



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:01 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 January 6, 2021, online meeting.

Motion by Diana Velzy, seconded by Len Shulman. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

Roger Poirier - helping La Colonia chair, Ramon Lopez, with neighborhood council meeting next week; conducting the meeting with bilingual translation; would like City to subsidize this service; City Manager promised a \$40,000 budget for INCO

Julie Pena - City Manager agreed to an INCO budget, but INCO never received any funding. There is a need for neighborhood council bank accounts

Gabe Teran - Was not at December INCO meeting, apologized for not thanking the INCO E-Board, General Membership, and staff for work completed in 2020; there should be access to some level of funding for the INCO

Adriana Sandoval Jimenez - Lives in Lemonwood, having a hard time getting in touch with previous neighborhood council chair, Joe Avelar. Wants to reactivate the council.

Forest Weatherhead - Lives in Rio Lindo, used to have group events at park such as a community yard sale. Previously had money in a neighborhood account for purchases such as walkie talkies for the neighborhood watch; holding neighborhood meetings at the school is expensive for the room rental

A motion was made by Gabe Teran to extend public comment, seconded by Diana Velzy, approved by unanimous voice consent

Chris Hernandez - also interested in access to funding, hosting meetings can be expensive

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation on Homelessness and Q&A from Oxnard Housing Director, Emilio Ramirez

Housing Director gave a presentation on homelessness in the City, including the new Homeless Solutions Center in Downtown.

Questions were received from:

Julie Pena - requested an update on the Ormond Beach encampment: ANSWER currently 40 people are at Ormond Beach, City Council approved remediation of the site, which is designated as an EPA Superfund site

Chris Taccone - Were neighbors and businesses contacted regarding the location of Homeless Solutions Center: ANSWER extensive outreach over 1-1.5 years

Aaron Greer - question on parking and ownership: ANSWER City owns parking lots which are mostly used as overflow parking for City staff and those doing business at the Service Center; working to shift parking to 2nd St parking structure

Chris Hernandez - Who will complete the construction? ANSWER Not yet known, documents will encourage an Oxnard company

Gabe Teran - What is the total cost of development? ANSWER \$33 million total, assembled by private investment, low-income tax credits with the City contributing the land; Mercy House will run the Center

Raini Steffen - There are 56 rooms, does that mean 56 individuals? ANSWER The Center will have families as well as individuals, offers permanent housing

Richard Tucker - Services offered for people who are not residents? ANSWER There are other support services that Mercy House and County will be providing, however, the Center is not for the general public, just those who live there

Jack Villa - Will there be any auditing or oversight of Mercy House? ANSWER There is a contract between the City and Mercy that will be enforced: monitoring, inspections, etc.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation and Q&A from Vanessa Alva and Yosduan Ramos from BRITE
RECOMMENDATION: Discussion and Provide Direction

Vanessa Alva, Yosduan Ramos, and multiple youth members from BRITE gave a presentation

Comments were received from:

Michael Gleason - always a good thing when the youth are participating

Chris Hernandez - regarding farmworkers, inspectors checking on their welfare; purchased 1000 beds for distribution

Gabe Teran - Good for young people step up into leadership roles, it is inspiring to see

Jon Huycke - thanked the youth; will the Colonia meeting be recorded and accessible to the public?

Vanessa Alva indicated that it will be recorded

Jack Villa - thanked BRITE for the presentation, INCO Committees will be in touch with BRITE in the near future

3. SUBJECT: INCO Subcommittee Reports
RECOMMENDATION: Receive Update Reports from the INCO Bylaws Committee and the INCO Neighborhood Council Activation Committee

Jack Villa - had a meeting with BRITE on partnering together to reach out to parents of school-age children for neighborhood participation; have a plan for councils that are technically active but not having regular meetings and those neighborhoods with inactive councils; Wagon Wheel neighborhood and Tierra Vista neighborhoods interested in getting activated

Diana Velzy - going to make phone calls to neighborhoods to spur activation; finding out if they are comfortable with hosting meetings on Zoom. On Bylaws Committee, if Teran or Hartley win the 2nd District council seat, they may not be able to serve on the subcommittee.

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Aaron Greer, Windsor North - Held annual election meeting on Zoom, did not have a quorum, postponing their election. Did have a good meeting with CM and staff on Santa Clara River levee, and the landscape maintenance district

Paul Henke, East Village - had their first board meeting via Zoom; first neighborhood meeting on March 14, Planning Manager Scott Kolwitz to speak on high school and Amazon distribution center; Zoom is very convenient

Gabe Teran, Fremont South - next meeting will be Thursday, February 18. Among the items on the agenda are parking permits, and curb cuts

Chris Hernandez, Five Points - PD has had an increased presence lately after talking to Police Chief; plans in the works on Five Points intersection with City staff; working on bringing a park to the neighborhood

Sofia Vega, Southwinds - supporting a homeless family on Hueneme Rd; food distribution on February 13 at Southwinds park; having an election soon

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

1st Vice-chair Villa - wrote an email to City Council about the survey on upcoming budget due to items that were missing from priorities such as City Corps, Ormond Beach

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chris Hernandez - information on how to establish a bank account for neighborhood councils

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary