



MINUTES
Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

A. ROLL CALL

At 6:02 p.m., Chair Diana Velzy called the meeting to order.

Present were: Christopher Bissonnette, Blackstock South; Jon Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Guido Gollner, Carriage Square; Tom McNally, Channel Islands; Ronald Arruejo, East Village; Kim Winch, Fremont South; Roger Poirier, Hobson Park East; Larry Stein, Lemonwood; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Lissa Hewitt, Oxnard Dunes; Walt Hagedohm, Oxnard Shores; Rosanna Biggerstaff, Pleasant Valley Estates; Sandy Diaz, Rio Lindo; Alfonso Arroyo, Rose Park; Isaac Khalaf, Sea View Estates; Debbie Arevalo, Southbank; Doug Tauber, Via Marina; Michael Gleason, West Village; Angela Whitecomb, Wilson

A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 4, 2024

Motion by Lissa Hewitt seconded by Christopher Bissonnette. Minutes of December 4, 2024, approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Stein - Air concerns around the Oxnard Airport, the Teal Club development, and water supply and Aquifer Storage and Recovery well issues.

Doug Partello - Need to recognize volunteers in the City; legal issues with City Treasurer

Angela Whitecomb - More recognition needed for volunteers, similar to the City of Ventura

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Swearing-in of INCO Executive Board

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor of the City of Oxnard swear into office the new members of the INCO Executive Board for calendar year 2025

Mayor Luis Mc Arthur swore in the new members of the INCO Executive Board for calendar year 2025: Chair Diana Velzy; 1st Vice-chair Lissa Hewitt; 2nd Vice-chair Alfonso Arroyo; 3rd Vice-chair Christopher Bissonnette; and 4th Vice-chair Doug Tauber.

2. SUBJECT: Carnegie Art Museum

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receives a verbal report on the Carnegie Art Museum, followed by Q&A

City Manager Alexander Nguyen provided a verbal report. The concept discussed was transforming the Carnegie Art Museum to the Carnegie Art Center, serving the City's youth

during the day, an art gallery in the evening, and a special event rental facility on the weekends, rather than a formal, municipally-run museum. Issue with Carnegie's possession of Native American artifacts. A question and answer session followed.

3. SUBJECT: Avalon Homes

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receives a report on the Avalon Homes Subdivision, followed by Q&A

Tanner Shelton, Senior Planner with Jensen Design and Survey, presented on the Avalon development project. A question and answer session followed.

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS

Tom McNally, Channel Islands - Had election meeting with eighty in person and twenty on Zoom; continuing work on CI Harbor Water Quality

Debbie Arevalo, Southbank - Had meeting on January 29; the Traffic Engineer's street report was reviewed; discussed the construction of the Santa Clara River Levee 3; use of Ring for neighborhood mapping

Sandy Diaz, Rio Lindo - next meeting is March 20 at Rio Lindo Elementary; issues with mulch at local park

Jon Huycke, Bryce Canyon North - upcoming joint election meeting with Bryce Canyon South; Councilwoman Michaela Perez will be in attendance

Larry Stein, Lemonwood - having first meeting in two years; focus will be on immigration

Isaac Khalaf, Sea View Estates - disaster preparedness, reactivating dormant councils

Ronald Arruejo, East Village - had a neighborhood election meeting, best attended meeting, elected a full board

Christopher Bissonnette, Blackstock South - Had a meeting in January with Councilwoman Michaela Perez and City Manager Alexander Nguyen; State Assemblymember Steve Bennett will be in South Oxnard

Doug Tauber - Had meeting on January 16 concerning crime in neighborhood, budget; next meeting is March 4 on disaster preparedness

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

None received.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Roger Poirier, Hobson Park East - discussion on how some neighborhood councils generate attendance at meetings; discussion on water issues

Doug Tauber, Via Marina - environmental contamination

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.