



Occidental Community Council Minutes – April 15, 2017

PRESENT: Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Mary Szecsey, Donald True, +Honorary Member: Brad Wollman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Unanimous.

MEMBERSHIP: No new members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 22 & 23, 29 & 30 - OAEC Plant Sales

April 29 – 7:30pm. OCA - Hermitage Piano Trio.

May 5 – KOWS.fm radio moves to 92.5

May 6 – 12 to 4:30pm. Derby Day at the Monte Rio Theater – Fundraiser for West County Community Services. \$75 includes Food, Music, Race/Bets, Mint Julips, and Best Hat prizes.

May 6 & 7, 12 & 13 – OCA - Occidental Community Choir Performances. Occidentalchoir.org

TREASURER’S REPORT: April 2017 Balance: \$12,035.73

WEBSITE: Traffic Report: 2449 hits

Fawn will send Occidental pics from Kristen to Diane to be featured on the website.

Fawn volunteered to update our Facebook page monthly.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Events have been updated on the OCC Calendar.

Bodega Land Trust thank you note received for \$100 donation to Walks & Talks.

The Scoop from the Russian River Senior Center was received.

Ben Altier – email re: town maintenance. See New Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mural on Bohemian Market Wall – School will not do this. Donald will ask Terry Lynn.

Mural on Occidental Market Wall – School project – no news.

New OCC brochure in process. Fawn will send pictures of Occidental to use.

The Railroad Heritage Kiosk Boards are being printed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Maintenance – Eben Altier has been doing work, unpaid. Whose Responsibility?

Diane reported:

The County is responsible for the parking lots, potholes, sidewalks, and storm drains.

The Central islands are to be maintained by the OCSD, including plantings, trash, tables, and kiosks.

Signage in Occidental: There is an understanding that NO Obstruction is allowed. OCSD has jurisdiction.

Steve Fowler will be speaking at the next OCSD meeting about using banners on lamp poles.

A suggestion was made for Signs that are changeable on a single pole set up. See photo taken of example in Napa by Candi.

SCHOOLS:

Report on Diane's meeting with Supt. Rachael Maves:

Fawn will invite new School Board Member, Eurydice Rorick to be a school rep at our meetings.

Gonella's Market Mural – Will be worked on at school and transferred to the wall.

Rachael knows the Website needs updating, and the enews is not working. Will work on it.

Catherine Newman is the full time music teacher.

Community Service is happening all on campus: Trees planted, trails created, stage built, garden.

The Student Art Show needs branding. Recommended using "SAS"

Support in the Community is very important, especially if there is a future Bond to be presented.

HEALTH CENTER:

Brad gave kudos to the Occidental Health Center, praising the care and concern offered.

Jane Barry has been out of town. Emergency Trailer move on hold. Candi will follow up.

COMMUNITY: Diane's Community Notes for April will be posted downtown.

Freestone Meeting re: Development of a Wine Venue with 230 parking spots.

Businesses are in favor because it would upgrade the water system (quality & amount).

The Watershed Council is opposed due to traffic, noise, alcohol, and animal impact concerns.

Citizens are also concerned. An EIR will be requested.

OCA is considering hosting a new SRJC Adult Art Class.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:

20 Kids are enrolled in the successful after school program led by Dan Beckham.

The YMCA is cleaning more regularly now.

To DONATE to the New Gym Floor: <http://www.occidentalcommunitycenter.org>

KOWS: New Logos and rebranding has happened for the move to 92.5fm radio.

There are 100 programs currently.

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center