



Monday, May 4, 2009 – 6:30 pm

City Hall – Mayor’s Ceremonial Room
City Hall, 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Amy Aldana, Scott Andrews, Frank Bernard, Aurora Chavez, Justin Scott-Coe, Susie Doss, Christina Duran, Albert Figueroa, Norm Gritton, Gurumantra Khalsa, Jeff Kraus, Karin Roberts, Taffi Romero, Nancy Sturmer, Robert Treen and Robin Treen,

Members Absent: Cindy Jensen, Lorraine Hernandez Saint and Council Member Nancy Hart.

Mayor/Council Members: Brenda Flowers, Mayor’s Office, and Council Member Rusty Bailey Ward 5

Riverside Police Department: Central Police Service Representative Tina Shook

Staff: Eva Yakutis, Don Smith, Hilda Gonzalez, Housing & Neighborhoods Division

1. Call to Order/Introductions –

Chairperson Romero called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

2. Introduction of New RNP Members – On Tuesday, April 28 Frank Bernard and Robin Treen names were brought before the Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee and were approved for their membership to the RNP Board.

3. Approval of Minutes for April 6, 2009 –
(Scott-Coe/Khalsa/Carried)

4. Mayor’s Office/Visiting Council Members –

Council Member Bailey from Ward 3 gave the following updates:

- New construction in the area known as the “flytrap” Central Avenue, Brockton Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.
- Andulka Park grand opening on May 2, over 1000 residents in attendance.
- Ramona High School stadium project will add park space to the Ramona Neighborhood.
- Marcy Library construction to begin later in the year.
- AVP Probeach Volleyball tour received positive reviews. AVP was pleased with how both the businesses and city embraced the organization. We are in discussion with AVP to have them return next year.

5. Neighborhood Watch Update –

Police Service Representative Tina Shook gave the following report:

- Neighborhood Watch groups have doubled in the Central Policing area; the current economy has stirred up the desire to form Neighborhood Watch groups.

6. Housing and Neighborhoods Report –

Don reported on the following items:

a) Council/Redevelopment Agency Report(s):

1. Neighborhood Assessment will be going to Council on May 12.
2. Neighborhood Stabilization Program is in escrow on a number of properties and has closed on two.
3. Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program will be going to Council on May 12
4. Deanna Lorson is the new Development Department Director.

b) Attendance Report:

1. Lorraine Hernandez-Saint has missed 3 meetings. A notification letter will be sent.

7. **Subcommittee Reports –**
 - a) Neighborhood Conference
 1. Don gave the RNP Board members the agenda for the day.
 2. Volunteer sign up sheet was circulated to the Board
 - b) Awards –
 1. Jack B. Clarke Good Neighbor Award (JBC) – the subcommittee has brought forth Cindy Jensen as the 2009 JBC recipient. (Scott-Coe/Aldana/Carried)
 2. Neighborhood Spirit Award winners were announced – Ward 1, Whipple Road Crew, Ward 2, Prince Albert Drive Neighborhood Association, Ward 3, Crowell/Sherwood Neighborhood Group, Ward 4, C.O.P Program, Ward 5, Arlington Business Partnership, Ward 6, Residents for Responsible Representation, Ward 7, Rancho La Sierra Neighborhood Watch.
8. **RNP Monthly Activity Reports –**
 - The following members submitted activity reports for the month of March: Aldana, Khalsa, Jensen and Sturmer
 - Amy will email the group a spreadsheet with the Boards activity log information.
9. **Old Business**
 - a) Proposed amendments/revisions to the RNP Bylaws:
 1. Proposed Bylaws circulated for Board to review (see attached). Board members voted to adopt as presented. (Sturmer/Kraus/Carried)
 - b) Report to Council:
 1. Scott has been reporting to Council during the public comment period for the last couple of weeks. On May 26, the RNP Board will be given 5 on the agenda minutes to report to Council.
10. **New Business**
 - a) Scott asked if the RNP Board members can get business cards. Staff will look into it.
11. **Concern from Visiting Neighbors –**
 - Paul Chavez - Casa Blanca (CB) Community Library was rededicated earlier in the month. CB hosted a Ward 4 candidate forum. In addition, CB hosted the annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 2.
12. **Future Agenda Items –**
 - a) Eastside Neighborhood Plan Draft
 - b) Neighborhood Livability program
 - c) C.O.P. Program initiative
13. **Announcements - None**
14. **Adjournment-
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

Next Meeting June 1, 2009 – Mayor's Ceremonial Room