

MINUTES

Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO) – Executive Board Meeting Special Meeting April 18, 2022

A. ROLL CALL, POSTING OF AGENDA AND FLAG SALUTE

At 7:01 p.m., the Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization, Executive Board convened in the Council Chambers. Chair Tai Hartley, Vice-Chairs Jack Villa, Diana Velzy and Christopher Taccone were present. Chair Hartley presided and called the meeting to order. Staff member present was Luly A. López, Recording Secretary. Saluted the FLAG.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of minutes of March 9, 2022.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Continued approval of minutes to May 11, 2022.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Neighborhood Cleanups.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive Board discuss the Neighborhood Cleanup program, next steps, and action items.
DISCUSSION:

First Vice Chair Villa stated that the Executive Board wants to make sure this item is not dropped. Neighborhood cleanups are very important and neighborhoods take pride in keeping their neighborhoods clean. The City made the choice to have four cleanups without consulting with the INCO. The City is ignoring the INCO as an organization and we need to pressure the City Council and City Manager. Some of the things the INCO can do is: 1) issue a vote of no confidence as a group; 2) do not support candidates in the upcoming election; and 3) inform the press.

First Vice Chair Taccone stated that residents are upset, the City did not communicate the proposed changes to the neighborhood cleanup program. The City uses Facebook and Instagram to keep our residents up-to-date on the activities of City government and not all residents use social media. The neighborhood cleanups have been set-up as quadrants and most people do not have large vehicles to transport their items which make it difficult to participate.

First Vice Chair Velzy stated that Caltrans is providing funding for the neighborhood cleanups. The current neighborhood clean-up by region makes it difficult for residents to participate.

Discussion ensued among the Chairs regarding the neighborhood clean-up goals.

First Vice Chair Villa stated that some neighborhoods could use the clean-ups twice a year such as Colonia and Southwinds.

Chair Hartley stated that the City Council, City Manager and staff overlooked the INCO. Ms. Hartley stated she boycotted this cleanup and did not advertise/promote the event. If the City had worked with the INCO we would have supported it. Ms. Hartley stated that the City needs to reinstate the previous neighborhood clean-ups, they were effective.

Discussion continued among the Chairs that the four quadrants are not effective. At the beginning, some residents were turned away if they did not belong in that region. It is the INCO's responsibility to ensure we have neighborhood clean-ups. A suggestion was made to meet with the press at the worst neighborhood (Cuesta Del Mar or Emerson) and share with them why we are not happy. The INCO Executive Board would like to know:

1. What is it going to take to reinstate the program?
2. What are the expenses for the four quadrants?
3. What was the cost before?
4. What is the funding source, please specific?

First Vice Chair Velzy stated that California Recycle mandates that the City provide for clean-ups.

Discussion continued about the lack of communication and that the City took it upon itself to change the neighborhood clean-up without soliciting input from the INCO.

First Vice Chair Villa is going to contact all newspapers and will let the Executive Board know.

E. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

First Vice Chair Villa reported that:

Kamala Neighborhood Council – has a new chair

Southbank Neighborhood Council - Jackie Tedeschi has stepped down

Blackstock South - needs to hold an election to vote for a new chair

Oxnard Pacifica - nowhere to meet, potentially in the cul-de-sac

Confirmed that the golf course is a neighborhood council which consist of two developments.

First Vice Chair Velzy reported that Laura Marshall of Tierra Vista Neighborhood is interested in getting assistance in re-activating their neighborhood.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Executive Board would like to continue to discuss Neighborhood Clean-ups and the budget.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, and without objection, Chair Hartley adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Luly A. López, Recording Secretary

Tai Hartley, Chair