

RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Rancho Bernardo Library

March 26, 2009

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

2. Administrative Matters:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call: Of 18 members; 12 present; Excused were Frank Auwarter, Carol McCotter and Kimberly Bianco. Unexcused were Jeff Gamble, Beverly Merrill, and Joe Dirks.
- Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes with the following correction: Brian Bilbray's last name was misspelled and the February minutes were not going to include an amendment stating the new donation policy because the document was not prepared in time.
- Corresponding Secretary: Andrea Thomas had no report because there was no program last month.
- Treasurer: Dorothy Risheberger reported that the Council has 7 CDs totaling \$8,366.65; a checking account with \$1,375.30; and a San Diego Foundation account with \$1,082.96; the total in the account is \$10,649.59. Checks were written for postage for correspondence to the California Secretary of State with return receipt requested for \$5.32. The PO Box annual fee is \$170.00. A 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. He welcomed all those present to the last official meeting of the 2008-09 Community Council.

4. Program: There was no speaker scheduled.

5. Resident's Remarks:

- No resident remarks.

6. Liaison Reports: (Non Board Members)

- Mayor Sander's representative will no longer be able to attend the RBCC meetings and refers citizens to the mayor's website at: www.sandiego.gov/mayor
- Chris Hansen from Councilmember Carl DeMaio's office reported that the No Parking signs on Rancho Bernardo Road are not in place yet because the city staff is meeting to settle enforcement issues. Once in place, there will be a 30-day window before ticketing begins. Carl is continuing to promote 'open government' and has proposed two new changes – occasional evening council meetings and election of officers after the new council members have been seated. The Center City Development Corp has agreed to pay off some of the ball park funds.
- Oscar Urteaga from Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher's office stated that Fletcher was promoting legislature to protect 'Good Samaritans' and help foster children after age 18 when they usually are forced to leave the system. Nathan is involved with Women's Recognition Month and Judge Susan Huguenor was honored. The audience gave Oscar a round of applause when they learned that he will bring a new California flag next month to replace the library's tattered flag. Their office will be posting new video every week on their website.
- Ellen Malin from Senator Hollingsworth's office sent a message to Council that the Senator did not support the budget and shortfalls are still to be expected. He supports legislation which will stimulate business and increase public safety.

7. Agenda Items (Voting Items): There were no voting items on the schedule.

8. Agenda Items (Non-Voting):

- President Jay Riordan shared some of the highlights of his six page End-of-the-Year Report. He praised the guest speaker program and the Council's involvement with fire safety programs. He lamented about the long time frame needed to accomplish goals - sometimes taking three years to get a project done. He commended Andrea Thomas for the recycling project and Janet Atkin for the utility box art painting. Jay's personal goal was to encourage Council members to work together, however he acknowledges that problems still exist and it will need to be a focus for next year's Council.
- Andrea Thomas reported that the recycling event was such a huge success that people are asking when we will hold another one. She continues to approach retail businesses to partner in recycling batteries but is meeting with resistance.
- Janet Atkin announced that a utility box has been painted on Bernardo Center Dr. and that same artist will paint another one soon.
- Beverly Judge mentioned that she was very discouraged about the low voter turnout for the March elections. Only 273 of our 32,000 residents voted. It was a lot of work for not much return. She thanked Elizabeth Himchak from the Pomerado Newspapers for her excellent publicity.

9. Standing Committee Reports

- Government Affairs: Ken Michael reported that 27 people attended the program March 18 on water conservation. It was a very successful program.
- Maintenance Assessment: Steve DeMatteo said the March meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.
- Programs: Joe Dirks was not present.
- Public Relations: Robin praised the publicity efforts and flyers which have generated more interest in the standing committee speakers. The committee is continuing to work on the Citizen of the Month project.
- Public Safety: Frank Auwarter was not present.
- Traffic and Transportation: Dick Katz reported that there continues to be a lack of quorum at the meetings.
- Robin mentioned that the CERT Academy training continues and that Rancho Bernardo has more CERT members than any other San Diego community. There have been problems around the men's restroom at the community park and police are warning residents to be cautious in that area.

10. Liaison Reports

- Robin Kaufman announced that RB United was changing their focus since most fire victims had been helped. The organization is now forming a Community Fire Safe Council.
- Ken Michael announced that the Recreation Board adopted new By Laws becoming a 501(c)(3), had finalized their awards and had continued the discussion about the renaming of the Joslyn Center.

11. Farewells

President Jay Riordan personally thanked each departing Council member and presented them with an award. Those leaving the council are Jay Riordan, Steve DeMatteo, Ken Michael, Alethea Altenbern, Janet Atkin, and Jeff Gamble.

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

Minutes were prepared by Janet Atkin

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1. **Call to Order:** The first meeting of the 2009-10 Council was called to order at 8pm by Dottie Risheberger.
2. **Seating of Newly Elected Members**
 - Dottie Risheberger called the new members to take a seat at the Council table.
 - New elected members were: John A. Amodeo, Kelly Batten, Jay Gedanken, and Deborah Goodrich
 - Returning Council reelected this month were: Carol McCotter, Joe Dirks, Dick Katz and Frank Auwarter.
3. **Filling of Vacancies**
 - Dottie Risheberger asked if there were any candidates from Districts B, D or F. George George presented himself for District D and spoke a few words of introduction. It was moved, passed and seconded to accept George on the new Council.
 - Another gentleman was in the audience, however he did not present himself for a seat and after George George was appointed, there were no remaining openings in his district. Jay Riordan recommended that he keep in touch because openings may become available throughout the year.
4. **Election of Officers**
 - Dottie Risheberger thanked the Nomination Committee comprised of Andrea Thomas, Myrna Reese, Suzanne Burns, Kimberly Bianco and Dottie Risheberger.
 - The Slate of Officers was presented and, after hearing no nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and passed to accept the slate as presented.
 - The new officers are as follows:
 - Frank Auwarter President
 - Robin Kaufman Vice-President
 - Suzanne Burns Recording Secretary
 - Andrea Thomas Corresponding Secretary
 - Dorothy Risheberger Treasurer
5. **Comments by the Vice-President Robin Kaufman** (President Frank Auwarter was on vacation)
 - Robin asked the new members to fill out an information sheet. There will be an orientation meeting in April. She encouraged them to visit the RBCC website to check out agendas for the upcoming meetings. They should send a bio and photo to be uploaded to the website. She will be sending them emails with a roster and all the information they need to know.

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