



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

A. ROLL CALL

At 6:00 p.m., Chair Diana Velzy called the meeting to order.

Present were: Christopher Bissonnette, Blackstock South; Jon Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Raini Steffen, Cabrillo; Teresa Salazar, Cal Gisler; Guido Gollner, Carriage Square; Ronald Arruejo, East Village; Larry Stein, Lemonwood; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Lissa Hewitt, Oxnard Dunes; Sandy Diaz, Rio Lindo; Alfonso Arroyo, Rose Park; Isaac Khalaf, Sea View Estates; 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 February 5, 2025

Motion by Christopher Bissonnette, seconded by Doug Tauber. Minutes of February 5, 2025, approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Miguel Rodriguez - Workforce Development Director for Port of Hueneme; in attendance to foster relationships with some neighborhoods that are adjacent to the Port's operations

Drew Sarni - Project Manager in the City's Housing Department; the Department has received a Neighborhood Choice Grant from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development; will reach out to the neighborhood councils in La Colonia, Fremont South, Five Points Northeast, Hobson Park East, and Wilson neighborhoods

E. NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT: Via Marina Neighborhood

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receives a presentation from the Via Marina Neighborhood on environmental contamination

INCO Executive Board 4th Vice-chair Doug Tauber presented on environmental contamination. Topics included issues with the initial source of the contamination, ground water intrusion (drinking water not impacted), soil vapor, and how effects are currently being monitored via environmental screening levels. A question and answer session followed.

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS

Sandy Diaz, Rio Lindo - next meeting is March 20; Code Compliance and emergency preparedness team will be in attendance, as well as Councilman Aaron Starr; issues with mulch in park

Angela Whitecomb, Wilson - last meeting was held in DOIA's office; Fire Dept was in attendance; other issues in Downtown, including a fatality on H St; created subcommittees within neighborhood council

Larry Stein, Lemonwood - first neighborhood meeting was held several weeks ago; recommended that neighborhood councils should be aware of activities that protect vulnerable residents from ICE

Jon Huycke, Bryce Canyon North - joint meeting of north and south Bryce Canyon neighborhoods, quorum not met; spoke on traffic issues and speed humps

Ronald Arruejo, East Village - upcoming neighborhood meeting will have United Water official and Public Works presentation; in discussions with the offices of Supervisor Kelly Long and Assemblymember Steve Bennett to attend future meetings

Raini Steffen, Cabrillo - last meeting was February 12, presentation from the Fire Department on upcoming April CERT class, VC Alert; next meeting is May 28 at Cabrillo Park with the City Manager in attendance; open to collaborating with other neighborhoods on National Night Out event

Christopher Bissonnette, Blackstock South - District 6 meeting on February 19; spoke on alleys; upcoming neighborhood cleanup

Doug Tauber, Via Marina - had council meeting on March 4; Fire Department in attendance and spoke on disaster preparedness; upcoming neighborhood cleanup

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

None received.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Angela Whitecomb - federal funding cuts impacting local grants

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.