



## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**

Large Conference Room • City Hall • 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way • Palm Springs, California 92262  
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### **AGENDA**

**June 27, 2022**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

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**Yvonne Wise, Parks & Recreation Director**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA
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X. ADJOURNMENT: The Parks and Recreation Commission will adjourn to the next regular meeting, July 25, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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I, Janet Burns, Senior Secretary for the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Palm Springs, California, hereby certifies that this Agenda of the Palm Springs Parks and Recreation Commission Board, was posted at or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2022, and posted on the City's website as required by established policies and procedures.

*Janet Burns*

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Janet Burns, Senior Secretary  
Department of Parks and Recreation

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**MEETING NOTICE  
May 23, 2022, Regular Meeting**



**Commissioners**

**Jerry Alcorn, Chair  
Johnny Coladonato, Vice Chair**

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Deiter Crawford  
Jody Diaz**

**Michael Finland  
Ellen Goodman  
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(Vacant)**

Due to technical issues, the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Palm Springs regular meeting scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2022, was postponed  
and

will resume at the regular scheduled time of 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 27, 2022.

This Commission Meeting is planned to be held virtually.

I, Janet Burns, Senior Secretary for the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Palm Springs, California, certify this Notice was posted at or before 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, as required by established policies and procedures.

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Janet Burns, Senior Secretary  
Department of Parks and Recreation

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
Monday, March 28, 2022, Live Teleconference Meeting  
401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Alcorn and roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	PRESENT TO DATE:
Jerry Alcorn	X		2
Johnny Coladonato	X		2
Deiter Crawford	X		2
Jody Diaz	X		2
Michael Finland	X		2
Ellen Goodman		X	1
Susan Meyer	X		2
John Miraglia	X		2
Chris Spellman	X		1
Vacant			
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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeannie Kays, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation  
Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
Donn Uyeno, Principal Engineer

III. **REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:**

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IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Action:** Approve the February 28, 2022, Minutes

**Motion** by Commissioner Finland

**Seconded** by Commissioner Diaz

**Motion carried Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Noting the absence of Commissioner Goodman**

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

Emails were forwarded to Commissioners and will be collated and sent with Meeting Minutes next month.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Jim Gazan from Measure J Commission, on behalf of Mary Barsaleau, was not in favor of the City building the block wall, suggested adding more windscreens and more Pickleball courts.
2. David Feltman agreed with Mr. Gazan, reminded the Commission of the submission for Measure J funds for 12 new Pickleball courts, discussed the block wall and survey.
3. T Santora discussed his disappointment in the Pickleball survey that had been released and disagreed with having the block wall built.

VII. STAFF UPDATES:

Interim Director Jeannie Kays:

Gave Power Point presentation of all Recreation programs and events.

Announced the City Council would be going back to in-person meetings beginning in April.

Updated everyone that the City was still recruiting for the Director position.

Discussed the department budget and the staff trying to add programs at the Demuth Community Center.

Donn Uyeno:

Parks & Recreation Commission's Priority Projects:

- Playground Surfacing – Playground at Victoria Park is still under construction. Demuth Park and Desert Highland Park playgrounds are complete.
- Ballfield Lighting – Our consultant has submitted plans for review. Still looking at construction in the summer.
- Pavilion Acoustics – Audio equipment is scheduled to be replaced in April.

Other Park Projects under construction:

- Demuth Park and Desert Highland Park Restrooms – The contractor is now working at the interiors of the Demuth Park restrooms and continues with the exteriors of Desert Highland Park.
- Demuth Community Center HVAC – This project has started construction at the end of February. It also includes replacement of certain doors and windows to meet current standards.

