



Occidental Community Council Minutes – August 15, 2015

PRESENT: Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Candi Penn, and Mary Szecsey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes, with Correction: Sonoma West will be open in September.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, August 21 – 6pm to 8:30pm – Caws Four Paws Charity for Local Animal Shelter

\$20 Spaghetti Feed – Negri's Restaurant

August 29th – 10am to 2pm – Salmon Creek – BLT & Watershed Council – Presentation, Discussion and Workshop about the Drought and effects on Coho and people.

Sept. 13-19: Salmon Creek Mapping Project. (Trainings at above event.)

September 12th – OCA Art of Reuse Sale – 10am to 4pm

September 4th - New Paintings displayed at the OCA Gallery on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11am to 4pm thru Sept. 27th.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance: \$9317.67

CRAFTS FAIRE: December 12 & 13, 2015

Carolyn Neiman, Vendor Manager, sent a notice to previous and interested vendors.

The 2015 Vendor Application, Guidelines and Map are posted online.

Applications are coming in. Deadline is Sept. 18, 2015. Jurying is at Sept. 19th OCC meeting.

Diane will send a PR announcement to the OCA Secretary for emailing to their list.

WEBSITE: Traffic: 125 local hits. 4960 total.

Featured this month: VENDOR SEARCH for Crafts Faire.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Senior Resource Center Newsletter – August Scoop

Minutes from OCCAC Meeting August 4, 2015

OCCSD Agenda from July 21, 2015

Thank you letter from OCA re: Lobby donation \$350.

OCA events posted on the OCC Calendar (Google).

RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

The OHC thanked us for the donation, which is used mostly for transportation of patients,

as well as some medications and equipment. Our model has been duplicated in Sebastopol and

Guerneville, as the Rotary Club donates to the health centers in those towns now.

The School Resource fund was approved and will be sent. (\$500)

NEW BUSINESS: None

SCHOOLS: The OCC would like to recruit a School Representative to come to meetings.

THE “Y”: Minutes from OCCAC Meeting August 4, 2015.

A public meeting is planned for January.

Meanwhile, the facility will be transferred to the Sonoma County General Services.

The OCSD does not want the jurisdiction/management position.

There is a proposed After School Program being considered.

Also proposed by the YMCA is a Membership Fee of \$100 per year for access to all “Y”s.

Rental of the facility has been difficult because of a lack of communication/response to inquiries.

HEALTH CENTER: Big News!

A Federal Grant of \$450,000 was given to the Russian River Health Center for the Homeless!

We learned that the County has been working on a community project for the area as well, which might include a shelter, job training, storage, child care, telephones, and parking.

Best hopes are for these two projects to coincide and benefit each other.

COMMUNITY: Diane’s Community Notes are a great service to let local organizations know what is going on. The OHC will be added. It originally served the OCA a way to track concerted efforts, but has expanded because of it’s value to the whole community. Thanks Diane!

The Meeting was Adjourned at 11:30am.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2015, 10:30am, Occidental Community Center