



Occidental Community Council Minutes – April 20, 2013

PRESENT: Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn and MacKenzie Nekton, Mary Szecsey, Donald True.

GUESTS: (that signed in) David Dillman, Dan Kallenback, Bob & Barbara Costa, Fred Pollos, Loie Sauer, Miriam Redstone, Marcia Gravenites, Jacques Levy, Jaki McAuliffe, Lisa Hannan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: Lisa Hannan would like to join OCC.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 4 – KOWS.fm 6th Birthday Party

April 27- 1-4 Animal Shelter Pet Event- At Salmon Creek School

May 4 - Ark Auction and dinner at Fernando's in Bodega

TREASURER'S REPORT: OCC: \$8933.11 + \$460 StOCC funds

Website work paid to Nadja Masura for January thru June, 2013.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: No new business

NEW BUSINESS:

We jumped right into the discussion with the community members present regarding the **Feb 25th Community Meeting** on the Occidental Community Center's future. Introductions were made and Fawn spent some time explaining that the Council had wanted to convene the Community meeting with Caryl Hart, County, and the Y folks as a way to spark interest and involvement from the community in the future of the building. To that end we were successful!

There was a misconception that the Council had some role in approving the "Gateway" plan and Visitors Center, which after review of the County documents and our minutes, was, hopefully, laid to rest.

Further discussion involved next steps for community involvement. The history and current status of The "STOCC" (Save the Occidental Community Center") Committee was discussed as well.

Some community members present suggested that the Council take a role in planning another community meeting and act as the governing body for future community involvement in the matter.

Mary stated that she did not feel that should be the Council's role. Fawn reiterated the Council's mission and purpose. David commended us on the March 18th letter written to Caryl Hart and Steve Ehret.

Other's agreed, and wondered if we have had a response. To date, no response had been received.

More discussion ensued regarding next steps and it was suggested by Jacques that an ad hoc Committee be formed to plan future meetings and gather community input. Members of the Council present agreed that we would happily participate in disseminating this information and that individuals may want to participate on their own (MacKenzie volunteered). Community members present passed around a sign up sheet and most community members left at the mention of our next agenda item - Doggy Poop Stations!

DP Stations - Fawn passed around a picture of the proposed station and everyone was in agreement to move forward with the purchase of one station to be placed somewhere in the vicinity of the picnic and trash in front of Howards. Fawn agreed to discuss again with Chris Martin and then make the purchase.

At that point we were well beyond our allotted time and adjourned at approximately 12:30.

Note: Minutes were written by Fawn Nekton, without the aide of specific notes since our secretary and excellent note taker was not present at the meeting!

Next Meeting: May 18th, 2013 – 10:30am – Occidental Community Center