Prop 68 Grant Projects: (California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018):

- Aquatic Center Shade Structures – (install 3 new shade structures at pool) this item was not approved at the City Council Meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022.
- Desert Highland Ballfield – laser leveling ball field, install 1 shade structure behind the backstop. The City received only 1 bid on the laser leveling, so the City intends to reject all bids and re-advertise the project. The shade structure was not approved at the City Council Meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

CVAG's CV Link:

- Construction of new segments of a bicycle, pedestrian and neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) path through the City. The existing CV Link that ends in Demuth Park will be built to continue out to Mesquite Avenue, and then go westward to El Cielo. This includes a cycle track that keeps vehicles and bikes on separate parts of the roadway. Another segment will be on Mesquite generally between Farrell Dr and Sunrise Way.

Donn announced CVAG's Groundbreaking Event.

Q & A- Discussion was held on block wall, Pickleball survey, and Donn was thanked for the construction work on the playgrounds.

## VIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

### 1. DISCUSSION ON PROJECT UPDATES:

See previous comments.

No Action Taken

### 2. DISC GOLF PRESENTATION BY JON BERG:

Mr. Berg gave a Power Point presentation and discussed the club looking for more opportunities to play in the Palm Springs parks.

Chair and Commissioners thanked Mr. Berg for the information.

Q & A- Discussion on funding, costs, and locations. Chair recommended that the Commission discuss at another meeting and contact Mr. Berg at a later date.

No Action Taken

### 3. REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM ADHOC COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Meyer gave a report from the Sunrise Park AdHoc Committee. Discussion was held on best way for community to communicate concerns and City social media platforms.

Commissioner Finland gave a report on status of Pickleball courts and progress.

IX. REPORTS AND REQUESTS.

Chair Alcorn discussed frustration of homeless situation at Sunrise Park and solutions to help make the parks better for families in the community. Kudos to the skatepark.

Commissioner Miraglia applauded Chair Alcorn for his profile article in The Post.

Commissioner Crawford gave a “shout out” to Chair Alcorn for working so hard for the community, said the tree planting event went well, as well as the OnePS picnic.

Chair Alcorn gave a “shout out” to OnePS for the picnic, and to Director Schafer for making the tree planting event happen.

Commissioner Diaz had invited families from her school to participate in the tree planting event, the kids were excited, One PS was great, “shout out” to (JOJ) Drill Team and Drum Squad for their performances, lots of fun recreational activities going on, parks are busy, mentioned that she would love to have a grant for a playground to service the Coyote Run community.

Vice-Chair Coladonato gave a “shout out” to everyone, and expressed his love for Chair Alcorn’s enthusiasm.

Chair Alcorn thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business Chair Alcorn asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Action:** To adjourn and meet as a Commission on April 25, 2022, at our normal scheduled time.

**Motion** by Vice-Chair Coladonato

**Seconded** by Commissioner Diaz

**Motion carried Unanimously**

With no other business to attend, Chair Alcorn adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m. with the next Regular Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 25, 2022, via a Zoom meeting facilitated from 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, California, 92262.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Burns, Senior Secretary  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**From:** [RecInfo](#)  
**To:** [Janet Burns](#); [Jeannie Kays](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment--Parks and Recreation Meeting March 28, 2022  
**Date:** Monday, March 28, 2022 9:09:49 AM

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**From:** Teresa Farrell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2022 9:06 AM  
**To:** ReclInfo <[ReclInfo@palmsspringsca.gov](mailto:ReclInfo@palmsspringsca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Public Comment--Parks and Recreation Meeting March 28, 2022

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Dear Commission Members;

We are writing today with respect to a general Parks and Recreation matter, and specifically with respect to Item 6 of the Agenda for the referenced meeting.

We respectfully request that the Commission consider re-envisioning the Traditions Cafe at the Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort Clubhouse. The Traditions Cafe is located in one of the most picturesque spots in all of Palm Springs, with beautiful views of the San Jacinto mountains, the Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort courses (and their water features, rolling terrain and wildlife) and spectacular sunsets. We understand that the current Traditions Cafe is used not only by golfers and their guests before and after their rounds, but also for banquets and weddings. We believe that the Commission should invite and entertain ideas for improvements to the Traditions Cafe which would enhance and broaden its use and thus provide a spectacular venue for the public to enjoy. Because the City owns the Traditions Cafe, the Traditions Cafe could also generate more income for the City with improvements. In short, we believe this is a golden opportunity, in our own backyard,

for both the public and the City.

In addition, with respect to Item 6 on the Agenda for this meeting, for all of the above reasons, we encourage you to list the re-envisioning improvements to the Traditions Cafe as one of the potential projects to propose for Measure J Commission Review in October.

Should you have any questions about this comment, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectively submitted,

Save PS Golf, Inc.



**From:** [Janet Burns](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Ruth Hardy Park Tennis.  
**Date:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:45:00 AM

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## Agenda Correspondence

Janet Burns  
Senior Secretary  
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760-323-8272  
Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday - Friday

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**From:** ReclInfo <ReclInfo@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 10:35 AM  
**To:** Janet Burns <Janet.Burns@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Cc:** Jeannie Kays <Jeannie.Kays@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Ruth Hardy Park Tennis.

Maybe something for commission meeting.

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**From:** Susan South [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 10:27 AM  
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I would like to comment on the proposal to reline the two courts 7, and 8 at Ruth Hardy. Again a single individual has proposed to repurpose courts to benefit an individual profiting from using public courts. Palm Springs has only 8 public courts for tennis. These are funded by taxes and run by the Recreation Commission. I do not agree to the repurposing of any court to benefit private individuals. A dedicated junior court built on to the existing 8 courts maybe an option but please leave the existing courts as they are. People come from all over to play at Ruth Hardy Park. Options are already limited for available courts and more courts are being lost to development continuously. I have played tennis since childhood. I learned to play with a regular sized racket and a regular tennis court. Repurposing an adult court to suit children's play is not a long term solution and benefits only a small group. Another solution is needed

Leave the 8 tennis courts as they are. Build dedicated courts elsewhere.

Sincerely, Susan South

[REDACTED]  
Palm Springs, CA 92262



**From:**

**Subject:**

**Date:**

FW: US Soccer Foundation - Mini Pitch Program

Monday, March 7, 2022 9:42:00 AM

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**To:** Janet Burns <Janet.Burns@palmspringsca.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: US Soccer Foundation - Mini Pitch Program

For P&R Commission correspondence.

Thanks,  
Jeannie

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**From:** Robert Engel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** Jeannie Kays <[Jeannie.Kays@palmspringsca.gov](mailto:Jeannie.Kays@palmspringsca.gov)>  
**Subject:** US Soccer Foundation - Mini Pitch Program

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Besides a avid Library enthusiast, I am also a Soccer Fan. I am going to ask if you would pass this on to Chairman Jerry Alcorn and anyone else you might think would be interested in this program. I would appreciate it. US Soccer Foundation are building 1000 Mini Pitches through out the United States. These are aimed at younger player. The size of the pitches are not the size of the pitches at DeMuth but closer in size to a basketball or tennis courts. I think it is worth looking at by the P&R Commision.

I am going to attach two websites that will give them a good feel for what these mini pitches are and what the goals are.

[Safe Places to Play Mini-Pitches - U.S. Soccer Foundation \(ussoccerfoundation.org\)](https://ussoccerfoundation.org)  
<https://youtu.be/Wcl8b7alGAE>

Thank you for taking the time pass this on to the folks at the Park and Recreation Commission.

Robert Engel

City of Palm Springs  
Attn: City Council Members  
3200 E Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

**RE: Proposed City Disc Golf Course**

Dear honorable Mayor and City Council Members, my name is Jon Berg and I am the President of the Helix Disc Golf Club. You can find our Club Page on Facebook under Helix Disc Golf or Coachella Valley Discers. If you are not aware, Disc Golf is played similar to traditional golf, except we use specialized frisbees to throw our shots and small chain-baskets as our targets to complete a hole (average Disc Golf hole length is 250 – 350 linear feet). Please refer to **Appendix A** for more information.

Our club previously worked with the City of Palm Desert in 2008 to install the Valley's first and only Disc Golf Course. While we are very appreciative to have the 9-hole course to play around the perimeter of the Hovley Soccer Park, our Club has 'outgrown' (250+ members) this facility and are rarely able to play the course on any given weekend due to the heavy concentration of soccer activity which takes over the park and leaves us with no room to play. In that regard, we are humbly requesting your consideration to sponsor the instillation of an 9-hole disc golf course at Sunrise Park in Palm Springs.

Disc golf is an excellent form of recreation that gives people a reason to get out and be active. It is played year-round and can be played casually, or as a highly competitive sport. Disc golf can be played by everyone regardless of age, athletic ability, gender, or social status. It can be played alone, with a few friends, or as part of a league or tournament. Unlike traditional golf, it is very inexpensive and can be played with a single disc that costs less than \$10. Disc golf is easy to learn and has many benefits, including:

- Positive use for underutilized public land
- Encourages tourism and economic growth
- Inexpensive
- Can be played by everyone
- Can be played alone
- Encourages social interactions and competition while allowing social distancing
- Can be highly competitive or completely recreational
- Promotes healthy lifestyle

According to Udisc, there are currently around 8,000 disc golf courses in the United States, with 11,300 courses worldwide; however, there is only one course (9-holes) in the entire Coachella Valley, and unfortunately it is not even usable a majority of the time. Even with this limitation, our Club continues to grow in members every year, and we receive constant inquiries from traveling players looking for local courses to play. Recently, our Club has invested in 18 portable baskets that we bring out and set up for special events at traditional golf courses and open space park/desert areas throughout the Valley. While this allows us to host regular monthly events, there is still nowhere local players can go to practice and play when they want, and no course to hold competitive tournaments that attract regional players and visitors to the Valley.

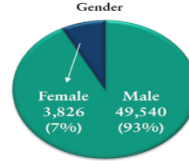
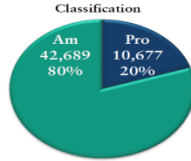
It is not very expensive or complicated to install a disc golf course. The biggest hurdle isn't the cost of the equipment (10 baskets, simple signage, concrete/brick/turf tee pads and installation are comparable in cost of constructing a single tennis court); it's the land needed to accommodate the use. For the Sunrise Park proposal, we would request installation of 10 baskets for the 9-hole layout plus one practice basket where players can warm-up. We already have established a relationship with a local business owner who is willing to provide 10 professional-quality Dynamic Discs Veteran baskets for a new course in the Coachella Valley. Consequently, the City is not being asked to fund the costs of the baskets, only to allow instillation and use within the existing park.

We have identified several parks in the City of Palm Springs that could accommodate a disc golf course. We'd love to have a permanent 18-hole course installed in the Valley at some point. However, we would like to focus on Sunrise Park as our best option. It is an excellent space for disc golf with a good mix of trees and open areas. We can design a layout (see proposed map below) that utilizes existing concrete paths as our tee pads (some perhaps needing slight concrete extensions for better footing and aiming toward targets), or we can discuss the option to install separate concrete or turf tee pads specifically for the disc golf course. Disc Golf can be seen as an extension of existing uses for Sunrise Park. It's not only compatible with standard park activity, but it would also serve to attract more local use of this space and create an opportunity to host more club events.

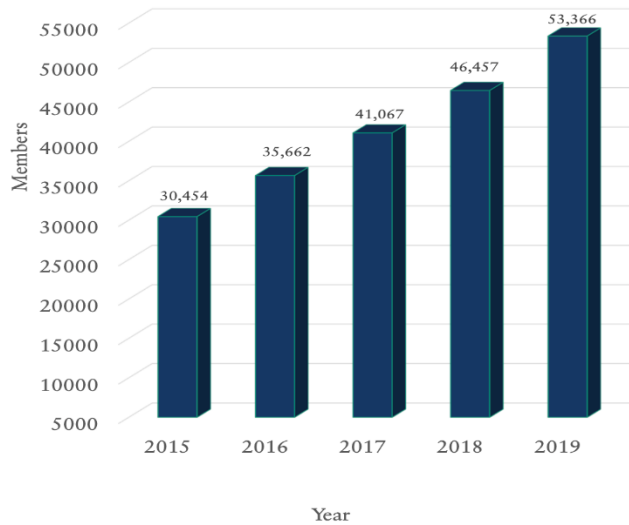
There may also be a special opportunity to coordinate recreational and charitable programs with the City of Palm Springs and the Boys and Girls Club facility that neighbors Sunrise Park. Our club would be glad to provide education and resources (discs and accessories) to the club for their own usage of the course.



As mentioned above, we are a local Club of 250+ members and growing in membership every year since we incorporated in 2008. Disc Golf, not only in Southern California, but throughout the Country is exploding in popularity (see graph below) and has recently been getting exposure on major television networks like ESPN and CBS Sports. It is currently being considered for inclusion as an Olympic Sport and through it's sanctioning body, the Professional Disc Golf Association, there are thousands of competitive tournaments held each year with sponsorships joining in from major sports brands like Nike, Adidas, Merrell, Big 5 and Dick's Sporting Goods, to name a few. Disc Golf tee signs are also a good opportunity to offer advertising space for local businesses.



2019 Active Members



The Helix Disc Golf Club appreciates the opportunity to present our initial proposal for the City Council’s consideration. We would be happy to work with City Staff to be agendaized at a future City Council meeting for formal consideration. The Helix Disc Golf Club believes a disc golf course would encourage greater use of the Sunrise Park and would increase year-round recreational activity for community members of all ages. The course would be inexpensive to build and maintain, with minimal liability risk or environmental impact, as the area is designated for compatible use. We have attached some example photos of similar shared-use parkland Disc Golf Courses on the following page for your reference. Please also refer to Appendix A for more info on the great sport of Disc Golf and how it can benefit the City of Palm Springs. Thank you for your consideration of our request, and we look forward to the opportunity to discuss more formally at a future City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Jon Berg

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# Disc Golf is for all ages and skill levels





## APPENDIX A: MORE ABOUT DISC GOLF

### How Do You Play Disc Golf?

Disc golf is played like traditional golf. Start on the tee and play each shot from the previous spot until completing the hole. The goal is to complete the course in as few shots as possible.

*More info:*

- Professional Disc Golf Association: <https://www.pdga.com/>
- Disc golf juxtaposed with traditional golf, featuring top players: <https://vimeo.com/50806380>
- Introduction from the governing organization of disc golf (comparable to the USGA): <https://www.pdga.com/introduction>
- Basic rules and courtesy: <https://discgolf.com/disc-golf-education-development/disc-golf-rules-for-recreational-play/>
- Local club's introduction to disc golf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYcujwAKwVw>
- How Do Golf Discs Fly (long video): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GwdghSH4rk>
- A sport that everyone can play: <https://infinitediscs.com/blog/courses/disc-golf-a-sport-that-everyone-can-play/>
- 100 years old and still playing disc golf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8as-XSKW-9s>
- Young people playing disc golf: <https://www.ourvalleyvoice.com/2017/10/12/junior-disc-golfers-compete-california-championships-mooney-grove/>
- Kids and disc golf culture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSTsXJGuVlc&feature=youtu.be>

### Disc Golf Players and Culture

Almost anyone can play disc golf. Age doesn't matter. Physical and economic barriers are low.

There are roughly 3-4 million disc golfers in the U.S.

- Frequency: 10% of all players are "Avid" (at least once a week), 60% of all players are "Dedicated" (at least once a month), 30% of all players are "Occasional" (at least once a year).
- Skill: 2% Expert, 15% Advanced, 45% Intermediate, 30% Novice, 10% Beginner.
- Yes, there's a fairly strong correlation between frequency and skill – e.g., most "Avid" players are either Expert or Advanced.

Generally, if you see someone playing disc golf, they're most likely an intermediate player or novice who plays at least once a month. Once players get started, they tend to get hooked; they play a lot.

Disc golfers are widely represented across age, race, gender, socioeconomics, and geography. The highest level of participation is college-educated, middle-class white males in their 30s.

As a grassroots sport, disc golf culture largely reflects the culture of the local community. However, there are some themes and values which do characterize the sport, especially among experienced players.

- **Etiquette.** Like traditional golf, disc golfers are expected to demonstrate self-officiated integrity, even in the most serious competitions.
- **Courtesy.** Most disc golf courses are located in multi-use areas of public parks. Disc golfers are habitually considerate of other park users.
- **Inclusiveness.** Yes, disc golf's oldest roots are borne of hippy counter-culture, a contrast to the exclusive and expensive reputation of traditional golf. Moreover, as a relatively small sport, disc golf's participants are eager to share their passion with new people.
- **Environmental stewardship.** Disc golf is hiking while throwing Frisbees. Disc golfers celebrate the natural space and often volunteer to nurture it. Also, disc golf courses are often located in previously neglected or troubled spaces, so players take pride in the spaces that the community has reclaimed.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**

Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California  
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**MEETING NOTICE  
April 25, 2022, Regular Meeting**



**Commissioners**

**Jerry Alcorn, Chair  
Johnny Coladonato, Vice Chair**

**(Vacant)  
Deiter Crawford  
Jody Diaz**

**Michael Finland  
Ellen Goodman  
Susie Meyer**

**John Miraglia  
Christopher Spellman  
(Vacant)**

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Palm Springs regular meeting scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2022, has been postponed and is rescheduled for 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2022.

This Commission Meeting is planned to be held virtually.

I, Janet Burns, Senior Secretary for the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Palm Springs, California, certify this Notice was posted at or before 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, as required by established policies and procedures.

*Janet Burns*

Janet Burns  
Senior Secretary,  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**CITY OF PALM SPRINGS  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
Thursday, April 28, 2022, Live Teleconference Meeting  
401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262**

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Interim Director Jeannie Kays and roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	PRESENT TO DATE:
Jerry Alcorn		X	2
Johnny Coladonato		X	2
Deiter Crawford		X	2
Jody Diaz		X	2
Michael Finland	X		3
Ellen Goodman		X	1
Susan Meyer	X		3
John Miraglia		X	2
Chris Spellman		X	1
Vacant			
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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeannie Kays, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation

**III. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda for this meeting was posted at City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way; the Palm Springs Leisure Center, 401 S. Pavilion Way; and the City of Palm Springs' website prior to 5:30 PM on Monday, April 25, 2022, as required by established policies and procedures.

**IV. DUE TO A LACK OF A QUORUM, MINUTES WERE NOT APPROVED AND DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS WERE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT REGULAR MEETING.**

**V. REPORTS AND REQUESTS.**

A. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Finland commented that Pickleball concerns were recognized and reassured public that the subcommittee would be meeting to address issues.

Commissioner Meyer said that she wanted to wait until the next meeting to make her reports and comments.

Director Kays reminded everyone of the position openings for the Commission, and announced that City Council would be holding a study session and that the public is welcome to submit comments to the City Clerk's office.

Director Kays thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

With no other business to attend, Director Kays adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m. with the next Regular Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 23, 2022, via a Zoom meeting facilitated from 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, California, 92262.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Burns, Senior Secretary  
Department of Parks and Recreation