



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, June 1, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:01 p.m., Chair Tai Hartley called the meeting to order.

Present were: Doug Partello, Cabrillo; Len Shulman, Carriage Square; Tom McNally, Channel Islands, Ronald Arruejo, East Village; Pat Brown, Five Points Northeast; Chris Taccone, Fremont North; Jaime Moreno, Fremont South; Jack Villa, Hobson Park East; Joe Avelar, Lemonwood/Eastmont; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Walt Hagedohm, Oxnard Shores; Rosanna Biggerstaff, Pleasant Valley Estates; Carlos Quiroz, Redwood; Forest Weatherhead, Rio Lindo; Tai Hartley, Riverpark; Sergio Garcia, Sierra Linda; Bill Shallenberger, Southbank; Michael Gleason, West Village; James Reach, Wilson

A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of May 4, 2022

Motion by Jack Villa, seconded by Chris Taccone. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

Sam McCoy - Speaking on behalf of First Five Ventura County for a June 11 community wellness fair
Pat Brown - Spoke on multiple awful tragedies in the country; there is a need for emergency preparedness training for neighborhood chairs
Bill Shallenberger - Complaint on County Gold Coast AMR ambulance service in City
Joe Avelar - Need for public safety emergency preparedness for neighborhood councils

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Neighborhood Cleanups

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a verbal update from Assistant Public Works Director Brian Yanez on the status of the Neighborhood Cleanup Program

Assistant Public Works Director Yanez gave a report. Public Works will be reinstating the Neighborhood Cleanup Program and will be starting a discussion on how to get as many neighborhoods (active and inactive councils) involved in the Program going forward. Requested the INCO to start an ad hoc committee on neighborhood cleanups, helping to fill out a calendar of events and gathering community volunteers to help with cleanup events. Will explore canceling the regional cleanup events that were hosted by the City in March 2022.

Diana Velzy - Can use INCO Subcommittee on Activations for assistance with the reinstatement of the program; will use program to gather support for larger Neighborhood Council Program

Jack Villa - Will Rebecca still be involved? ANSWER: Yes; is PW still planning on using City Corps? ANSWER: No, right now there is no plan to get assistance from City Corps due to their hiring challenges

Doug Partello - what are the size of rollouts ANSWER: size will be appropriate for event

Carlos Quiroz - Rebecca did a great job, thanked Public Works

Joe Avelar - residents won't stay, City Corps helped when people couldn't get items in the container. Police aren't helpful.

Chris Hernandez, Five Points - thanked Public Works staff, in the Five Points neighborhood, there is a lot of drug use, public urination, and defecation, how will Public Works help with that? ANSWER: these events are for bulky items, will talk offline with the resident to assist

2. SUBJECT: Quimby Fund

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a verbal update from Assistant Public Works Director Steve Howlett on the City's Quimby Fund

Assistant Public Works Director Howlett gave a report.

Questions and comments were received from:

Carlos Quiroz - when will these funds be spent down? ANSWER: no answer for that

Joe Avelar - how do neighborhoods qualify? ANSWER: developers pay into fund when constructing new development; oil well in the neighborhood has never been capped ANSWER: Public Works will research the issue

Doug Partello - can funds be used in aging parks? ANSWER: funds can be used in existing parks, but only for new amenities

Walt Hagedohm - if residents have ideas, should they go to the Parks Commission and scope of what to ask for? ANSWER: Parks Commission does not grant approvals, only recommends action to City Council; funds can be used for park and recreation components for their use

Sergio Garcia - who is the point of contact for Parks and Rec? ANSWER: Recreation and Community Services Department handles programming, Parks Division handles maintenance; Parks Commission to receive any request from residents

Roger Poirier - Serves on Parks Commission, and can address questions from residents

Chris Hernandez - also serves on Parks Commission, would love to speak with neighborhood councils on a plan for neighborhoods with Quimby fund balances

Nate Castillo - if funds can be moved, who makes that decision? ANSWER: City would want support from a neighborhood where funds were generated, City would initiate the transfer

Diana Velzy - what does "rehab" mean in the fund description? ANSWER: in some cases, it is left over from previous projects, will research and return; are funds in individual interest-bearing accounts? ANSWER: will research and return; funds can be combined with grants, General Fund monies, etc.

Jon Huycke - will like a copy of Quimby fund balances ANSWER: Executive Sec will provide a copy of balances

Jack Villa - the amounts have been around a while, thanked Public Works

3. SUBJECT: Drought and Mandatory Water Conservation Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a presentation from the City's Water Division Water Conservation and Outreach Supervisor Megan Schneider and Management Analyst Abraham Maldonado on the ongoing drought impacting the City

The Water Conservation and Outreach Supervisor gave an update.

Questions/comments were received from:

Jon Huycke - spoke on conditions and methods of conservation

Michael Wolfe - answered a question on groundwater on the Oxnard Plain

Doug Partello - the City is a big water user, nothing is repaired when things break, what projects are in motion; ANSWER: water restrictions are for all, including the City. Working on addressing issues with irrigation and audits and repairs are currently taking place; is there a premium penalty you pay when going over? ANSWER: there is a tier system in the rates, based solely on consumption, not the number of residents

Joe Avelar - City too lax with violations; need for reporting abusers; ANSWER: please report abusers at 805-385-3905

Chris Taccone - where is the fine being charged? ANSWER: in the water bill; for ASR wells, there is a process that has to happen where City will test injected water

Chris Hernandez - Will the Water Division offer help to families that use a lot of water? ANSWER: Yes, there are rebates available for high-efficiency appliances, sprinklers, free aerators, and free shower heads; will do water conservation education events

Tai Hartley - is there any utility assistance available? ANSWER: Yes, there is a utility rate assistance program, if someone in the household qualifies for MediCal or Medicare; Project Assist goes before Council the week of June 6

Bill Shallenberger - City staff was quick to fix an issue in the past, the City keeps watering their own properties, how long can we water? ANSWER: 10 minutes per station, one day a week

Sergio Garcia - the City spent millions on the AWPf RESPONSE: ASR program coming online, recycled water will be going out for agricultural use

Pat Brown - use less water if we use joint showers

Tim Gingrass - where can you get the low flow showerheads ANSWER: Water Division can supply them

4. SUBJECT: Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a presentation from Housing Director Emilio Ramirez and Planning & Sustainability Manager Kathleen Mallory and on the update to the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

The Housing Director and Planning & Sustainability Manager gave an update.

Tai Hartley - how do in lieu fees get determined? ANSWER: established by a study to determine the amount of money that it will take to construct affordable housing units; does 10% reserve only go into the development where it is derived? ANSWER: Yes, rates are established by City Council and updated yearly; there will be a July 25 online workshop on the topic from 3-5 pm

James Reach - City of Camarillo has the option to lower the amount of affordable housing to zero; ANSWER: there is no inclusionary ordinance by state law - local governments make that decision

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Tim Gingrass, Rio Lindo - new chair

Chris Hernandez, Five Points - truck route changes in City. Deaths in the neighborhood have been a result, would like an update from City; no lighting in the neighborhood

Doug Partello, Cabrillo - mailboxes have been vandalized, working with USPS; have been doing landscaping with mulch

James Reach, Wilson - newly elected Vice-chair of Wilson neighborhood. Closed alley west of Colonia Rd and Oxnard Blvd. City staff working on reopening the alley

Jack Villa, Hobson Park East - Community meeting on June 11, from 11-1 pm, planning to meet once a month

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

Diana Velzy - Wagon Wheel election meeting on June 28

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Planning for neighborhood cleanups

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Hartley adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary