
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Scott Andrews, Taffi Brandriff, Susie Doss, Damien O’Farrell, Norm Gritton, Erin Snyder, Gurumantra Khalsa, Jeff Kraus, Justin Scott-Coe, Ed Jones, Bill Scherer, Mickey Lawler, Paul Davis

Members Absent: Amy Aldana, Frank Bernard, Cindy Jensen, Karin Roberts, Robin Treen, Aurora Chavez

Staff: Eva Yakutis, Don Smith, and Hilda Gonzalez – Housing and Neighborhoods, Development Department, Colleen Nicol, City Clerk

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair calls meeting to order at 6:37. Introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes, July 12, 2010

Motion to approve the minutes. (Gritton/O’Farrell/Carried)

3. Mayor’s Office/Council Members’ Update

Councilmember Melendrez: Slow summer; however, he met with the following neighborhood groups:

- University Knolls - Dealing with cut-through traffic. Also discussion of UCR academic year starting and return of students to the neighborhood and parking issues.
- University Neighborhood Association – They had a presentation by REEis re: The Whole Home Rebate Program the UNET also presented to the group
- Lincoln Park - Backpack give-away. This group has brought the park back to life and has event schedule for the next six months or so.
- Met with Emerson and Longfellow principals about what they would like to see their students do over the summer, and they wanted to see the kids reading over the summer. Parks and Recreation, Library, and Arts and Culture staff came up with book mobile reading program. Kids checked out 2,000 books and opened 500 library cards. 160 kids participated in reading program. Waiting to hear what kind of impact it made on the kids performance this fall.

Councilmember Davis: Reported on Day of Caring, successful program including tribute to 9/11. United Way Chili cook-off October 20, 2010 which includes a dunk tank. Tickets are \$10 dollars per ball; funds go back to United Way. He and other council members will be participating in the dunk tank as well.

4. Presentations

City Clerk’s Office – Code of Ethics Annual Review

Annual Review taking place for the Code of Ethics and RNP invited to participate. Opportunity to come to City Council September 21 at 7:00 pm at the public hearing. Governmental Affairs is recommending a community committee be formed to bring recommendations forward. A

copy of full Code of Ethics on line or the City Clerk will get you a copy. City Clerk will contact those that need to go through the Code of Ethics training.

5. Concerns from Visiting Neighbors

Virginia Werly from the Wood Streets Neighborhood has concern with the new street sweeping policy and the effects it is having on the neighborhood. Eva sent information to Public Works and will be in contact with Ms. Werly.

6. Housing & Neighborhoods Report

- a. Overview of Neighborhood Leadership Academy curriculum this year. Sign-up of RNP members for each week to represent RNP.
- b. Annual Meeting & Caucus October 24 at Bordwell/Stratton Center
Postcards provided for distribution by members. Mailing going out next week.
- c. City Council Items August 24, 2010
Eva provided update as to reports to council:
 - NSP Update
 - Homeless Update
 - Georgia Street Housing Project
- d. Block Building – Report provided later in the minutes
- e. Registered Neighborhood Group Update Survey – Hilda provided update as to status.

7. Subcommittee Reports.

- a. Bylaws Subcommittee – Scott-Coe stated that at this time no proposed change to the bylaws until criteria for the neighborhood council was finalized.
- b. Conference/Caucus Subcommittee – potluck sign-ups, all members asked to bring a breakfast item. Caucus will be the same format as the previous year. Returning board members will run caucus for their perspective areas.
- c. Membership/Marketing Subcommittee - Andrews will address the Neighborhood Leadership Academy participants prior to the Caucus.
- d. Neighborhood Awards Subcommittee – None
- e. Neighborhood Council Subcommittee – committee would like to interview former board members and get their input on Neighborhood Council. Housing and Neighborhoods is working on council criteria and application. Kraus asked if dues will be exclusionary or how will dues be handled with each council. Eva responded that the council report leaves that option open to each individual council. Gritton said that both DANA and MANA have dues in order to vote on matters. Snyder stated that members of Northside Improvement Association must be in “Good Standing” and have attended at least 6 months in a row.
- f. Building Blocks Subcommittee – Andrews passed out minutes of subcommittee meeting. Hilda asked for Andrews to provide an updated list of which committees board members were assigned to.

8. RNP Board Member Announcements

Snyder – Santa Ana River Cleaning on 10/02/10 and Seniors Go Green event at White Park on 10/02/10

Kraus – September 18 Walk with the Mayor along Victoria Avenue.

Scott-Coe – Green Community Garden invitation on November 13

Brandriff – LANA meeting on October 7 at 7:00 p.m. at La Sierra Senior Center.

9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Street Sweeping

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2010 – Mayor’s Ceremonial Room

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