



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 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 August 4, 2021 online meeting

Motion by Diana Velzy, seconded by Alice Madrid. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

Scott Swenson - introduced himself to the General Membership; works for the City reviewing alcohol applications for new businesses and licenses

Daniel Chvez Jr. - Chair of the Planning Commission, VC Transportation Commissioner, SCRRA (Metrolink) Board of Directors; spoke on the importance of resident engagement

Alice Madrid - spoke on the ORCA program, upcoming meeting of the group on September 5 at the Wilson Senior Center

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: School Reservations Update

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a verbal report from Martha Guillen

Ms. Guillen gave an update. Recommended still hosting meetings virtually for the near future. There is a new fee structure for Rio School District properties, particularly a COVID-related cleaning fee. Social distancing and face masks are a must. The City Manager is recommending virtual meetings for the time being.

Questions/Comments were received from:

Carlos Quiroz - 6-foot distancing required? ANSWER: highly recommended

Jack Villa - Are City facilities available? ANSWER: not at this time, may change in coming weeks/months

Michael Gleason - Facilities usage of HVAC systems, and other factors that impact safety

2. SUBJECT: Update on Cannabis in City

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a verbal report from the City's Planning & Sustainability Manager, Kathleen Mallory, followed by Q&A

Ms. Mallory gave a report. Two projects going to Planning Commission on September 2, plus one more planned on September 16. Gave an update on upcoming community workshops. Offered to attend any neighborhood council meeting that requested one.

3. SUBJECT: District 2 Candidates Forum in October

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion on whether the INCO hosts a candidates forum

A discussion ensued amongst the INCO General Membership. Topics included:

- Redistricting and its impacts on future District 2 boundaries;
- Who the moderator will be; Chair Gleason indicated that a committee should be formed;

- Tai Hartley, a candidate for District 2, recused herself from the discussion;
- Jack Villa indicated a motion should be made to 1) organize a committee made up of chairs that do not live in District 2 boundaries and have not endorsed any candidate; and 2) host a forum;
- Chris Hernandez concurred on committee makeup, recommended Daniel Chavez Jr to be the moderator of forum;
- There are currently 3 candidates: Lala Hirata, Tai Hartley, and Gabe Teran

A motion was made by Jack Villa, Seconded by Diana Velzy for a District 2 forum committee. Passed by unanimous voice consent

- Volunteers for the committee included: Chris Taccone, Diana Velzy, Chris Hernandez, Len Shulman, and Michael Gleason
- Daniel Chavez Jr. spoke on the need not to exclude District 2 residents from the committee and should include at least 5 members

A motion was made by Chris Hernandez to hold a forum, seconded by Chris Taccone. Passed by unanimous voice consent

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Chris Taccone - Neighborhood meeting on September 9; Parks and Rec staff will be present to talk about lighting issues in the neighborhood park
 Diana Velzy - good turnout at the "Movie in the Park" event; it was a lovely evening. The next meeting is October 28 over Zoom

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

None received.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Alice Madrid - Ask Rebecca Guevara in ER to come before INCO on future neighborhood cleanup events
 Carlos Quiroz - someone from City to speak on upcoming refunds from IUF matter
 Chris Hernandez - Are chairs willing to get together and make a video for the INCO Facebook page

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
 Executive Secretary