



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:02 p.m., 1st Vice Chair Velzy called the online meeting to order.

Present were: Christopher Bissonette, Blackstock South; John Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Doug Partello, Cabrillo; Len Shulman, Carriage Square; Tom McNally, Channel Islands; John Beck, College Estates; Elizabeth White, Cypress; Paul Henke, East Village; Chris Hernandez (VC), Five Points Northeast; Jaime Moreno, Fremont South; Jack Villa, Hobson Park East; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Jessica Paredes Ulloa, Oxnard Dunes; Rosanna Biggerstaff, Pleasant Valley Estates; Carlos Quiroz, Redwood; Forest Weatherhead, Rio Lindo; Sofia Vega, Southwinds; Michael Gleason, West Village; Aaron Greer, Windsor North.

A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of December 1, 2021 online meeting

Motion by Jack Villa, seconded by Len Shulman. Minutes were approved with a correction to the spelling of VC Star Reporter Brian Varela's name.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

Adriana Sandoval: Community Relations Specialist with Gold Coast Health Plan shared community project launching this summer that will address a need in the community. There is a community survey available on their website due by February 28th.

Audrey Keller: Encouraged neighborhood leaders to alert their neighbors of any cannabis storefront locations whether positive or negative so they can provide feedback. City has a deadline of March 1st to review, approve or deny all applications for the businesses.

Gabe Teran: Reminded attendees that the deadline to submit redistricting maps is February 7th at 5:00 pm.

Doug Partello: Shared about the development plan called "Teal Club Specific Plan" which will be 990 residential units (220 single, 770 multi-family) and some commercial and light industrial.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Neighborhood Cleanups, Drop-off Events, and the FY 2021-22 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the General Membership receive an overview from the City's Public Works Director, Michael Wolfe, on this year's Neighborhood Cleanup and drop-off events, and an update on the FY 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program

Public Works Director Michael Wolfe shared about the changes to this year's Neighborhood Cleanup and drop-off events, and the FY 2021/22 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Questions/Comments were received from:

Michael Gleason - asked about how traffic flow and volume will be managed with the increased population. ANSWER: There will be traffic control, good entry points. Will be working with PD on traffic control to keep the lines moving.

Tom McInally - asked if e-waste will be accepted. ANSWER: Will be accepting anything that can be accepted at Del Norte at the mobile sites, including e-waste

Doug Partello - clarified if it was in lieu of the neighborhood cleanups, also shared a concern about Oxnard 311 and Doris Ave. being a major site for dumping; Doris Ave shows outside the service area because there's no address. ANSWER: Yes, it will be in lieu of the former neighborhood cleanups program. Will check with IT on the Oxnard 311 issue.

Suggested a volunteer opportunity for those who have the means to help their neighbors to bring trash to the cleanups. Asked about where the funds will come from to cover OT, staff time, etc.

ANSWER: They would use ER funds (utility payments) to cover this event, not the general fund.

Carlos Quiroz - asked why the program would be changed; expressed unhappiness with the change. Asked if the program does not work after the first one can it go back to the way it was? ANSWER: This is now taking into account restrictions due to the pandemic and also staff time/OT that is accounted for. Adjustments can be made as the program progresses but we will see it through for a full year.

Asked how many staff and cadets are going to be there and how much money it would be to get cadets and other personnel in there to take care of the sites. ANSWER: A number assignment has not been given; staff would have to return with that information.

Christopher Bissonnette - Asked how the information will be communicated since many in his area are not on computers and need information in English and Spanish. Volunteered to help distribute flyers to the neighborhood. ANSWER: The City PIO will communicate the information out; will get in touch with Christopher about distributing flyers.

Suggested job corps, boy scouts/girl scouts, other community service organizations to help with the event. ANSWER: Will be using city corps and there will likely be other groups involved but can only commit tonight to city corps, ER and elements of PD. There could be additional volunteers but cannot say which organization might be.

