



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

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:01 p.m., Chair Gleason called the online meeting to order.

Present were: John Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Raini Steffen, Cabrillo; Len Shulman, Carriage Square; Tom McNally, Channel Islands; Paul Henke, East Village; Chris Hernandez (VC), Five Points Northeast; Dave Ebbitt (VC), Fremont North; Jack Villa, Hobson Park East; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Jessica Ulloa, Oxnard Dunes; Tai Hartley, Riverpark; Michael Gleason, West Village; Aaron Greer, Windsor North.

A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of September 1, 2021 online meeting

Motion by Len Shuman, seconded by Paul Henke. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

Jose Coyotl - Update on City cannabis applications and community workshops

Noé Nayala - Represents developer working on Campus Park construction, seeking community input

Adam Smith - District 2 candidate forum scheduled October 14, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Councilmember Gabe Teran - The Ventura County Office of Education is holding a mental health conference

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Housing First Strategy Plan by Housing Director, Emilio Ramirez

RECOMMENDATION: That the General Membership receive a verbal report from the Housing Director on the City's homeless efforts, including the Housing First Strategy Plan

Mr. Ramirez gave an update. Topics ranged from causes of homelessness, trauma intervention, mental health issues, and substance abuse. The effort has shifted from delivering intervention from that unique trauma in the field, where the homeless person is, to a Housing First model of intervention and delivery of services. Housing First doesn't mean they will be provided a housing unit and caseworkers then walk away. The real model is that housing is a tool that helps to deliver trauma intervention and restore stability. Evidence has shown that participants are responsive to this type of trauma service delivery.

Questions/Comments were received from:

Jon Huycke - funding sources for public health

Jack Villa - sufficient services (PD, Fire) and affordability to support housing that will be built; neighboring cities should be a part of the effort; ANSWER: it's an ongoing effort in developing the model; talks have begun w/ neighboring cities.

2. SUBJECT: Executive Board Nominating Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That the General Membership call for volunteers to serve on the INCO Executive Board Nominating Committee for the selection of candidates to serve on the next INCO Executive Board

Chair Gleason asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee: Paul Henke, Diana Velzy, and Jack Villa all volunteered

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Aaron Greer, Windsor North - getting ready for 4th quarter neighborhood meeting in November, possibly in-person at River Ridge Golf Course; will do it over Zoom if that can't be done. Parking on Victoria Ave, including RVs with trash and litter, is becoming a problem. Will bring it up to the neighborhood's beat officer. Santa Clara river cleanup will be getting underway soon.

Diana Velzy, Orchard Park - meeting on October 28, possibly in-person in the park

Raini Steffen, Cabrillo - planning an election meeting in Cabrillo Park in mid-November. Post office gang boxes are being broken into

Elizabeth Kennedy - St. Anthony's School obtained a grant to landscape a small piece next to Beck Park which will have a neighborhood garden, including fruit trees. School children will maintain the garden

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

None received.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jon Huycke - may not be an agenda item, however, would like roll call names in minutes going forward

Dave Ebbit - there has been an uptick in theft in the neighborhood and homeless knocking on doors in the middle of the night; would like a discussion on this in the future

Aaron Greer - global look at transient crime throughout the City

Diana Velzy - drone been flying around backyards; several neighborhoods reporting the same issue

Jack Villa - RVs parking in the neighborhood; the problem has subsided recently, however, they may have surfaced in Windsor North

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary