors during the past year and the concerns that are still high on the list that advisors will address in the coming months.

**Treasurer's Report.** Joy Barba gave the Treasurer's report and indicated the organization had a balance of \$6049.59 as of October 31, 2004, not including recent expenses not yet tabulated.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Wayne Soucy, CEO, Desert Healthy Care District.** Mr. Soucy made a presentation about the proposed Wellness Park to go in at the corner of Via Miraleste and Tachevah. He described the functions of the DHCD, which are to assist in the general health of all citizens in the district. A small item is on everyone's tax bill to cover costs, and the district owns the Desert Hospital, which it leases back to the hospital corporation.



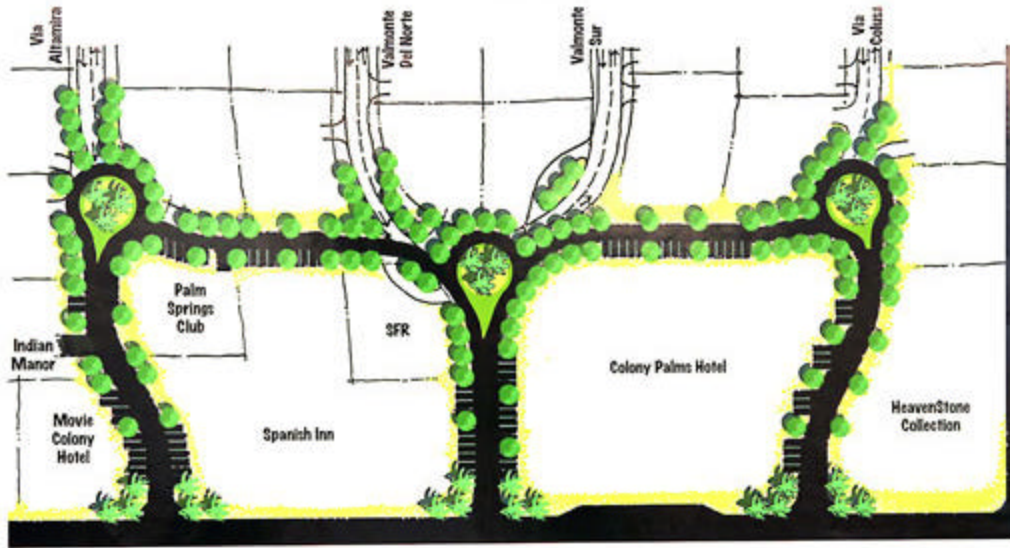
The property for the Wellness Park was purchased from the school district when the old temporary classrooms were torn down. The goals were to: (1) use the property for a Wellness Park, (2) have something good for the neighborhood, and (3) include resources and activities to help people's health.

For a detailed look at park plan, see the last newsletter.

The City leases the land from DHCD for \$1, and it will be part of the Park System. The Desert Water Agency contributed \$250,000 for innovative desert landscaping. There will be an opportunity for citizens to donate and name parts of the park after loved ones, etc.

The work will start as soon as the bids are in. Questions were regarding memorials and whether pets would be allowed. Wayne said he'd investigate these matters more.

**Jerry Ogburn, Director, Village of Palm Springs Development Center, under contract to the City of Palm Springs.** Jerry described in detail the changes proposed for city streets along Indian Canyon Drive that border areas to the east.



**Movie Colony Traffic Calming Proposal**



Granvia Valmonte, Via Alamira, and Via Colusa are affected and will have changes made to the traffic patterns to discourage entry into the neighborhood with the use of traffic circles, landscaping, and signs. He showed charts of the changes before and after landscaping. The work will start after approval and funding.

**Paving of Streets.** City Council approved paving of these streets under the 2004 budget, pending the awarding of bids: Via Altamira from Via Chica to Via Miraleste; Valmonte Norte from Via Chica to Via Corte; Avenida Palos Verdes from Tamarisk to Via Altamira; Granvia Valmonte from Via Corta to Avenida Caballeros; Valmonte Sur from Via Chica to Via Corta; Via Colusa from Via Chica to Via Miraleste; Camino Real from Alejo Road to north end cul-de-sac.

**Commander R. Starrs, Palm Springs Police Department.** Commander Starrs described his role as Commander of Patrol Area Green, the area of The Movie Colony. He described the general nature of the Neighborhood Watch program and the use of signs, stickers, etc., but indicated that the thing that makes it work is knowing your neighbors and their telephone numbers. Letting others know when you're going out, how long you'll be gone, etc.



**Sergeant Parker** is the Sergeant assigned to The Movie Colony area in the Green Area. Starrs and Parker answered questions from the audience about service for safety matters. Sergeant Parker advised that residents should call for police service because if calls are not made, the City will not have a good picture of the staffing needs. The shooting at the Handlebar Club took all the resources of the police, as well as the ?re downtown. They are short on resources and cannot cover all small problems.



**Suggestions for avoiding thefts include:** Don't leave stuff in your car as it may disappear. Citizens on Patrol does vacation checks. Crime in PS is down but the Number One is still burglary. The main reason crime is down is that four officers follow up property crimes. The casino has had some impact on crime, mostly in the area adjacent.

Commander Starrs said to make sure you look at the PD website <http://www.pspd.com/>. Then go to the Neighborhood Watch page. There are several downloads available there that are from the National Crime Prevention Council website (<http://www.ncpc.org/>).

Another good site is the one from the New York Attorney General at [http://www.oag.state.ny.us/crime/neighborhood\\_watch/neighborhood\\_watch\\_toc.html](http://www.oag.state.ny.us/crime/neighborhood_watch/neighborhood_watch_toc.html) and [http://www.oag.state.ny.us/crime/neighborhood\\_watch/neighborhood\\_watch\\_toc.html](http://www.oag.state.ny.us/crime/neighborhood_watch/neighborhood_watch_toc.html). A site for signs is <http://www.nnwi.org/>.

[Note: Member Charles Brobeck, Chief of Police, Irvine, Retired, has agreed to help with NW. Contact him at [sls@csbrobeck.com](mailto:sls@csbrobeck.com) if you wish to help.]

Burglars are looking for easy marks, from telltale signs such as newspapers lying around, doors and windows open. Mailbox robberies are common and you should avoid putting mail in the boxes. It is better to use a P. O. Box or drop mail at the Post Office.

**Fire Chief Goetz.** The department is in great shape with a new fire engine. The equipment is up to date and quite new. New fire stations are being planned to insure that all calls fall within the 5-minute response zone.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) have been active and include Palm Springs, Cathedral City, and Riverside. They are funded by grants. The third academy just completed graduated 24 volunteers. Three CERT programs per year will be conducted, with the next one being in March 2005. Neighbors helping neighbors in response to disasters is ongoing. A Safety Fair, November 20, at Lowe's will showcase department equipment and the public enjoys this very much.

**Training Burn.** The home at 777 E. Alejo, on Indian land, has been approved for a training burn. It was too hot in the summer to do this. The FD does this three to five times a year. It creates a lot of smoke and ash and they try to avoid problems in the environment. Maybe not the best thing right now. We have provided some clean up of pools, etc., when the problem was especially bad in other burns. The tribe said it will clean up after the burn. When asked, the audience unanimously agreed that they would like to see the burn completed as soon as possible. **[Note: An e-mail from Chief Goetz indicates that the controlled burn is scheduled for December 8, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the on-duty Battalion Chief at 323-8181.]**



**Chris Mills, City Council and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Public Participation (ONIPP).** He has read our newsletter and referred to several items. He is excited about our development and the good participation we are having. He indicated that the city needs neighborhood help to keep code enforcement up and encouraged letting them know about any code violations.



**Open meetings are the desire of the ONIPP, without Brown Act requirements involved. This has implications** for how the city relates to the neighborhoods and how the neighborhood organizations carry out their mandate.

Indian Manor on Indian Canyon Drive is recognized as a concern. The owner is doing some work, but it is difficult to take code enforcement actions as long as he is meeting the requirements of the city permits, etc. Your advisors are monitoring this matter very closely and working with city personnel in this regard.

Liability of neighborhood organizations and insurance was discussed. Any relationship that is too close between Neighborhood Organizations and the city in regard to things like insurance could trigger Brown Act requirements, which needs to be avoided.

**Other audience questions.** A member wanted to know about having a stop sign at the Wellness Park because of the increased foot traffic, and it will be considered. On a suggestion form, another member suggested closing El Alameda all the way to Avenida Palo Verdes. Approximately 51 people attended the Business Meeting, which ended at 2:45 p.m.

