

## RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### Rancho Bernardo Library

October 23, 2008

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Administrative Matters:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: Of 17 members; 13 present; Excused was Dick Katz. Unexcused were Jeff Gamble, Joe Dirks and Carol McCotter.
- Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes with the following correction: Beverly Merrill expressed concern about the possibility of the dog virus parvo at the Rancho Bernardo dog park.
- Corresponding Secretary: Andrea Thomas sent a thank you letter to September speaker Carl DeMaio.
- Treasurer: Dorothy Rischeberger reported that the Council has 7 CDs totaling \$8,270.27; a checking account with \$1,010.26; and a San Diego Foundation account with \$1,083.53; the total in the account is \$10,338.70. Two checks were written totaling \$25.36: to Dorothy for copy costs and to Andrea Thomas for stamps. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report as presented.

**3. President's Remarks:** President Jay Riordan began with the usual introductory comments to the audience.

**4. Guest speaker:** Brian Maienschein spoke briefly saying that it was a great honor to represent the community. He recognized Courtney Smith for her hard work and her efforts as liaison with the Council.

**5. Program:**

Two speakers presented their views on Proposition A which is a parcel tax on the November ballot to establish regional fire protection agency. Jeff Bowman argued against A because an expert consultant has not evaluated the situation, the parcel taxation is not fair and the new agency is a 'concept with no specifics'. Chief Augie Ghio defended the proposition because regionalizing the fire service will benefit the entire county and funds are needed to purchase additional equipment.

**6. Resident's Remarks:**

- No resident remarks.

**7. Liaison Reports:** (Non Board Members)

- No liaison reports.

**8. Agenda Items (Voting Items):** The President abstains from voting, except to break a tie.

- Frank Auwarter, Chair of the By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee, presented the changes recommended by him, Andrea Thomas and Beverly Judge. Robin Kaufman had some concerns about the vacancy issue. She would like to see the By-Laws include a clause allowing the filling of a post-election vacancy by a termed-out person by appointment of the Council. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to table the voting on the By-Law changes until next month (12-0).
- Myrna Reese applied to fill the vacancy in District G and was unanimously elected to that position. (12-0).
- Andrea Thomas reported that Carl DeMaio had contacted her to ask the Council to participate in an e-waste recycle event on Saturday, February 7, 2009. After a show of hands to assess the number of members willing to volunteer, it was moved, seconded and passed to participate (12-0).

**9. Agenda Items (Non-Voting):**

- Beverly Judge was appointed to serve as the Community Council representative on the Tri-Council Election Committee.

- Steve DeMatteo, Chair of MAD, discussed the situation with the Welcome sign on Rancho Bernardo Road. Several community members have expressed interest in creating a 'branding image' for Rancho Bernardo before moving forward with the new sign design. Steve asked for a volunteer to work with the community to develop a plan for the sign monument. Kimberly Bianco volunteered to serve as chair.
- Janet Atkin assured the council that the utility box painting project was slowly moving forward. A committee of 12 people has been formed and met in October. They agreed to establish a jury to evaluate art work, allow businesses to sponsor boxes, and set up an information center on the RBCC website. A complete recap of the meeting is presently on the council website along with the committee members.

#### **10. Standing Committee Reports**

- Government Affairs: Ken Michael reported that District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis is the December speaker.
- Maintenance Assessment: Steve DeMatteo and his committee heard a presentation on artificial turf last month. Next month they will draw up the budget.
- Programs: Joe Dirks was not present.
- Public Relations: There was no meeting this past month.
- Public Safety: There was no meeting this past month.
- Traffic and Transportation: Dick Katz was not present to report.

#### **11. Other Business:**

- Robin Kaufman announced that the new Fire Station 2009 calendars were available. They feature local firefighters, cost \$15 and all the funds go to renovating the RB fire station.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes were prepared by Janet Atkin