

PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
MAY 19TH 2026 6:30PM
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chairman Michelle Dunlap, Board Members, Robin Hughes, Lenore DiRienzo, Enrico DiRienzo, Aarika Stacey-Hill, Leanne Knight.

Staff Liaison: Lauren Bennett, Ashley Calderon and Claudia M. Ruiz.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman Michelle Dunlap. Roll call followed.

Approval of Agenda and add-ons:

Robin Hughes made a motion to approve. Aarika Stacey-Hill seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Approval of minutes:

made a motion for approval of minutes; Robin Hughes seconded the motion; the motion carried.

New Business:

- Children Day/Earth Day Event took place, and we joined forces with our community partners. We had about 615 attendees. The event was located outside and other Village departments joined us, Parks & Rec (Rec on the Moove) and Community Policing, who handed out free ice cream.
- Ice Cream Social in celebration to the Partners in Education Award went to Palm Springs Elementary School and we served all staff free ice cream.
- Mother's Day Program – Limited signed up was at full capacity of 30 children plus their caregiver. We had a vendor who instructed a pottery craft class.
- 2026 Summer Reading Program: Preparations are underway, it's Dinosaur Themed. The day of kickoff is Monday, June 8th at the Village Courtyard from 10:00am-12:00pm and there will be a lot of vendors and plenty of fun. Staff went into details for the summer long programs happening weekly.

Old Business:

- LibCal- New to the Palm Springs Library, a library focused platform for managing registration events that is user friendly and has great event management features. This new platform will be launching in June.

Member Comments:

- Leanne Knight is a new alternate board member and she introduced herself. She is a school counselor at C.O.T. Elementary School and has been with them for 4 years. Leanne and her family are very active in the community.
- Lauren Bennett mentions the July 4th celebration that is around the corner. 250th celebration with a bigger fireworks show.

- Block Party is still in the works. The goal is to get the community more involved in our governmental processes.

Public Comment:

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Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be September 15th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Michelle Dunlap made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Hughes seconded motion: meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia M. Ruiz
Library Administrative Assistant

Village of Palm Springs Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy

I. Policy Statement:

The Village of Palm Springs values diversity and welcomes input from all interested parties, regardless of cultural identity, background, or income level. Moreover, the Village believes the best programs and services result from careful consideration of the needs of all its communities and when those communities are involved in the decision-making process. The Village does not tolerate discrimination in any of its programs, services, or activities. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal and state authorities, the Village will not exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination anyone on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or family status.

II. Persons with Disabilities:

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and related federal and state laws and regulations forbid discrimination against those who have disabilities. These laws require federal-aid recipients and other government entities to take affirmative steps to reasonably accommodate those with disabilities and ensure that their needs are equitably represented.

The Village will make every effort to ensure that its facilities, programs, services, and activities are accessible to those with disabilities. The Village will also make every effort to ensure that its advisory committees, public involvement activities and all other programs, services and activities include representation by communities with disabilities and disability service groups.

The Village encourages the public to report any facility, program, service, or activity that appears inaccessible to those who are disabled. Also, the Village will provide reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in public involvement events or who require special assistance to access facilities, programs, services, or activities. Because providing reasonable accommodation may require outside assistance, the Village asks that requests be made at least three (3) business days prior to the need for accommodation. Questions, concerns, comments, or requests for accommodation should be made to the Village ADA Officer:

Name: Ashley Saingilus
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III. Complaint Procedures:

The Village has established a discrimination complaint procedure and will take prompt and reasonable action to investigate and eliminate discrimination when found. Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination based upon race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability or family status in any Village program, service or activity may file a complaint with the Village Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Name: Janette Piedra, Human Resources Manager
Address: 226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs, FL 33461
Email: jpiedra@vpsfl.org
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