



Occidental Community Council Minutes – March 16, 2013

PRESENT: Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey, Donald True.

GUESTS: David Dillman, Phil Sullivan, Benjamyn & Corlin Gabriel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: Associate Memberships Paid (\$25) – David Dillman, Victoria & Michael Johnston.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday, April 6th – Occidental Fool's Parade – Ranger Rick Statue Unveiling!

April 16 – OCSD Meeting re: Water Rates

May 4 – KOWS.fm 6th Birthday Party

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$9,583.11

Annual non-profit reports to CA and U.S. will be done by Mary. E-file deadline is May 31st.

WEBSITE: Sonic Report - 2630 hits per month average. 124 of these are local hits.

Candi will prepare a monthly report on usage data.

CRAFTS FAIRE: In May we will start to prepare for the event. (Vendor App update, etc.)

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Membership renewals received, newsletters from River to Coast Children's Services and WCCS Senior Resource Center. OCA has agreed to renew membership, and will be contacted.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: Approved Young Writers Showcase funds will be distributed upon request, and an approved grant for Frames for the Student Art Show will be sent to Tanya Turneure at Harmony Union School.

NEW BUSINESS: None

SCHOOLS: Spring Break. The play was fun and the kids did a nice job.

Suggestion for next Production: one weekend (Fri. – Sun.) with a daytime performance.

THE "Y" – Occidental Community Center:

The OCC is going to write a letter to Caryl Hart at Park & Rec. highlighting some community feedback, including recommendations for the next meeting and ongoing communication.

People are upset about the process, some feeling "railroaded" by the county.

The building was cold and no sound system was utilized for the meeting.

OCC will recommend there be a facilitator at the next meeting, to enable input from all.

David Dillman sited the 5yr. plan on the Sonoma County website and was concerned about it.

Benjamyn Gabriel interviewed Caryl Hart, and she apologized for not being clear about the fact that nothing has been decided yet about what is going to happen here.

This meeting and two more are being held to learn what would be best for our community and the county. Something financially sustainable can be created to serve both locals and tourists.

More than 75 attended the meeting to show they care what happens, so the discussion continues.

On another topic: The lack of response to calls, emails to the YMCA – Jeremy H. – is a concern.

HEALTH CENTER: Open House was successful. Shari Kovner is better and is working part time.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP):

The County has agreed to move forward with supporting the Occidental Emergency Trailer. Sebastopol is hosting a Shelter practice session. Candi will be participating.

MYN – Map Your Neighborhood meetings are available for groups of 10 to 20 neighbors.

COMMUNITY:

OCC will review the dog station plans and order equipment next month.

Trash overflow is still a problem. OCSD is responsible for the new barrels downtown.

The trash can by the bus stop is taken care of by the Transit Co.

The trash at the Community Center and Tennis Court is to be taken care of by the County.

KOWS:

KOWS had their first remote broadcast of the Blue Grass Festival. So the travelling Kit works well with Skype.

Donald recorded the Community Center Meeting and plans to condense it into a podcast to post on the KOWS.fm website.

For the radio program scheduling, check out the website. Also find profiles of the programmers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2013 – 10:30am – Occidental Community Center