

MINUTES
Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO) General Membership
Wednesday, January 7, 2026

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:27 p.m., Chair Diana Velzy called the meeting to order.

Present were: Chris Bissonette, Blackstock South; Jon Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Juan Carrillo, Cabrillo; Ronald Arruejo, East Village; Robert Lucio, Kamala Park; Daniel Alvarez, La Colonia; Larry Stein, Lemonwood; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Lissa Hewitt, Oxnard Dunes; Walt Hagedohm, Oxnard Shores; Rosanna Biggerstaff, Pleasant Valley Estates; Sandy Diaz, Rio Lindo; Paul Schnebelen, Riverpark; Alfonso Arroyo, Rose Park; Isaac Khalaf, Sea View Estates; Deb Arevalo, Southbank; Doug Tauber, Via Marina; Michael Gleason, West Village; Angela Whitecomb, Wilson.

A quorum of members was present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2025
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Motion by Doug Tauber, second by Lissa Hewitt. All in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Oxnard College Dental Hygiene Cohort - sharing information about dental hygiene program and how they serve the community.

Juan Carrillo - resident in Cabrillo raised mailbox safety/theft concern.

Angela Whitecomb - Campus Park project is going out to bid and moving forward

D. BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: INCO Executive Board
RECOMMENDATION: That the 2025 INCO Executive Board receives certificates of appreciation and that the 2026 INCO Executive Board is sworn into office by Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur.

Mayor Luis A. Mc Arthur thanked the 2025 INCO Executive Board and provided certificates of appreciation. The 2026 INCO Executive Board was sworn into office. At 6:50 pm, Chair Velzy called for a 15 minute recess following the swearing in ceremony. The meeting was called back to order at 7:10 pm.

2. SUBJECT: Parade & Festival Final Report
RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive an update from the Parade & Festival Subcommittee, followed by an open discussion.

Chair Velzy thanked the neighborhood chairs who participated in and supported INCO's participation in the events. Raini Steffan shared the message read during the parade and provided a "good, bad, missing, and confused" wrap-up:

Good - vintage cars were popular, lots of good connections at the festival

Bad - parade wait times and unknowns about parade logistics
Missing - INCO needs more giveaway items, need to send QR codes home on postcards, additional volunteers needed, especially Spanish speaking
Confused - setup and staging of the parade, recommend a private Facebook group as a central communication channel for participants

Angela Whitecomb asked for Raini to share parade-related comments with the Downtowners Board. Diana Velzy suggested being more prepared at the parade with water and chairs for volunteers.

E. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS

Sandy Diaz, Rio Lindo - meeting on 1/22 at Rio Lindo School cafeteria with beat officer, speed humps, and City Manager.

Juan Carrillo, Cabrillo - meeting on 2/11 at Ritchen School at 6:30 pm with beat officer and Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) to discuss volunteer opportunities and supporting unhoused animals.

Angela Whitecomb, Wilson - meeting on 1/26 at DOIA with beat officer, Environmental Resources "what goes where" presentation, elections, and a Christmas Tree Lane wrap up. Vendors on F Street were a major issue this year.

Rob Lucio, Kamala - meeting on 1/29 at Kamala School at 6 pm with election, beat coordinator report, and City Clerk.

Ronald Arruejo, East Village - meeting on 1/14 with election, City Manager presentation. Bulky item drop off in early March.

Deb Arevalo, Southbank - meeting on 1/22 at Rio Del Norte with beat officer, traffic engineering report, Ventura County levee project, representative to discuss new fire station, and care and share from OUHSD president. Facebook group is now up to 90 followers from neighborhood. Excited to promote the 311 app.

Paul Schnebelen, Riverpark - lively meeting held in December with City Manager and city staff to get their questions answered. Next meeting on 2/11 with beat officer with other TBD topics.

Doug Tauber, Via Marina - working to get a meeting scheduled in February.

Diana Velzy, Orchard Park - meeting held in December with Steve Howlett to discuss new playground, park items, and sport lighting. A follow up meeting will be held in January or February to discuss the playground because bids returned very low.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

None.

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

Chair Velzy - discussed recent email sent out supporting Doug Tauber for Airport Authority public member position. Discussed interest in INCO involvement in citywide topics and ways to support this effort if desired.

2nd Vice Chair Isaac Khalaf - thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on this board and ensure it works as effectively and impactfully as possible. Goal to listen to all voices and identify how to be more impactful.

3rd Vice Chair Daniel Alvarez - looking forward to working with others to see positive change in the community.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Discussion on budget issues that impact neighborhood councils
2. Mailbox safety/theft issue
3. Candidate Forums for June primary and November general elections

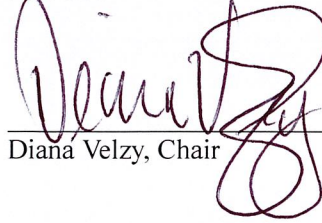
4. Polling about street lighting in neighborhoods across the city.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM

Samantha Shapiro

Samantha Shapiro, Secretary



Diana Velzy, Chair