

Occidental Community Council Agenda – January 2021

PRESENT on ZOOM: Paul, Justine, Kaye, Laura, Fawn, Laura, John, Diane, Mary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MEMBERSHIP: I think we talked Laura into joining and coming to meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$13,323 Fawn has a few expenses from the Holiday stuff and will send to Mary.

WEBSITE: \$172.70 to John for Website - approved. Mary will send a check

WebTraffic Monthly Report:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

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

BCBA: No report

Fire Safe Orgs: Green reflective signs getting put up throughout the Occidental Services District through a grant that Fire Safe Occidental received. A separate activity is underway to provide evacuation route signage. FSO is working on a Joy Rd to Bitner Rd clearance through the State to do clearing with the Conservation Corps. The hope is to train the workers and county on how to do the work with a focus on conservation so it's not such a slash a cut system.

Fawn put out there that Safer West County is looking for reps from Forestville, Monte Rio, Duncans Mills, maybe Graton too.

Feb 4th 6:30 pm Emergency Alert system test. Contact David Shatkin if you want more info.

Schools:

It's unclear when they'll re-open for in class learning. There's a lot of confusion with communication from the COunty and State. They may re-open for primary kids soon on a rotating basis.

Hiring a place based teacher with a focus on the older kids. New Science teacher for upgrades is very active with the watershed.

Kaye and Tania are organizing an Art Show at the Arts Center.

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Health Center:

Can we link the COVID page from the Health Center to Diane's notes and to the Website.

The Y & OCCAC: Melissa from the OCSD will get a set of keys from Ron for the Fire Department. Nothing is happening with OCCAC right now. Everything is on the back burner until things change with utilizing the center.

KOWS: Laura thanks us and would love to get updates of events and goings on to share on KOWS.

Other:

OLD BUSINESS:

- **KOWS Annual Donation/Sponsorship- Mary will send a check for our annual membership/sponsorship.**
- **Holiday & Safe Santa Sighting wrap up**
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NEW BUSINESS:

- **Farmers Market Porta Potties - We're paying the bill right now but believe it should be the responsibility of the OCSD. Paul will draft a letter/resolution from us and we'll vote via email on it. Then provide it to Diane to send to Melissa to get on the OCSD agenda. If they put us on as public comment we'll ask to be put on the agenda as an action item for the next time.**

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Next Meeting : March 20th, 2021? 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center



Occidental Community Council
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RESOLUTION

JANUARY 16, 2021

Whereas, downtown Occidental serves as a primary commercial hub for the area, whose economic vitality is heavily dependent on visitors accessing the retail businesses there; and

Whereas, convenient public restrooms are an essential feature of any best-in-class community's retail area anywhere in the world, particularly ones heavily frequented by out-of-town visitors; and

Whereas, there are no such facilities in Occidental and only temporary portable facilities have been sporadically available; and

Whereas, the county permitting requirements for the farmer's market required that a portable facility be available. In addition to market users, it was continuously used during non-market times by the public. Once the market ended its season, the Occidental Community Council, fulfilling one of its functions to help maintain a thriving, inviting downtown area, temporarily agreed to pay for the operation of the portable facility. However, a temporary and long-term solution of the public restroom problem needs to be addressed urgently by a government body, not a voluntary organization.

Therefore, after discussion and unanimous vote of its members, the Community Council hereby resolves that this matter is more appropriate for the Occidental Community Services District (OCSD) to address as a short- and long-term matter. It is further proposed through this resolution that the OCSD agree to absorb the monthly maintenance costs of the existing portable facility and also undertake the necessary evaluation of a long-term solution. A committee composed of representatives of the Council and OCSD is one way to begin to correct this deficiency in our downtown area.

On behalf of the Occidental Community Council,

Fawn Nekton, President