## **SOCIAL EVENT**

The social began at 4:00 and 63 members and guests were present at the home of Joy Barba and Sue Loversky, 354 Valmonte Sur, which began at 4 p.m. Lots of opportunities were there for neighbors to get to know one another. See Page 6 for photos from the business and social meetings. Also, see them at <http://www.warrenweber.com/moviecolonypictures/index.htm>, OR, if you have a high-speed connection, in a slide-show format that takes a while to load: <http://www.warrenweber.com/TMCMeetingSlideShow.ppt.htm>

## MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS

*The Movie Colony* has about 170 residences within its boundaries; this newsletter goes to all. We now have 74 contributions to *The Movie Colony* Neighborhood Organization, or about 40 percent. Make your contribution now! Make a contribution to *The Movie Colony* and be sure to get the full benefits provided. Use the application form near the back of this newsletter. Your contribution will help greatly in ways that will aid you, your neighbors, and nearby property values.

## ADVISORS

Feel free to communicate your questions and interests to any of the advisors at any time. We need your input to help the community. You can just e-mail **moviecolony@earthlink.net** if you wish.

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## CITY INFORMATION LINE AND WEB SITE

**Call 760.322.8340** for recorded general information, city operations, airport, animals, arts, building and construction, business, and community and downtown development. The web site is located at:

[http://www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us/index\\_alt.html](http://www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us/index_alt.html)

The Police Department's web site is at: <http://www.pspd.com/> and has links to Neighborhood Watch, etc.

## PALM SPRINGS ACTIVITIES AFFECTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**Lighted Crosswalks.** The first lighted pedestrian crosswalk in Palm Springs was installed earlier this year on Tachevah Drive between Indian Canyon and Via Miraleste. Flashing lights will be activated when pedestrian pushes a button on either side of the street. Another crosswalk has been completed on the north side of the casino leading to the parking lot.

**Dog Licenses.** Palm Springs dog owners are required to get a license for their pets or face a fine. Owners can bring a current rabies vaccination and neuter/spay certificate to the Palm Springs Animal Shelter or to the cashier at City Hall (3200 Tahquitz Canyon Way) or mail to city hall. The license is only \$5 for those 60 years or more if their pet is altered or \$50 is unaltered. Under 60 owners pay \$15 for altered dogs and \$50 for unaltered dogs.

## EVENTS FOR THE REST OF 2004

**Fall Concert in the Park.** Tuesdays at Sunrise Park during the Fall.

### McCormick

**Desert Art Center Art Show.** November 26-28, Frances Stevens Park.

**Marina Cat Club Show.** November 27 12 noon, Palm Springs Pavilion

**Festival of Lights.** Downtown (Palm Canyon) December 4, after dark.

**Holiday Arts & Crafts Show.** PS Pavilion, December 4-5.

**Palm Canyon Theater Arts Show.** December 11-12, Frances Stevens Park.

## EVENTS FOR WINTER 2005

To see details on events in the new year, go to the City of Palm Springs Web Site, a list is provided here:

<http://www.ci.palm-springs.ca.us/events.html>

## **JANUARY**

Palm Springs International Film Festival

PS International Tattoo

Desert Art Center Art Show

## **FEBRUARY**

\* Mizell Senior Center presents Line Dance Festival

\* Tour de PS Bicycle Ride

\* Village Center for the Arts Art Show

\* Marathon

\* Advanced Round Dance Festival

\* Black History Parade & Townfaire

## **MARCH**

\* Desert Aids Walk

\* Women Running Wild 5K

\* ACBL#533 Bridge Tournament

\* Village Center for the Arts Art Show

\* Renaissance Festival

\* Easter Egg Hunt

## **APRIL**

\* Opera in the Park

## VETERANS DAY PARADE

The annual Veterans Day parade was held November 11. The turnout was great and the parade really did a super job in honoring our past and present veterans and troops. Be sure to plan to view it next year if you missed it.

## ISHIRTS AND MAPS FOR SALE!

**SHIRTS.** Men's white polo shirts, as well as women's white shirts with The Movie Colony logo embroidered are available for purchase at \$20 each. E-mail us at [moviecolony@earthlink.net](mailto:moviecolony@earthlink.net), call any of the advisors, or

address us at P. O. Box 347. A great way to foster a sense of community!

**MAPS.** The map shows all homes within the boundaries by street address and those which have had noted personalities living there in the past. It's in color, on good paper, large sized, and suitable for framing. Maps may be ordered at any time. Contact Warren Weber, Secretary and Newsletter Editor, at 760-327-1044 or write [moviecolony@earthlink.net](mailto:moviecolony@earthlink.net). Map prices are \$10 for 13" x 19"; \$17 for 16"x20"; \$25 for 20" x 24" and \$40 for the 24" x 30" size.

**GLASSES.** We're also investigating glasses with *The Movie Colony* logo on them for sale. Let us know if you think this

is something in which you'd be interested.

## COLONY PALMS HOTEL OPEN HOUSE

On November 11, from 4-6 p.m. Steve Ohren, President, and David Dixon, Partner, of Pacific Capital Group hosted an open house showing the plans for the refurbishing of the Palms hotel on Indian Canyon Drive. The renderings look great! They hope to get started by January and be open for business by November 2005. Roofing, electrical, plumbing—the whole works, including an improved restaurant for guests—are planned. We look forward to the Grand Opening of what should be a first-class property.

## SPRING BUSINESS MEETING AND SOCIAL EVENT

Mark your calendar now for the Spring Business Meeting and the Social Event. We need your ideas on what to include and what type of social you'd like. Plans are for

the Business Meeting to be on Sunday, March 13, 2005, at 1 p.m. with the social meeting following.

A few changes in the By-Laws are contemplated, so it's important for you all to be there to have a voice in the operation of your organization. Also, the new City Ordinance covering Neighborhood Organizations like *The Motive Colony* should be analyzed by then and we'll be able to give you all the latest information.

## WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

The National Weather Service has a program to training Weather Spotters, according to our Fire Department. Located at the Idyllwild Fire Protection District, two dates (Tuesday November 16, 3-5:30 and Tuesday December 14 5:00-7:30 p.m. are set up. There is no cost. To find out more call the Fire Department or go to:  
<http://newweb.wrh.noaa.gov/sgx/spotter/spotter.php?wfo=sgx>

## MISCELLANEOUS STUFF—

**Whitewater Mutual Water Company.** New members of our community have asked about Whitewater, which is a privately held, non-utility water distribution service for its shareholders in the Las Palmas and Movie Colony areas. The company's management would be delighted to answer your inquiries: Call 325-5880.

**Code Enforcement.** Know of violations of city codes? Contact Community Preservation Officers at City Hall. They can do notices of violations, correction notices, inspection notices, notice and order, summary abatement, citations, inspection and abatement warrants, and warnings. Help keep our neighborhood looking good.

**Neighborhood Services.** We are trying to find a way to let everyone know about the best vendors to the neighborhood, but hesitate to recommend a particular one. If you have ideas about this, let us know.

## PICTURE FROM BUSINESS MEETING AND SOCIAL

The pictures on the following page are from the business meeting and social event after. To view ALL the pictures in larger size, go to this web site:

<http://www.warrenweber.com/moviecolonypictures/index.htm> You can also try this URL, but it is slower:

<http://www.warrenweber.com/>



*The Movie Colony*  
**Membership Application\***

Our *annual* contribution is: (circle one): \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if Different) \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Main: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Out of Town: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I/we want to be involved in The Movie Colony neighborhood organization by:

● Attending social events such as \_\_\_\_\_

● Lending my expertise in: \_\_\_\_\_

● Serving on the advisory board \_\_\_\_\_

● Other \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: *The Movie Colony*  
P. O. BOX 347  
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92263

If you have questions, wish to provide input, please contact us at this address or e-mail to [moviecolony@earthlink.net](mailto:moviecolony@earthlink.net) or call Warren Weber @ 760-327-1044

*Use another sheet of paper, if necessary*

\*Regular (voting) members must be owners of residences within the boundaries of *The Movie Colony* (Indian Canyon, Alejo, Avenida Caballeros, and Tachevah). The by-laws also allow for associate members (business firms, renters, or those outside boundaries) which have all the privileges of regular members, as indicated in the bylaws, except for voting and holding positions on the advisory board.

