



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

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:01 p.m., 1st Vice-Chair Velzy called the online meeting to order.

Present were: John Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Richard Tucker, Cal Gisler; Len Shulman, Carriage Square; Tom McNally, Channel Islands; John Beck, College Estates; Ronald Arruejo, East Village; Chris Hernandez, Five Points Northeast; Dave Ebbitt, Fremont North; Jack Villa, Hobson Park East; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Jessica Paredes Ulloa, Oxnard Dunes; Walt Haggdohm, Oxnard Shores; Suzi Gonzales, Rose Park; Sergio Garcia, Sierra Linda; Bill Shallenberger, Southbank; 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 February 2, 2022 online meeting

Motion by Len Shulman, seconded by Michael Gleason. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

Steven Gama - Councilmember from City of Port Hueneme; looking forward to youth conversation on the agenda

Bill Shallenberger - New to Zoom, happy to be in attendance

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Civic Engagement at 17: An Introduction to the Youth Coalition of Oxnard
RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a presentation, followed by Q&A

A presentation was shown by students of high schools around the City on the Youth Coalition of Oxnard and the work they do in the community.

Steven Gama - invited the group to a coastal cleanup event this weekend; the importance of environmental stewardship

Jon Huycke - good to have young people involved in the community, interested in contacting them to participate in the neighborhood council program

Jack Villa - thanked the Youth Coalition for their presentation, hope they stay for the rest of the meeting

Jessica Perez Ulloa - thanked the youth for attending and for their service work and leadership skills

Gabe Teran - thanked the young people for the work that they have done

Diana Velzy - thanked the students for their presentation and the work done in the community

2. SUBJECT: Presentation from Ventura County Ice Sports
RECOMMENDATION: That the General Membership receive a presentation from Wendi Cool with Ventura County Ice Sports, followed by Q&A.

Wendi Cool and Kiera O'Donnell of Ventura County Ice Sports gave a presentation on a future community center focused on ice sports in the City.

Ronald Arruejo - 1) will there be any partnerships with any school districts? ANSWER: proximity to Pacifica High aids in opportunity; opportunity to volunteer and intern at ice rink; 2) demand for curling, type of ice ANSWER: will follow Simi's ice rink example

Patricia Lau-Cho - resident of West Village, excited for Sports Park

Jon Huycke - a parking garage is a great, space-saving idea

Aaron Greer - Wagon Wheel ice rink was a viable business, well attended

Rodrigo Zaragoza - have you spoken to City on an ice rink? ANSWER: have connected with a couple of council members who advised gathering community support, which they have done

Michael Gleason - have you looked at alternative sites? ANSWER: There is another site in Camarillo owned by the City of Camarillo; looking at how other rinks are funded by local governments

3. SUBJECT: Neighborhood Clean-ups

RECOMMENDATION: That the General Membership have a discussion, followed by direction and action.

In December 2021, Diana Velzy noticed there was a kick-off program for a new type of drop-off event at the City transfer station. Calls went out to ER by the INCO to get more information, but no information was received. ER staff went to a November meeting stating that they have the support of City Council members for change to the program.

Jack Villa - Neighborhood Council bylaws - Article 1, Sections (6) and (8). No consideration to the neighborhood councils by staff; City made a unilateral decision

Jon Huycke - Concurred with Mr. Villa; wrote up a summary from the last meeting with PW director

Aaron Greer - Concurred with Mr. Villa; the program is explicitly in the Bylaws; any City decisions should have come before the INCO first; explained ER clean up funding structure

Pat Brown - Spoke on the proposed ice rink and cleanups

Walt Hagedohm - Volunteered for clean up events, which were very successful; those that made this decision have no idea how the City is run

Len Shulman, Carriage Square - Ran his neighborhood cleanups for 20 years, always successful, all-volunteer, and a major social event for the neighborhood; decision by City is against the neighborhood bylaws

John Beck, College Estates - Would like to see how the new program will work; his neighborhood events haven't been that successful; not having trucks to transport bulky items is a barrier to success for the new proposed program

Sergio Garcia, Sierra Linda - Social event for neighborhood, would like the old program to remain

Sofia Vega, Southwinds - Similar concerns to new proposed locations, Southwinds is too far away from her neighborhood; yearly clean-ups were something to look forward to, help stem the problem of illegal dumping in Southwinds

Chris Bissonette - Was a cost analysis done on programs?

Jack Villa made a motion, seconded by Chris Taccone, for the INCO Chair to write a letter to City Council about the INCO General Membership's displeasure with the new proposed neighborhood clean-up program and restore the previous program. Any deviation of the old program should be discussed first with the INCO, per the Bylaws.

A roll call vote was taken, all members voted their approval:

John Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Richard Tucker, Cal Gisler; Len Shulman, Carriage Square; Tom McNally, Channel Islands; John Beck, College Estates; Ronald Arruejo, East Village; Chris Hernandez, Five Points Northeast; Dave Ebbitt, Fremont North; Jack Villa, Hobson Park East; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Jessica Paredes Ulloa, Oxnard Dunes; Walt Hagedohm, Oxnard Shores; Suzi Gonzales, Rose

Park; Sergio Garcia, Sierra Linda; Bill Shallenberger, Southbank; Sofia Vega, Southwinds; Michael Gleason, West Village; Aaron Greer, Windsor North.

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Len Shulman, Carriage Square - Conducted the neighborhood's first virtual meeting one week prior, which was the first meeting in two years. Distributed flyers, posted online, etc., and had guest speakers in attendance, including the City Manager, PD, and Councilmember Teran. Attendance was low

Walt Hagedohm, Oxnard Shores - Oxnard Airport "touch and go" landings by flight schools and private operators, up to 30-40 flights per day lately; single-engine planes are the only engines in the state allowed to use leaded gasoline, a known environmental hazard

Ronald Arruejo, East Village - Election meeting later this month on March 29

Sofia Vega, Southwinds - Have not had an in-person meeting yet, working on one sometime soon; still doing food distribution events, including Saturday, March 5

Sergio Garcia, Sierra Linda - Finished survey on annexing group; cameras are throughout the neighborhood; promoted use of 311 app

Tom McNally, Channel Islands - In-person meeting on March 31

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

Jack Villa, 4th Vice-chair - Thanked Paul Henke, who resigned from East Village; thanked the Youth Coalition for attending the INCO meeting; working on an in-person activation meeting for Wagon Wheel

Diana Velzy, 1st Vice-chair - Working on in-person meeting; will be meeting with ER at the request of the City Manager, would like two others to join; thanked the membership for showing up tonight

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jon Huycke - No manual of best practices on how to organize and maintain a council; proposing to put together a "best practices committee"

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, 1st Vice-Chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary