



Occidental Community Council Agenda – March 17, 2018

PRESENT: Pete Basso, Sherrylou Carrick, Wendy Frades, Gino Gaffney, John Greaves, Clay Inthepottershands, Diane Masura, Carolyn Neiman, Fawn Nekton, Candi Penn, Paul Stange, and Donald True.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: YES.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome New Members–
Peter Basso, Sherrylou Carrick, Wendy Frades, and Clay Inthepottershands.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March – County work installing ADA Handicap parking and curb access continues.

March 31st – YMCA Fundraiser: Easter Egg Hunt, Book Sale, Raffle, Popcorn.

April 1 – OAEC Spring Plant Sale kicks off.

April 5th - OCCAC Meetings – 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Community Center.

April 7th - Fool's Parade – OCA to Downtown and returning to OCA for festivities.

April 13th thru June 3rd – Connections in the OCA Gallery. Open Fri, Sat, Sun 11am-4pm

April 14th – Living with Fire in Sonoma County. www.Bodegalandtrust.org - Salmon Creek School

April 14-15 – Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival. www.bbfishfest.org

April 17th - OCSD Meetings – 3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm. Fire Department.

April 27th – ARK Auction at Union Hotel. Donations: gz.harmony1970@gmail.com

May 7-9 – Sonoma State University Symposium – Promoting Fire Resilient Communities.

Sonoma County Regional Parks offers Summer Camps – Registration Open Now: Lifeguard, Surf, Kayak, Environmental Science, and Sea Squirts. parcs@sonoma-county.org

TREASURER'S REPORT:

March Report presented by Carolyn with Balance: \$13,806.45

WEBSITE: Traffic Report: 4275 hits

Diane will send Nadja updates: OCC Minutes, Community Notes, OCSD Minutes.

Feature for Front Page – Fool's Parade – Saturday, April 7th

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Events, classes and activities have been updated on the OCC Calendar.

The OCA menu of events was received and posted.

West County Community Services – Senior Center Newsletter received.

Sec. of State Required Statement of Information due 5/31 – Mary will take care of it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting with Dave today re: Mural on Occidental Bohemian Market by Gino & Fawn.

Charging Station – Research by Courtney. Peter is willing to help write a grant or contact donors.

Ranger Rick Headstone – in process.

No news on The Railroad Kiosk / Eco-Ring reimbursement status.

Mural on Gonnella's Market – School Art Project – no news.

Trash overflow issue will be taken to the next OCSC Meeting by Gino.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul brought up idea of Chamber of Commerce importance. Fawn discussed the history of such a group in the past. After a survey of businesses, it was apparent that the manpower is lacking to create an ongoing group (leadership and meeting attendance).

The County is forming MACs – Municipal Advisory Councils for unincorporated areas, including Occidental, Monte Rio, and Freestone. Supervisor Meeting attendance and representation will be crucial for our area. Volunteers?

SCHOOLS:

We are still searching for a new school representative to join the OCC.

There will be a Bond Issue on the November Ballot. The last one has been retired.

This new one is for Facilities Only – playing field, buildings, door locks.

HEALTH CENTER: Mary was absent as she was in Washington DC representing WCHC.

COMMUNITY:

Diane's monthly Community Notes will be posted Downtown and on OCC website.

Clay is forming a Rainbow Coalition to assist travellers in Occidental. He continues to help keep the town clean and free of bad elements. Thanks for your service!

OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY CENTER – YMCA:

Trudy Espinoza is the Occidental YMCA Director. She is the teacher for the afterschool program and is expanding activities for kids, like the Open Gym on Fridays from 5:30-7:30pm.

Parent volunteers are welcome, as well as donations of snacks.

Organic gardening has been approved by the County and YMCA for the planters around the building.

Enrichment classes have been taught by school teachers: French, Tennis, Cooking, and Fencing.

Fundraiser being planned for March 31st: Easter Egg Hunt, Book Sale, Raffle, Popcorn.

Council recommends offering sales during the Fool's Parade with lots of people in town.

John Greaves of the OCCAC has updated the slide show for activities available.

The Gym Floor fundraising is at \$22K. The effort needs a leader to spearhead the final push.

April 5th is the next meeting of the Occidental Community Center Advisory Council at 6:30pm.

Clay is working on getting a Climbing Wall for all ages. This would be a portable installation.

KOWS.fm: kows@sonic.net

A new site is being considered for the Radio Antenna.

The Fools Parade will be covered LIVE – Saturday, April 7th.

DeYoung Center Fundraiser being planned with Roy Zimmerman.

The KOWS High School Radio Project is an important project for kids to discuss issues.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:42am.

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 21, 2018 - 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center