



Occidental Community Council Minutes – July 20, 2013
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PRESENT: Kaye Martin, Diane Masura, Courtney Meyer, Carolyn Neiman, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey, Donald True.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fire Dept. BBQ on Sunday – Come One & All Rural Food Program at St. Phillip's Center is every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Register at 8am. The next Town Hall Meeting is August 8th at Salmon Creek Gym – 7pm

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance - \$7943.11

Unanimous vote to pay web designer, Nadja Masura (6x\$50 = \$300) thru December.

WEBSITE: Additions and Corrections:

The **Rural Foods Program** has been operating since 1988. Every second Tuesday of the month, volunteers at St. Philip's offer an assortment of groceries and produce to low-income people in the area. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Goods are distributed from 9am to 11am. The Redwood Empire Food Bank and the Community Supplemental Food Program provide an additional box of groceries for seniors on a fixed income. And the "Betty Bag" is for families with children. To learn more you can call the Coordinator, Rod DeMartini at 874 3812 or email: roddemar@comcast.net

Qigong for Health: St. Philip's Center - Thursdays, 9-10am

Harmony Union School: <http://teacherweb.com/CA/HarmonyUnionSchoolDistrict/Homepage/>

CRAFTS FAIRE: December 7th & 8th.

Applications are being received by Sept. 20th for Jury Process to take place on Sept. 21st.

Carolyn entered last year's vendors in the Address Book at our Sonic.net account.

Wifi not available for credit card processing. Notice to be sent to vendors and added to Guidelines.

Food: Kaye will coordinate. Lisa Boisset, The Cook & The Drummer (393 9488) is interested, as is Mary Sheila. Others will be contacted for possible inclusion: Bauman College, Food Trucks, OAEC. 20% of food profits will be donated to OCC.

Site/Insurance – Fawn, Signs set up – Don, New Poster of OCC and contributions – Candi, Popcorn table – KOWS & OCC volunteers. Split the proceeds.

Decorating and Set Up – Courtney and All, Diane -Taping vendor spaces.

Raffle – Candi – Nonprofits may want to donate this year.

Feeding Media outlets/Calendars – Sherry has list. Candi will get it and send announcement.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Monthly mailings from Children's Services and WCCS. Email invitation received for Conference of CA Human Rights Foundation.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: No News/Requests.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dog Station has been ordered by Fawn. To be installed downtown by Chris Hensley.

SCHOOLS: Kindergarten and PreK enrollment is up with many out of district numbers. Other grades are down in enrollment. School starts August 28th.

The Environmental Center could be used more. What happened to the Fermentation Fest?

The Watershed Council will be meeting there and they are creating a resource library.

THE “Y”/Community Center: Mary will find out the status of the YMCA continuing role.

HEALTH CENTER: New Insurance rules go into effect on Jan. 1, 2014.

Educating clients about available plans is ongoing. Medi-cal is being expanded to 138% poverty.

CMSP will become Medi-cal. Small Business Plans will offer tax credits if under 25 employees.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP): oep2010@comcast.net

Map Your Neighborhood meetings can be scheduled.

COMMUNITY:

Trash cans are filling up fast downtown, including the Ranger Rick Statue can.

This costs money for pick up and labor.

Please do not dump household trash downtown!

Water Treatment Pond proposal – Sonoma County has 5 years to complete for CA compliance.

\$5 million, 5 million gallon tank, trees removed, and land easements all to be considered.

There are 90 rate payers, which includes restaurants and hotels.

Current pond on 3 acres has been in use since 1977.

KOWS: Successfully filed their renewal application.

The main board blew. Secondary is being used.

Advancements in music loops, etc. are increasing the organization of programming.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am

Next Meeting: August 17, 2013, 10:30am, Occidental Community Center