



Occidental Community Council Minutes – April 19, 2014

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ARK Auction is open online; Event will be May 6th at Fernando's Hideaway.
OAEC Plant Sales are open. Western Hills is giving tours and open for sales now.
Occidental Community Choir Concerts begin May 3 and continue 4th, and 9th at OCA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April Balance - \$10,008.47
New checks were ordered and received by Carolyn.

WEBSITE: OCCAC Survey is posted on the OCC website: www.occidental-ca.org
No news from Walking Tour project – Mark Wiley. Candi will call him.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Ocean Song Thank You letter and Map received.
OCA Events, OAEC Plant Sale, and RCC Services, and Scoop Newsletters received.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council would like to encourage the Occidental Chamber of Commerce to restart. John Blair will be contacted. Local Businesses should have a website presence to serve locals and tourists. Courtney, Fawn and Mary (Biz Owners) will follow up on this.

FRAMES for the Student Art Project donation (\$400) was unanimously approved, with a recommendation to create some form of financial gain from this gift.

The New Dog Station (#2) has been ordered and we decided to have it placed near the Tennis Courts and Bus Bench Area. Refill bags have also been ordered, so we are glad to see the current station is being used.

SCHOOLS: Hiring is ongoing: Primary, Temp, 6th grade, and Math/Science for 7th/8th.

THE "Y": OCCAC Survey posted on the OCC website.
Return by May 31st to the Bohemian Market or by mail to:
Occidental Community Center Advisory Council - PO Box 1011, Occidental, CA 95465.

HEALTH CENTER: Insurance signups continue. Sonoma County is tops in the State.

OCCIDENTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (OEP):

OCA has agreed to be a Red Cross Shelter in case of Emergency.
The Emergency Trailer is ready and will be parked at the Community Center soon.
Thanks to Jane Barry, WCHealth, for her perseverance in working on this project!

COMMUNITY: Palm Drive Hospital will be closing. Memorial Hospital is the main Trauma Center for Sonoma County, as all ambulances go there currently. Plans are being considered for future use: Diagnostics, Urgent Care, Skilled Nursing Facility, and Elder Care.

KOWS: OCC unanimously voted to sponsor KOWS.fm (\$360/yr).
The County Planner is in the process of approving the Zoning for the new Tower.
Several New Programs have been added:
Prasad is offering Kirtan and Reggae Music.
Sebastopol Emergency Preparedness
OAEC – Reggae, StarHawk material
Diane Timberman – Readers Theatre

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2014 – 10:30am - Occidental Community Center
Donald and Candi cannot attend the May meeting.