



Occidental Community Council Minutes – June 17, 2017

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April/May (May Meeting was cancelled, but email vote taken*.)

MEMBERSHIP: No new members.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fireman's BBQ July 16th

June 21st - Rural Broadband Advocacy Group - 3rd Wed. of each month

7 pm – 8:30pm St. Philips Meeting Room. Questions: Barbara Costa 874 9065

OAEC Chatauqua Sept. 14-16

TREASURER'S REPORT: May/June 2017 Balance: \$11,335.73

WEBSITE: Traffic Report: 2496 hits

Fawn sent two Occidental pics from Kristen to Diane to be featured on the website.

Fawn volunteered to update our Facebook page monthly.

A picture of the Fire Dept. BBQ will be featured this month.

KOWS info needs to be changed to reflect the new channel: 92.5fm

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Events have been updated on the OCC Calendar. Diane gave Candi events to be added.

The Scoop from the Russian River Senior Center was received.

Thank you letter from Ocean Song (\$100 donation) received.

Draft Minutes for Occidental Community Center Advisory Council Meeting June 1, 2017 received.

A thank you letter from the Occidental Choir was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Union Hotel Wall has been painted!

Mural on Bohemian Market Wall – Terry Lynn has a shop at Hardcore Coffee and Donald will be in touch with her regarding updating the Mural.

Mural on Occidental Market Wall – Kaye Martin gave an update on this school project.

Three meetings have been held. A grant is being written and the Art Teacher, Tanya plans on a fall semester start. It will be designed and managed by a professional artist at school and then installed on the wall downtown, featuring historical and environmental details.

New OCC Brochure – Candi is working on it. Appropriate pictures are being chosen.

Railroad Heritage Kiosk – Rick has done a second printing of the panels. A locksmith to open it will be needed, as the key is missing. Repairs may also be needed.

The Heritage Trail signs are being made and will be located at both ends of town.

Town Signage – Any permanent signs must be permitted by the county.

Temporary sandwich boards used for single events/one time use are ok. (OCSD jurisdiction)

The OCSD likes the idea for business signs that Fawn presented last month

(based on Napa sample.) Interest in a Chamber of Commerce to facilitate was expressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Community Center Changeable Sign Project was introduced by the OCCAC that would list the activities and rental contact information. We voted to support this and Diane will come back with more information next month.

The Occidental Community Council Calendar will be printed and posted in the OCC Bulletin Board.

SCHOOLS:

Donation of \$700 was sent to Harmony USD Ark Foundation for the Young Writers Showcase.
(Unanimously Approved in June email.)

Rachel Maves resigned and a search for a new Superintendent has begun. However, the school has a deficit and there are issues being raised about a top heavy administration, when aides are at risk in the classroom. The K class teacher has quit. A combination class has been formed.

Kaye Martin reported that Graduation was great. Summer Break now.

HEALTH CENTER:

Fundraising for the WCHC is in gear.

Mary Shiela is teaching Nutrition at the Forestville Clinic.

Dr. Trina Bowen is celebrating her 30th anniversary at the OHC.

Jane Barry of WCHC says Emergency Trailer move is forthcoming.

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

The Occidental Center for the Arts Gallery has approval from OCSD to put banners on the light posts.

OCSD – There is a water leak that will be fixed requiring road closures in front of the Dentist office.

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:

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

Steve Kay has resigned as President, and has requested the Council take over management of the OCCAC website. Discussion and Voted Approval: We are willing to pay for the website hosting fees, if a person will be assigned to and responsible for updating the site. Diane will report.

A joint meeting with the OCA discussed items mutually important.

The current YMCA calendar does not include all activities happening at the facility, nor is the OCCAC Calendar up to date. The Occidental Community Calendar is current and could be linked for people to access accurate information. Diane will facilitate this.

The YMCA has approved Russian River Senior Services using space for Case Management on W, Th, & F from 10-12.

SRJC Art Class is now offered from 10:00 to 12:30 on Tuesdays.

There is a SRJC Women's Health Class on Sundays from 10 to 12.

The After School Child Care Program from 3 to 5, M - F has been great and will resume in the Fall.

KOWS: 92.5fm radio.

The emergency equipment needs to be updated. They have requested funding and we approved based on Don coming back to the Council with an estimated cost of replacement. Carolyn will look up our records for previous donation. (2011?)

Reception is great now....all the way to Rincon Valley!

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 15, 2017 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center