

MINUTES
Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO) General Membership
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:05 p.m., Chair Diana Velzy called the meeting to order.

Present were: Ruby, Blackstock South; Jon Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Juan Carrillo, Cabrillo; Tom McNally, Channel Islands; Alexis Schmidt, East Village; Larry Stein, Lemonwood/Eastmont; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Lissa Hewitt, Oxnard Dunes; Walt Hagedohm, Oxnard Shores; Rosanna Biggerstaff, Pleasant Valley Estates; Sandy Diaz, Rio Lindo; Alfonso Arroyo, Rose Park; Isaac Khalaf, Sea View Estates; Ellis Carter, Southbank; Doug Tauber, Via Marina; Michael Gleason, West Village; Kathleen Behrens, Wilson.

A quorum of members was present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2026
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Motion by Larry Stein, second by Doug Tauber. All in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ava Schmidt - Voices of Oxnard Youth program organizing the creation of a city flag; running a survey to get community input. Asked general membership to share with neighborhoods.
Brooke Balthaser - community organizer for CROG; shared information about an opportunity for neighborhoods to be considered for a statewide natural gas decommissioning program via CPUC.
Cesar Perez - Organization would like to see an effort made by City to reopen the Carnegie Art Museum and to be invited to a future INCO meeting to discuss this in detail.
Maria Saldona - requested that the INCO invite her group to a future meeting to discuss the interest to reopen the Carnegie Art Museum.
Bert Perello - shared that the Council Committee meeting on Tuesday 3/10 will be held at a special time and will be discussing the Carnegie.

D. BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Keeping Oxnard Safe & Self-Reliant
RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a presentation from City Manager Alexander Nguyen, followed by Q&A.

City Manager Alexander Nguyen discussed his presentation focused on an update on city services, discuss the issues, and to get feedback from the community before City Council will be asked to update their five year priorities at the end of April. Q&A included: concerns about city spending, what happens to the cash that is seized during investigation, how can the INCO be a collaborator to contribute to the solutions to these problems, and budget and Measure O questions.
2. SUBJECT: 2026 Candidate Forum
RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive an overview of past INCO

Candidate Forums by Ronald Arruejo, followed by a discussion on the 2026 events.

Ronald Arruejo shared a presentation about past events and ideas for the 2026 events, followed by a discussion among general members. He recommended avoiding partisan positions.

Chair Velzy asked for feedback from the membership on the forum structure and encouraged all members to invite the community to attend in person and virtually. There was a question about the structure of the forums. A member of the public shared that she strongly encourages that the public should be encouraged to listen carefully to each of the candidates.

E. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS

Alexis Schmidt, East Village - new chair of East Village; recent meeting held focused on LMD 43. Bulky Item Drop Off day on 3/7 and next meeting on 3/9 with the Mayor.

Tom McNally, Channel Islands - Meeting on 3/19 at PCYC, including Axel from Karl's project, Harbor director, and David K. update on commercial fisherman's association.

Sandy Diaz, Rio Lindo - next meeting on 3/19 with City Manager and elections and Matt O'Neill.

Doug Tauber, Via Marina - meeting held on 2/12 with successful elections and record turnout; next meeting scheduled for 3/26 with Public Works city projects.

Lissa Hewitt, Oxnard Dunes - next meeting on 3/26 for an election; North Shore will be breaking ground soon. Shared video about Edison Canal Plan from a resident and would like them to come to a future INCO meeting. Shared information about the 805 community for children event.

Juan Carrillo, Cabrillo - held a meeting on 2/11, recommended Randy Friedman from VC Animal Services; shared that he collected topics of interest from the neighborhood at the last meeting.

Next meeting 5/27.

Isaac Khalaf, Sea View Estates - ER staff attended in February to promote their March bulky item pickup event.

Diana Velzy, Orchard Park - held the last meeting in December, looking to schedule another meeting to discuss the park project. Tentative 3/26.

F. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary shared that the survey link from the City Manager's presentation will be shared with the general membership and the presentation from Ronald Arruejo regarding the candidate forum will also be shared.

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

Velzy - 3/10 committee will be an update regarding the Carnegie at 6:30 pm

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Cross-collaboration among neighborhood chairs and standardized resource guide for new chairs
2. Request "Save Oxnard's Art Carnegie Museum" group be able to present at a future INCO meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM

Samantha Shapiro
Samantha Shapiro, Secretary

Diana Velzy
Diana Velzy, Chair