



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2021

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:02 p.m., Chair Gleason called the online meeting to order. A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of December 9, 2020, online meeting.

Motion by Len Shulman, seconded by 4th Vice-chair Henke. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Jason Benites - spoke on restoring community policing efforts throughout City.

Ashley Bautista, Public Information Officer, Ventura County - gave information on COVID-19 to share with the community: look for updates on ventura.org

Chris Taccone - working on activating neighborhood council

Vanessa Alva - works for non-profit BRITE; spoke on work that her organization does in the community with the youth; requested to be placed on next month's INCO General Membership agenda

Chris Hernandez, Five Points Vice-chair - working with cannabis dispensary to donate supplies at an animal shelter; there will be a car-seat giveaway event in Five Points

Rebecca Guevara, ER - spoke on Christmas tree and mattress/box spring recycling services the City will do for free

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Guest Speaker Mayor John C. Zaragoza.

Mayor Zaragoza gave a presentation on his biography and vision and goals for 2021

Comments/questions were received from:

Gabe Teran - thanked the Mayor for attending the meeting; asked about resources needed to start alleyway cleaning - Mayor identifying resources with ER division, neighborhood clean up activation

Chris Hernandez - thanked Mayor; asked about getting in touch with name of contact in PD who is on patrol, residents that live near 7th and Meta are having issues with the homeless population in the area

- Mayor offered to get in touch with Chief Benites to work with PD and with Code Compliance

2. SUBJECT: 2021 Goals for the INCO

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and Provide Direction

Chair Gleason explained the purpose of setting 2021 INCO goals, such as getting before the City Council on a regular basis, the INCO Bylaws committee, identify goals and define them clearly; 75% of existing neighborhoods should have active councils; spoke on COVID vaccine

Gabe Teran - priority has to be growing the INCO and neighborhood council system for representation and involvement in the City; is there a number of councils that we would need to activate? Make it measurable

Diana Velzy - importance of neighborhood chairs assisting in activation of neighborhoods, develop a program helping these chairs in getting residents to attend their neighborhood meetings

Jack Villa - need to get trainings coordinated on Zoom for some chairs for those that are having issues using the software

Aaron Greer - despite the challenges of COVID, INCO still got business and meetings done

Chris Hernandez - the time it takes to get residents involved is a lot

CM Alex Nyugen - Mayor to give State of the City address to the INCO; CM Nguyen to present 21-22

Gabriel Teran - motion to adopt goal #1: 36 active councils, goal #2: 29 neighborhood chairs or members attending INCO General Membership meetings regularly, goal #3 - host at least 2 community events in 2021; 2nd by Len Shulman, approved by unanimous voice consent.

3. SUBJECT: INCO Subcommittees

RECOMMENDATION: Create Subcommittees to Work on Agreed-Upon INCO Goals

Chair Gleason - already have a subcommittee on INCO Bylaws, need to replace Dan Rydberg

Gabe Teran - volunteered to replace Mr. Rydberg

Tai Hartley - will be on the Bylaws committee

Jack Villa - create an INCO Activation Committee, members include: Jack Villa, Diana Velzy, Christopher Taccone, Chris Hernandez, Raini Steffen

Chris Hernandez - have social media accounts for each neighborhood council

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Aaron Greer, Windsor North - elections meeting via Zoom January 13, going to have updates from CM Nguyen on Santa Clara River levee and LMD

Sofia Vega, Southwinds - neighborhood recently experienced several shootings, additional PD patrol was added to the neighborhood; saw the video of Code Compliance incident with street vendor

Chris Hernandez, Five Points - have residents join VC Alert so everyone can stay informed of emergencies; 7th and Meta parcel filled with trash

Len Shulman, Carriage Square - Vagabond Inn sold to Mercy House to run a permanent shelter

Paul Henke, East Village - received a text from FD on new laws on drivers having to slow down when emergency vehicles that aren't moving have their lights on; authorized vehicles can use high-low sound to indicate an immediate need to evacuate an area in case of an emergency

Gabe Teran, Fremont South - new development in neighborhood, trying to get the developer to present on the plans; next neighborhood meeting in February on parking permits and curb cut requests

Christopher Taccone - speaking with PD chief on starting a neighborhood watch

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

1st Vice-chair Jack Villa - works part-time at Los Robles Hospital, received the COVID-19 vaccine a couple of weeks ago, will get the 2nd dose this week with minimal side effects; encouraged everyone to wear masks, keep distance, wash hands.

Chair Michael Gleason - hopes that INCO can reestablish trust between the City and the residents; challenges of getting the public vaccinated

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Gabe Teran - Vanessa from BRITE to be included at next General Membership meeting

Chris Hernandez - issue with street vendor and Code Compliance

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary