
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Amy Aldana, Scott Andrews, Frank Bernard, Susie Doss, Albert Figueroa, Norm Gritton, Cindy Jensen, Gurumantra Khalsa, Jeff Kraus, Karin Roberts, Justin Scott-Coe, Nancy Sturmer, Bob Treen, and Robin Treen

Members Absent: Taffi Brandriff, Aurora Chavez and Christina Duran

Mayor/Council Members: Council Member Andy Melendrez, Ward 2

Guests: Paul Chavez and William Kenison

Staff: Don Smith and Hilda Gonzalez Housing & Neighborhoods Division

1. Call to Order/Introductions –

Vice-Chairperson Figueroa called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2009 –

(Jensen/B. Treen/motion carried)

3. Visiting Council Members/Mayor's Office –

Council Member Melendrez Ward 2 gave the following report:

- The Eastside Neighborhood Plan was approved by Council in June
- University Neighborhood Group has been meetings with RCTC and is providing the agency with their input on quiet zones and other issues important to the community.
- Dwight St. Neighborhood Group hosted their 4th Annual 4th of July BBQ/Potluck. Over 300 neighbors joined in the annual festivity.
- Lincoln Park Group has been discussing issues concerning school district voting to convert Lincoln Continuation School into an elementary school.

Kraus reported on the June 20 walk with Mayor up Mt. Rubidoux. Over 75 people joined the Mayor on the walk. The next walk is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, at 7:30 a.m. at Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park.

R. Treen reported on the Mayor's business breakfast with the businesses at Riverwalk. The businesses have partnered with the Police Department and have formed a Neighborhood Watch Group.

4. Neighborhood Watch Update –

Andrews reported that a Neighborhood Watch meeting was being planned at the Arlington Station.

H. Gonzalez reported that National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 4. If they wish to host an event they should contact their local Police Service Representative.

R. Treen – White Park Neighborhood Watch meeting with women's club took on action items, very positive meeting.

Doss – Illegal business on the street is gone with cooperation with various city departments.

5. Housing and Neighborhoods Report –

Don reported on the following items:

Council/Redevelopment Agency Reports –

- Homeless Fund will go before Council, Affordable Housing Projects going before Council, Neighborhood Assessment Plan is moving forward with positive cooperation from other departments. NLA budget was cut and we have reworked the academy.
- Attendance Report – none

6. Subcommittee Reports –

- Neighborhood Conference/Caucus Committee – Jensen handed out minutes of the Conference/Caucus meeting. The discussion included how the day of the caucus will go, the date, the location, and the time frame.
- Registered Neighborhood Group list distributed so that the RNP can begin spreading the word about the upcoming caucus.
- RNP Application Forms were distributed

7. RNP Monthly Activity Reports –

Amy – reported that RNP Board members are emailing her the monthly log sheets.

8. Old Business

Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Business/Information cards – handed out

9. New Business

Gritton reported that the first meeting of Magnolia Area Neighborhood Alliance (M.A.N.A.) will take place on July 8 at 6:30p.m., in room D at Janet Goeske Center.

10. Concern from Visiting Neighbors –

Paul Chavez reported that on July 8, the Casa Blanca Community Action Group will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Villegas Community Center. New Council Member Paul Davis donated DVD's to the local library and CAG will present the Council Member with a certificate of appreciation.

11. Future Agenda Items –

- Neighborhood Livability Program
- C.O.P. program initiative

12. Announcements.

Council Member Melendrez announced the starting of the 2nd annual City of Riverside Opera Camp. The camp begins on July 13th and ends on July 18 with a participant performance.

The program is for the city's youth from 9 – 3p.m. and adults 18 and over from 3- 9p.m.

Jensen – Distributed the Wood Streets Newsletter

Kraus – Wednesday evenings during the month of July UCR will be hosting CSI Lectures at the UCR extension center.

Scott-Coe – Reported that 54 neighbors attended the Wood Streets Green team session on Conservation in which the group partnered with the City Public Utilities.

Figuroa announced a business mixer on July 14th at the Canyon Crest Wine Shop.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting September 14, 2009 – Mayor's Ceremonial Room