Gabe Teran - shared that this new way will help neighborhoods who did not have the capacity to hold a cleanup before; suggested neighbors reach out to help their other neighbors who might not be as able-bodied or mobile.

Aaron Greer - hopes to have additional areas added to this so residents don't have to travel so far

Diana Velzy - expressed displeasure with change and taking away this opportunity from the City since this was part of the incentive program to get neighborhoods involved; unhappy that this decision was made without including the neighborhood council's input. Asked about the City staff that will be involved in this process. Concerned with using police officer resources to direct traffic. Requested more specific information about type of bins. ANSWER: Police Cadets will be assisting with this, not police officers. Streets will be helping with signage. Police won't be diverted from other activities.

Jon Huycke - asked if ER can supply statistics on cost balance after a few of these; suggested 6 city council districts instead of the 4 quadrants and suggested to put a notice in with the water bill.

Jack Villa: Asked about performing arts, the wastewater facility, and some parks in the city that are in dire need of maintenance. ANSWER: suggested working with parks staff on maintenance of parks; waste water treatment plant will be out to bid again in the next month or so; Performing Arts should be on the schedule for capital projects.

Christopher Bissonnette - Will replacement of water meters include the valves that are attached? ANSWER: We will replace anything that is the responsibility of the city. If there is a specific question, contact the water division.

Doug Partello - Sewage system/pipes, estimate for improving areas all through Oxnard with a surcharge. Where are you in terms of replacements of pipes? ANSWER: Will connect him with the correct people to answer very specific questions.

Roger Porier - backlog of park projects with not enough staff to implement these projects; historically have not needed to get input from residents, but any design proposals for parks need to be brought to

residents for input. Would like to see a commitment from PW that any change/new construction in parks has a robust neighborhood input program.

Carolos Quiroz - question about alley repair, how do we go about picking which alleys are repaired first and how does the process work? ANSWER: Alleys are selected based on the pavement condition index (PCI), lowest PCI gets repaired first. Trying to pave with concrete rather than asphalt for a longer lasting material. Staff goes to visually inspect the streets at least once every four years.

Chris Hernandez - Asked about specific projects and improvements for the Five Points Northeast neighborhood aside from housing. Discussed trash 6th/Meta Oxnard Bike Club has not had trash picked up in over a month. ANSWER: Suggested he looks at the CIP to review projects and see which ones pertain to his neighborhood; can't speak to community development or homelessness issues. Took a note down to circle back with the City engineer and see what kind of information to bring back to him. Will pass along the note for the trash issue.

Sofia Vega - asked about the aquatics center funding and proposed ideas of how that will be built. Asked about Hueneme Road Business Corridor. ANSWER: Clarified that aquatic center design is anticipated to be complete in one year and funding will be a council decision. One of Council Priorities is Hueneme Road improvement but will be in community development.

Jon Huycke - asked about semi permeable pavement in alley ways to collect some of the water, wondering if Oxnard could incorporate some of those things. ANSWER: have to be careful about permeable pavement. Capturing rainwater can often be a very extreme cost.

2. SUBJECT: Neighborhood Council Budget Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the General Membership receive a verbal report from the Executive Secretary on the upcoming Neighborhood Council Budget Program.

This item will be postponed until the March 2, 2022 General Membership meeting when the Executive Secretary is present to report.

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Doug Partello, Cabrillo - Shared about the Cabrillo neighborhood landscaping improvement with the volunteers for the perimeter of Cabrillo is going on, dramatic improvement; parks department has been picking up tons of green waste. Big issue with the West side of Addison between Doris and Gonzales, monster dead bushes for over 10 years. Volunteers working on tackling those bushes.

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

No reports.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items suggested include: bringing back ER to have questions asked in the meeting today answered (Carlos Quiroz, Redwood); budget will be prepared in May/June and we should be preparing a presentation for INCO as far as budget and where we're at and where money went for 2021/22 year (Jack Villa, Hobson Park East); membership discussion on Zoom meetings, resuming meeting/election requirements, etc (Diana Velzy, Orchard Park).

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, 1st Vice Chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary