



The Rancho Bernardo Community Council
Minutes of October 22, 2009
Held at the Rancho Bernardo Library

1. The meeting was called to order by Robin Kaufman at 7:03 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call-In Attendance John Amodeo, Kelly Batten, Suzanne Burns, Joe Dirks, Jay Gedanken
George George, Beverly Sullivan-Judge, Dick Katz, Robin Kaufman, Carol McCotter
Beverly Merrill, Myrna Reese
Excused-Frank Auwarter, Kimberly Bianco, Gina DeLeo, Deborah Goodrich, Dorothy
Risheberger, Andrea Thomas Late-Stan Robbins

Minutes-The minutes were approved with two absentions

No Corresponding Secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report was approved. Dorothy Risheberger reported a total of 6 CD's totaling \$8,414.12, with US Bank a checking account balance of \$434.24 with US Bank, after 4 checks were written for \$100.17 for a document frame, 3 name plates and 3 badges to Glaser Bailey, and for a check image. The council has a non-endowed account of \$1,081.91

3. Liaison Reports

Kelly Batten representing Carl DeMaio

The city has a 180 million budget deficit due to the pension fund. Carl wants to change the pension system. Carl invited everyone to a Town Hall on City Finances, Tuesday, November

5, 2009, 6-7:30 PM at the Casa de los Companos. Carl also opposes building a new city hall. He

wants a public vote on this issue. He said there is plenty of vacant office space available.

Oscar Urteaga representing Nathan Fletcher
On behalf of Nathan Fletcher he invited everyone to an Open House, Thursday, October 29, 6-7:30 PM at La Jolla Recreation Center to discuss ways to create jobs and get California's economy back on track. He is also hosting an Open House in Mira Mesa, October 26, 2009 at the local office.
Oscar also stated that many business are leaving the state due to taxes. Nathan is also is on the Water Commission. A water bond issue is also coming up. He also stated that San Diego gets its fair share of water. Every bill is online 72 hours before it is voted on.

No other Liaison Members were present.

4. Presentation by Jeff Bowman and W. Erik Bruvold on Lesson's Learned? Evaluating the San Diego

Region's Response to the 2003 and 2007 Wildfires. Executive Summary

This was a very informative report. San Diego spends significantly less on fire protection and

Emergency Medical Services than Orange County or Los Angeles County and the gap is widening.

They were both surprised their isn't more outrage about this. The county of San Diego needs

23 additional fire stations. Our RB area has the worst coverage in San Diego. Jeff Bowman

resigned in frustration due to lack of proper funding for the city and county. He recommends

50 more fire engines for major emergencies only, and to spread them out in the county. Jeff

believes the city is misspending monies. He also stated that until the people rise up and demand a

change, things will stay the same. He is also going to try and get an alert system which was tried

before and failed due to lack of funds. A question and answer period followed.

5. President's Remarks

Our next meeting is Dec, 3. Griffiti issues were taken care of. A mail carrier sex offender was brought to Robin's attention. She and Kelly and working on the matter. At this time, the U.S. Postal Service says the carrier is following all the rules for sex offenders and therefore, they will not take him off the delivery route.

6. No Agenda voting Items

7. Agenda Items

Election Committee update. Jay Gedanken

These are some ideas tossed around by the Election Committee.

We will break off from the Planning Board Election.

Alternate dates for our election would be around RB Alive. We would have voting at Community Centers two weeks before and two weeks after RB Alive. We would also have the ballots on our website to download and mail in. Mail out ballots was another idea. One person was opposed to having voting at RB Alive.

There was a consensus to change the bylaws at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Election Committee is November 3, at Oaks North CC.

8. Standing Committee Reports

Government Relations/Utilities-Joe Dirks Meeting Cancelled

Maintenance Assessment District-Robin Kaufman

The committee discussed various topics. We meet the first Monday of every month.

Public Relations/Elections-Robin Kaufman-No meeting last month

Public Safety-George George

The meeting was about online predators. The meeting was poorly attended.

Traffic and Transportation-Dick Katz- No meeting was held.

9. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Battery Recycling-Andrea Thomas No report

Utility Boxes-Suzanne Burns- No Report

10. Liaison Reports

Planning Board-Joe Dirks/Dick Katz

The meeting was pretty quiet last month.

Recreation Council-Robin Kaufman

No meeting last month.

RB United-Robin Kaufman

She updated us about the Fire Safety Councils.

11. Other Business

Robin Kaufman stated that the Neighborhood Watch Program still needs workers.

Beverly Merrill said that the Holiday Christmas Tree/Hanukkah Menorah lighting is Dec. 1.

John Amodeo said that he is on the Citizen's Oversight Committee for Palomar Hospital which oversees the financial prudence of the hospital being constructed with bond funds. There are two meetings next week, on Tuesday at 7:00 there is a finance meeting at the current hospital (open to the public) and on Wednesday there is a committee tour of the new construction site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Submitted by Suzanne Burns