



Occidental Community Council Minutes – September 15, 2012

PRESENT: Rebecca Aff, Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn & MacKenzie Nekton, Candi Penn, and Donald True. Guest: Chris Henley, Water's Edge Landscaping

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July and August Minutes Approved.

MEMBERSHIP: KOWS joined \$10 cash (Donald True representing.)
OCA Membership "Thank you" letter to be sent by Candi.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Camp Meeker Supper Club – Monday, Sept. 24th – 6-9pm \$15 BYO Beverage
Levi's Gran Fondo & Festival – Saturday, Sept. 29th – All three races come here!

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$9645.57

Carolyn is signed up at the bank as the new Treasurer.
Big Thanks to Rebecca for her service.

WEBSITE: A check for the rest of the year was distributed to Nadja Masura for her continuing work as the Web Pro. (\$50 per mo. x 7 = \$350)

CRAFTS FAIRE: The allotted budget for the event is \$1500. This covers advertising, signage, postcards, decorations, cleaning and overnight security.
Discussion about hiring a professional Santa ended with a decision not to spend the money.
Rebecca has music albums to be included for more variety this year.
32 Vendor Applications have been received and accepted by the Jury.
The deadline for Vendor Applications is now October 19th - a few spaces are available!
Food discussion was tabled until Kaye sends a report, which we will circulate via email.
Fawn will ask Jennie to create a design for the event pr and circulate it via email for approval.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

The Redwood Arts Council donation was unanimously approved for \$50.
River to Coast Children's Newsletter received.
SCOOP – Sr. Resource News was received.
Email from new local family received regarding bus service to Analy High.

SCHOOLS: The new TK program has 17 children (Pre Kindergarten).
The new buildings are beautiful, especially the Music/Art Room.
Job openings: Garden Coordinator and Librarian.

THE "Y": Message from Mary S. stated Caryl Hart of Sonoma County Park & Rec. would be willing to come to a Community Forum regarding the community center in October.
Diane reported from Heidi and Dave (STOCC) about the different possibilities being considered for ongoing use of the facility.
We decided to invite all interested parties to our next Council meeting – October 20th at 10:30am.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP):

Red Cross Classes are encouraged for learning new skills and refreshing previous knowledge.

Sebastopol CERT has classes available at the Seb. Fire Dept.

WCHC Emergency Manager and local Safety Committee members at OHC met to discuss the new trailer being built to park in case of emergency situations in Occidental.

Grants were written by Jane Barry (WCHC) last year and plans proceed with readiness using the funds.

COMMUNITY:

Chris Henley from Water's Edge Landscaping discussed plans for planting in the downtown areas and recommended a budget of \$1500 to \$2000 for plants.

A motion was made, seconded and a unanimous vote passed to give \$1000 toward the purchase of plants for the landscaping project. Once the water system is installed and the project proceeds, we will revisit the need for more plants.

We also discussed the implementation of a dog waste station in town, and it was agreed to table the decision until next month re: what type to purchase. Chris assured us his crew will install it. We saw the prototypes for the trash and recycling barrels and they are AWESOME!

KOWS: New programmers have started, and the Emergency Alert System is installed and working.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 20th, 10:30am at the Occidental Community Center.