



## Occidental Community Council Minutes – March 17, 2012

**PRESENT:** Diane Masura, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey (Presiding in Fawn's absence)

Guests: Chris Henley, Aaron Shook, and Donald True. Meeting held at the OCA Gallery.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Yes.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Renewals are in process. New Members are invited to join us!

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

March 24 - OCA Celebration of Women in the Arts –

Balkan Chorus 4pm and Joanne Rand 8pm.

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Fool's Parade. 1pm. The parade will start at the Community Center, march downtown and return to the OCA for music and more entertainment.

**Monitors are needed for traffic control. Please call the OCA office to volunteer: 874 9392.**

Harmony ARK Education Foundation Fundraisers

April 9 – 30, 2012 Online Auction at [www.biddingforgood.com](http://www.biddingforgood.com)

(Paella Party for 12, Yosemite Getaway, Madrona Manor Stay, Portugal Retreat)

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunset Gala Dinner and Auction at Fernando's Bed & Breakfast in Bodega.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balance: \$10,575.57

Treasurer Rebecca Aff is retiring, so the search is on for a replacement.

Filing of the OCC Federal Non-profit annual report will be expedited by Mary.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.occidental-ca.org>

Updated monthly with OCC Minutes, and local events.

The OCC Google CALENDAR is a good way to help local organizations plan for events to avoid conflicts.

CALENDAR EVENTS for Occidental may be sent to [occeweb@sonic.net](mailto:occeweb@sonic.net).

**CRAFTS FAIRE:** The Map of Available Vendor Spaces at the Community Center and new Vendor Application are being developed. July kicks off our season of planning for our annual fundraising event.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Thank you notes for donations from OHC and OCA were received. River to Coast Children's Services Newsletter was received - Donna Roper retired, and Jynx Lopez became the new Executive Director.

**RESOURCE COMMITTEE:** Fawn followed up on a past request, which was denied. Mary oversees the OHC fund for patients, and Kaye oversees the School fund for students and parents. Requests from the area population at large should be directed to the whole council.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chris Hensley, Landscape Designer for The Water's Edge in Occidental, wants to donate some time to helping design some plantings in downtown Occidental. Egress between plantings, mulching and water conservation are important issues. Diane reported that OCSD has funds for landscaping.

Aaron Shook also came to the meeting to discuss how he can help take care of Occidental now that Rick is gone. He has been picking up trash and is willing to maintain landscaping and other duties, like recycling. He plans to go to the OCSD meeting to ask for compensation. Rick was getting \$200 from OCSD each month.

**SCHOOLS:** No updates.

**THE "Y":** Heidi McNeal will be attending a County Meeting TBA and will report back to OCC.

**HEALTH CENTER:** No news.

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**COMMUNITY:**

Last month's OCSD (Occidental Community Services District) meeting included a Report on the Water System. Thanks to Steve McNeal for persevering for the last 10 years to get a grant for the engineering report to be done. This will make Occidental eligible for funding to plan an improved system.

Land Paths and Private Property Owners have worked together to create BOHEMIAN PARK with Waterfall access to be open to the public soon. Congratulations!

**KOWS:** We received a thank you letter for the OCC sponsorship/underwriting. Included were the past records of when our PSA was announced on the air at KOWS.fm. Fawn has written a new one. We will check to see when our annual donation (\$350) is to be sent.

**Next Meeting:** A vote was taken to change the meeting next month due to a conflict with the Apple Blossom Parade: **April 28, 2012 10:30am Occidental Community Center**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.