



Occidental Community Council Minutes – October 19, 2013

PRESENT: Kaye Martin, Courtney Meyer, Carolyn Neiman, Candi Penn, Donald True
Guest: David Dillman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bohemian Farmer's Market – LAST ONE – Friday, October 25th – Day of the Dead celebration!

Featuring: Cakewalk, Skull Decorating, Costumes, Black Sheep Brass Band

Halloween Carnival – Sat., October 26th – 5pm to 8pm – Salmon Creek School Gym

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$12,403.91 (Craft Faire Vendor payments have been deposited.)

WEBSITE: Local events are posted on the OCC Calendar, and the OCC Minutes are available:

www.occidental-ca.org

CRAFTS FAIRE:

All vendor spaces are full and there is a waiting list, reported Carolyn Neiman, Vendor Manager.

Availability of credit card processing was discussed and Courtney will research options.

Kaye will be finalizing Lisa Boisset (The Cook & The Drummer) as the Food vendor this year, negotiating for % of sales to OCC. Organic gourmet selections!

Courtney (Bohemian Market) is donating coffee, popcorn and oil.

Gino's Popcorn machine will be set up in the lobby, and local community non-profits will be asked to take turns making and selling the popcorn while displaying their promotional materials.

Fawn circulated several past postcard designs for input from the council on a choice for an edited version this year. They need to be available to vendors for distribution asap. Also, a digital file will be circulated for advertising purposes.

Donald will be installing the posters/signs this year.

Raffle donations will be solicited from local businesses by Candi & Diane in November.

Decorating will be Thursday, Dec. 5th in the afternoon. TBA.

An aerial view of Occidental from Robert Janover will be featured in a new OCC Poster for the event.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Received: Newsletters from Children's Services, and WCCS (West County Community Services).

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: No additional funding needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made and unanimous vote passed to purchase a Paver for the

Occidental Center for the Arts Plaza for \$275, which includes an OCA membership.

Discussion of additional plants/bulbs for downtown beautification. Courtney will donate funds from the Ranger Rick Foundation for this project.

SCHOOLS: Kaye spoke about Community Service hours that are required of 7th & 8th Grade students. If there are jobs needed to be done, please contact the school. Courtney said there are things that need to be done that Rick used to do.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER/ "Y":

David Dillman came to the meeting to hear more about the committee meeting that took place, since he is interested, but was unable to attend. And he questioned if the county (Regional Parks) was proceeding with plans for a community meeting in November. He requested that the Council write another letter to ask about it and repeat our recommendations (facilitator, adequate notification, heat). Those present approved of this.

Courtney reported on the Community Center small group meeting that was held at Benjamyn's House. There were 8 to 10 people offering ideas and hopes to create a working task group who are willing to work with the county to facilitate what the community wants. Meetings are being planned and a gathering place will need to be obtained. Benjamyn Gabriel will be talking about it in his monthly column in the Sonoma County Gazette (Occidental Oriented). He can be reached at: benjamynn@mac.com

HEALTH CENTER:

A Forum on the Affordable Care Program will be held in Occidental to provide a venue for the public to learn about and ask questions of health professionals. It is planned for December 3rd, Tuesday, at 6pm at the Environmental Center at HUSD. (OCC will serve refreshments.)

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP):

The Map Your Neighborhood program is available for groups of 10 to 20 neighbors who would like to gather to discuss resources and plans of action in case of an emergency.

To set up a MYN meeting, email: oe2010@comcast.net

For info on emergency preparedness, go to the OCC website.

COMMUNITY:

The Dog Station is up near the picnic tables and trash cans across from Howard's.

A sign will be posted in the OCC bulletin board to encourage dog owners to use it!

KOWS:

The antennae relocation project is progressing. An upcoming test at the proposed new site on Cherry Ridge Rd. will solidify the move. KOWS's 501c3 application has been approved.

KOWS will be at the Entrepreneur Expo in Sebastopol at the Barlow on Thursday, October 24th.

Kids programming for students who want to learn about broadcasting will be facilitated.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2013. Community Center. 10:30am.