



MINUTES
Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:02 p.m., 1st Vice-chair Diana Velzy called the online meeting to order. Present were: 1st Vice-chair Velzy, 2nd Vice-chair Chris Taccone, and 4th Vice-chair Jack Villa. Chair Tai Hartley was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Wednesday, February 9, 2022, regular meeting.

Motion by 4th Vice-chair Villa, seconded by 2nd Vice-chair Taccone. Minutes were approved as presented.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public Comments were received by:

None received.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Update from the INCO Subcommittee on Neighborhood Activations
RECOMMENDATION: Receive update, followed by discussion

4th Vice-chair gave a report. Wagon Wheel activation meeting is happening this month outdoors at the neighborhood park.

A separate neighborhood expressed interest to activate and will attend the Wagon Wheel meeting to learn more. Possibility to get two neighborhoods started.

1st Vice-chair Velzy spoke about resuming in-person meetings.

2. SUBJECT: INCO Letter Concerning Neighborhood Cleanups
RECOMMENDATION: Receive update, followed by discussion and action

1st Vice-chair Velzy started work on the letter on behalf of Chair Hartley and elicited feedback from the E-Board members. 4th Vice-chair Villa provided background information on the Neighborhood Cleanup program. Discussion ensued amongst the Board.

ER Manager Todd Housley reintroduced himself. Housley spoke on illegal dumping throughout the City and the challenges on how to address it. The Cleanups are a piece of the strategy to clean up the City. The events were paused during the pandemic. They neglected to talk to the INCO about the changes that are coming to the program; apologized for the oversight and made a commitment to communicate with the INCO.

1st Vice-chair Velzy stated that the City staff made a choice to pause cleanups on their own, even if the City could do it safely. The latest cleanup event under the new structure was poorly attended.

4th Vice-chair Villa - asked if the staff is considering going back to the old program. *Housley* - the program in 2022 is geared to collect data, especially instances of illegal dumping. Can't promise that it will go back to the former way it was done. The program is going from one clean-up event per year to a neighborhood, to up to five opportunities. Villa - the program was all about the budget and lowering costs; the new level of service disenfranchises residents that don't have the resources to make the new program work. *Housley* - operates within a rate system and needs to be fiscally responsible. There is no tie to the General Fund. Decisions are always made with the budget in mind, but did not do this program based on ways to reduce services or cheat the public. Wanted to provide more opportunities and spread the service wider.

1st Vice-chair Velzy - forgetting those that don't have the means to transfer their items for disposal under the new program. Those that won't be able to make these events will illegally dump. *Housley* - here to listen to the INCO and address concerns. The goal is to cast a wider net to provide more options for residents to dispose of their items. The data will inform future decisions on the future of the program.

2nd Vice-chair Taccone - neighbors won't fill up cars with garbage and trash. They appreciate it when the program comes to their neighborhood when they can simply take it down the street. Where does the funding come from? *Housley* - comes out of the rates residents pay

Public Works Director Michael Wolfe spoke. Every ratepayer is paying for this service, even those that do not benefit from it. They are paying into the service and not getting the service, which is a problem. Were not told to come before the INCO by Council. 1st Vice-chair Velzy said that she heard from a Councilmember that the Public Works director may have been told to come before the INCO in October about the program -- will verify that statement and come back with more information.

4th Vice-chair Villa - thanked the staff for coming and talking with the E-Board. Gripe ultimately will have to come before the Council and City Manager to correct the issue.

Asst Public Works Director Brian Yanez shared a slide on future drop-off events throughout the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Neighborhood Council Budget Program
RECOMMENDATION: Receive a verbal report from the Executive Secretary on the Neighborhood Council Budget Program, followed by Q&A

The INCO Executive Secretary gave an update on the program

2. SUBJECT: INCO General Membership Agenda
RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive Board set the agenda for the General Membership meeting in April 2022

FY2022-23 budget update

Neighborhood Council budget program

F. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

4th Vice-chair Villa - invited Rebecca Guevara to the Wagon Wheel neighborhood activation meeting

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None received.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, 1st Vice-chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary