



Occidental Community Council Minutes – May 16, 2015

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

Guest: Steve Kay, Occidental Community Center Advisory Council

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yes, with correction: Ann Maurice did not join the OCC.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 23 – 10am to Noon: Coastal Prairie Ocean Song / Bodega Land Trust Walk.

June 2 – 6:30pm: Occidental Community Center Advisory Council Meets.

June 5 – Occidental Bohemian Farmers Market begins, every Friday evening 4pm til Dusk.

June 9 - Occidental Community Center Advisory Council Meeting – 6:30pm

TREASURER’S REPORT: \$10,807.67

Paid ARK for annual Young Writers’ Showcase (approved by members by email): \$700.

CRAFTS FAIRE: 2015 Application will be prepared for next meeting by Candi.

A notice will be added to the website to advertise 2015 dates and instruct potential vendors.

Vendor Applications will be received beginning July, with a Sept. 18th deadline.

WEBSITE: Traffic Stats from Nadja Masura:

Monthly totals - Local: 45 hits Total: 5646 hits

KOWS.fm and Bohemian Farmers Market to be featured on the website.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Senior Resource Center Newsletter – Scoop

Sebastopol Sr. Center fundraising letter received. No action.

Received Ann Maurice Donation \$20. (non-membership)

USPS – Direct Mail info. Received.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE: No requests.

NEW BUSINESS:

Portable Toilet Research – tabled. Fawn not present

Nets for outdoor basketball courts have been installed.

Chamber of Commerce – first meeting will be focused on Mission Statement/Outline.

SCHOOLS: Representative? – tabled until June Meeting.

THE “Y”:

Steve Kay discussed collaboration of community stakeholders.

The Diagram of different community groups and how they interact developed by Diane Masura was shared. Steve requested the OCC organize and host a meeting of all the groups to find out current usage of the “Y” and possibilities for future use.

OCC recommends a letter (or email) be sent to all groups to answer questions and poll likelihood of attendance at such a "town" meeting.

For more info on this group's activities and meetings: <http://www.occidentalcommunitycenter.org>
(Draft Minutes of May Meeting of the OCCAC will be posted downtown. Final approval at June meeting.)

Sonoma County Park & Recreation Dept. will continue maintaining the Community Center property until Jan. 2016. General Services will not be taking over these responsibilities now.

HEALTH CENTER: The Emergency Trailer (Jane Barry) is almost ready to move to Occidental. It will be parked on County property in the parking lot at the Community Center.

COMMUNITY:

Diane Masura's Link Chart of Community Organizations was shared. Super job!

Connect Joy Road May 5th report: Sonic has agreed to be the internet provider, but residents need to build the Network, so they will form an LLC which must apply for and be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CPCN). This allows the LLC to install fiber on utility poles.

KOWS: More KOWS Bell Ball Fundraiser resulted in donations of \$2000. Antennae site search is still on. KOWS.fm logo will be featured on our website. We voted to underwrite again this year for \$360. Coming up on their 8th Anniversary!

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30am.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2015, 10:30am, Occidental Community Center