

Occidental Community Council Agenda – March 2021

PRESENT on ZOOM: Diane, Laura, Paul, Justine, Gino , Fawn and John

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Diane, Fawn- all approved

MEMBERSHIP: nothing to report

TREASURER’S REPORT: \$ 14, 192.9 Fawn has expenses from holiday lights and safe

WEBSITE: * See New Business for Proposal from Carol/OCSD

WebTraffic Monthly Report: provided by John

CORRESPONDENCE:

No mail, but we discussed the emails from Diane about the \$85 overage from OCCAC about what to do with the money. See new business for motion related to this.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY UPDATES:

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

BCBA: Nothing to report.

Fire Orgs: A whole light of stuff going on. The green sign project by FSO has been very successful. A big project along Joy and Bittner to do a lot of cleaning and clearing. The AmeriCorps crew volunteers has been an amazing resource.

Evacuation planning- Zone Haven is contracting with the County to work on the evacuation issues. There’s a meeting March 30th 10:30 am contact David Shatkin for details.

Schools: Re-opening after spring break! Under COVID Guidelines.

Health Center: Nothing to report

The Y & OCCAC: .

David of the SC Parks says they aren’t going to re-open the Community center, even at partial capacity until a site manager is found.

We think that Harmony is still involved or has an interest in this, but there’s too much going on right now to move forward with anything at this time. We’ll try and get some update, and perhaps participation in our next Council meeting on May 22nd at 10:30 am. Fawn will reach out.

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See John's note to Tim w/ SC Parks :

ABOUT THE TRASH CANS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER which has been one of my tasks.: I'll be taking out the trash on Thursday and bringing it back in on Friday until the 26-th of this Month. But you will need to find someone else or discontinue the service. Starting April 1 which is somewhat fitting, right?

It is not always a neat and tidy business, picking up and sometimes organizing the trash but I think having the trash cans THERE does help keep that part of town neater. Some locals use it regularly I think but still better than trash accumulating around the building and area. John Greaves

John will check with Richard Earnst, who has taken the trash out when John's out of town and who takes it out for the Fire Department, to see if he'll take this on. John will let us know. Fawn will send a Thank you if he says OK, or maybe even if he sorta agrees to do it!

- Also: Occidentalcommunitycenter.org - what's the status so we can put it in the meeting notes. We forgot to discuss this. Fawn will carry it over to the next meeting.

KOWS:

Laura thanks us for our work and sponsorship. Send PSA's and they'll get them on the radio. Fawn had the thought of promoting the Fire Safe Orgs and will check with SWC for what they'd like to say.

Other:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Diane's passed the \$85.50 from OCCAC to the Parks Foundation for the center.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Donation to Parks Foundation:**
When Diane sent the OCCAC's \$85 overage to the SC Parks Foundation she learned that the Community Center's gym floor project went over-budget by \$3041. This is the first any of us had heard of this. Gino proposed that we send the parks foundation a donation of \$300 toward the CC with a thank you for the help in getting this project done. Diane Seconded. Unanimous approval. Fawn will send a letter thanking them and offering the Council's support and partnership in getting the center utilized to its potential.

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- **Public Bathrooms:**

Copy of the Resolution to OCSD from OCC is attached.

Per Carol: Chris is leading the Ad Hoc Committee setup to address Parking & Bathroom. Next step is meeting with Lynda, David from Parks and Johannes/others to discuss all options, get creative and outline a plan. Chris working with Elise to set that up. Diane said she would be on Committee. Who else should be on the committee?

Paul did some research on what they did in Marin County in the town of Point Reyes which has multiple public restroom facilities and had some significant challenges getting them done and in their use. Paul will be on this committee with Diane.

Fawn sent Carol an email asking that she reach out to the BCBA for volunteers to work on this issue. **Fawn will reach out to the Gonnella family.**

- **Website Merging:**

Per Carol from OCSD: Website: got approval for max \$1500 budget for new website with OCSD Community and Fire. Would be awesome if we can combine into one site. Please advise who to work with if the Council is good with it too. We can then develop the website map, wireframe template, etc.

Fawn's Motion: That the Occ council consents to move forward with the potential merging of the OCC websites and the OCSD website, contingent upon it being within the OCSD budget and conditioned upon the OCSD confirming legal compliance on their side. It's been pointed out that there's a lot to this and we need not rush into it. Gino seconds. Unanimous consent.

Fawn will check with CMR&P to see who does their site and updates. They're doing it right- OCSD should check it out.

Laura suggested utilizing someone from the highschool to do website updates but will hold off on doing any research until the compliance issues are resolved or better understood.

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- **Crafts Faire Update:** We had a discussion about the crafts fair 2021 and seem to be in agreement that we want to have one. We'll discuss in more depth in May and specifically will choose a date and start discussing how we'll plan for a safe and successful faire.

Next Meeting : May 22nd 2021 10:30 am - Occidental Community Center and Zoom