



Minutes for Business Meeting May 5, 2012

RCC Alumni House, 3564 City College Dr, Riverside CA 92506

Attendance: Chris Jensen, Cindy Jensen, Larry Utesch, Rosemary Utesch, Ursula Vogelsang, Glenn Furukawa, Gloria Furukawa, Clark Dupont, LuAnne Dupont, Anita Silvestri, René Tavares, Justin Scott-Coe, Cory Penton, Tara Penton. Guests were Colleen Nicol and Lynn Anderson.

Greeting: Cindy

1. Call to Order: 9:13 a.m.

a. Introductions –

b. **Colleen Nicol** – City Clerk for the City of Riverside – **Redistricting**

- 1) Ms. Nicol told us that the Federal Census Data (2010) are official now, and that the City's total population is 303,864.
- 2) The City Charter requires the City Council to realign the ward district lines every ten years to achieve a population in each ward that is within plus or minus 5% of the optimal population per ward. Optimal population per ward is 43,409.
- 3) She distributed three maps that illustrate the redistricting recommendations before the City Council.
- 4) The Wood Streets neighborhood is currently and will remain in Ward 1.
- 5) Ward 1 will lose part of the Grand neighborhood to Ward 3 to reach the balance requirements.
- 6) Ward 4 has the largest population and thus each of the recommendations shows new borders around it to accommodate the surrounding wards.
- 7) The University neighborhood will be redistricted into Ward 1.
- 8) Any questions or concerns may be directed to the City Clerk's Office. 951-826-5557.

c. **Lynn Anderson**, field representative for Councilman Mike Gardner.

- 1) The Annual Council Regatta & Hot Dog BBQ is scheduled for June 23 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Fairmount Park. Tickets to attend the BBQ are \$10.00 each.
- 2) 50% of the sale price goes to support the Riverside Sailing Program at Fairmount Park and the other 50% goes to the charity of the Council Member's choice, which in Mr. Gardner's case is Arc Riverside.
- 3) Each Council person will sail a "sabot" boat to race a course in Lake Evans. The winner's favorite charity will be awarded the money raised.

2. **President Cindy Jensen** reported-

a. An update about Asian Citrus psyllid –Questions and concerns? Call 1-800-491-1899

- 1) There has been only one infestation found in California, (in Hacienda Heights).
- 2) To prevent any further incidence of the pest the California Department of Food and Agriculture is taking preventive steps which include local concerns.
- 3) The CDFA will be spraying our local citrus trees. Many of our neighbors have already received a notice from the CDFA.
- 4) The CDFA will be using both systemic and topical insecticides in their treatments.
- 5) The topical spray should be allowed to dry for 24 hours before any fruit is harvested. Wash and rinse the harvested fruit before consuming it.
- 6) Take anything that you don't want sprayed indoors – like toys or tools.
- 7) DO NOT TAKE ANY FRUIT OUT OF THE AREA.

3. **RNP Report** from Justin Scott-Coe and Larry Utesch

- a. The 2012 Riverside Neighborhood Conference "Celebrate Riverside" is to be held June 2, 9am to 3pm. It is held this year in Downtown Riverside, Main Street mall.
- b. For more info, visit RiversideCa.gov/Neighborhoods/ or call (951) 826-5195
E-mail: neighbor@riversideca.gov.
- c. The first 300 tickets sold will get a free lunch and parking is free!



- d. Topics to be covered:
 - 1) Celebrate Neighborhoods
 - 2) Neighborhood Organizing Workshops
 - 3) Interactive Booths
 - 4) Relationship Building
 - 5) Enhancing Social Capital
 - 6) Children's Activities
4. **Treasurer's report** –from February 2012 to May 1, 2012, Ursula Vogelsang:
 - a. Beginning Balance \$617.51
 - b. Deposits of \$ 36.00
 - c. Expenditures \$ 45.00 for Newsletters
 - d. Interest gained \$ 0.13
 - e. Final balance \$608.64
5. **Green Team Report** – Justin Scott-Coe
 - a. Community Garden at RCC is in the design and construction phase and nearly ready for community labor.
 - 1) RCC has provided the land and fencing.
 - b. The Tequesquite Community Garden in Bonaminio Park is getting more soil from Arlington High School. This is very rich soil as the land there was as a farm before it was donated to Arlington High School.
 - 1) This is a large garden and the first community garden on City of Riverside property
 - c. Justin distributed information regarding the City Charter Amendment F which would create a Commission on Sustainability that would advise the Mayor and City Council.
 - 1) Its effect would be to give a formal voice on the topic to citizens of Riverside within the City Charter.
 - 2) Charter Amendment F for more information contact Justin at jscottcoe@earthlink.net
6. **Street Lighting** Project presentation – Chris Jensen
 - a. This was in the most recent HWSA Newsletter.
 - b. The Historic Wood Streets area is the first area in the city to get the new lights.
 - c. The work should begin sometime after July 1st 2012.
7. **Future Events**
 - a. Mayoral Candidate Forums - Friday, May 11 at the Friday Morning Club 10:00 a.m. at the Janet Goeske Center and Tuesday, May 15 with the Riverside Downtown Partnership at Noon at the Riverside Marriott
 - b. Candidate Forum – Orange Terrace Community Center – May 9 at 6:30 for the 31st Assembly District and the 31st Senate Candidates
 - c. Neighborhood Conference at City Hall plaza on June 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - d. Presidential Primary, State races, City Mayoral and Charter Amendments, and County elections on June 5, 2012.
 - e. National Night Out and BBQ August 7, 2012
 - f. November 3 HWSA Business Meeting
8. **Old Business**
 - a. The Neighborhood Yard Sale event on April 28 was a huge success with 241 houses involved.
 - b. It was fun for everyone and we all owe a huge “Thank You” to Larry and Rosemary Utesch for their organization and advertising efforts.
9. Give-away – a drawing was held to give away 3 gifts.
10. Adjourned at 10:48 a.m.