



Agenda for Business Meeting February 5, 2011
RCC Alumni House, 3564 City College Dr, Riverside CA 92506

Attendance: MaryAnn Chaussee, Ron Chick, Diane Clelland, Suzy Clem, Corliss D'Agostino, Terri Donnelly, Tawny Elizando & sister, Vanessa Ford, Ann Frenkel, Gloria & Glenn Furukawa, April Glatzel, Tara Glatzel & husband, Mary & Ben Hansen, Susan & Jim Hill, Robin Jackson, Cindy & Chris Jensen, Bärbel LaMar, Judy Mahoney, Irene & Ben Orozoco, Susan Pickens, Pauline & Nicole Rowland, Sharon Schutte, Jo Scott-Coe, Pat Silvestri, Suzanne Singer, Rosemary & Larry Utesh, Ursula & Walter Vogelsang, Marisa Yeager. Guest Speakers: Mike Gardner, Gina Perez, Gloria Gutierrez

Greeting: Cindy Jensen

1. Call to Order.
 - a. Introductions – City Councilman Mike Gardner.
 - i. Mr. Gardner's comments:
 1. He explained 2 items:
 - a. The state of California under the new Governor is seeking to take the City's funding for the Redevelopment Agency; this amounts to tens of millions of dollars. It would stop the construction of the new Fire Station 1 on University Ave., among other projects. It would also stop the Graffiti Abatement program. He and other city officials are going to Sacramento to testify on behalf of the city. There are plans to remodel the Convention Center that would be affected
 - b. Mr. Gardner has been appointed to the State Seismic Commission. There are a few training sessions and classes he needs to complete before he can function at that role. Since Riverside is so near the San Andreas Fault it is good that we have a City representative on this important commission.
 - c. Mr. Gardner was asked about the expense (\$250,000) to re-roof the Heritage House.
 - i. He explained that the roof work had been open to the commercial market and that the original low bid had been much higher (\$450,000) and that the work was sent out to bid again and that the City had chosen the new middle bid. It is expensive because it is a vintage house and the original type of shingle are no longer manufactured and thus required a special production run – basically it is complicated by the age of the building and the desire to keep it authentic.
 - d. He was asked to get the Police Department's attention to the problems in the Apartment complex on Olivewood near Bandini – He said he would speak to the Police Chief about the problems there.
 - b. Gina Perez, City of Riverside Fire Department
 - i. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - Disaster Preparedness
 1. Ms. Perez explained the City of Riverside Fire Department's program to get the citizens prepared for large scale emergencies.
 2. There is a need for each household to: 1. Get a kit 2. Make a Plan 3. Be informed and 4. Be involved.
 3. Kits should be kept in your home in a dry, safe, easily attained place. Kits should include clothing, shoes, gloves, flashlight and extra batteries, radio and extra batteries, manual can opener, and enough food and water to last the household at least 3-5 days.
 4. Food items for the Kits are available at Sporting Goods stores, on-line and other resources.
 5. She suggested that everyone should have a "To Go" kit in your car and another at work.
 6. You should have important papers and personal contact telephone numbers in your Kits as well.
 7. Ms. Perez explained that we all should conduct Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH) to be ready for the real event that may be in the middle of the night.
 8. The CERT program is training for citizens (conducted by the local Fire Department) that equip the trainees in several skills that will assist themselves and their neighbors in an emergency.
 - a. Classes are 20 hours long and are conducted throughout the year on various schedules.
 - b. If you go through the CERT classes you are also given the opportunity to attend CPR classes at no cost. CPR methods have changed significantly as they no longer require breathing into the person who is down.
 - c. CERT trained citizens are given certificates and can volunteer to assist at Emergencies within the city.
 9. A tip came from Mr. Gardner that your car can be a place to recharge your cell phone and provide a radio for news updates about the event.
 10. Another useful tip was given to remind everyone to keep your fuel tank at least half full.
 11. Keeping cash available (in small dollar increments) is advisable.
 12. Ms. Perez left hand-out material for us about CERT as well as how to start an emergency Kit.

- ii. Cindy Jensen showed the “Know Your Neighbor Phone List” and asked for volunteers to be Block Captains to assigned blocks within the HWSA as shown below:
 - 1. Captain for Ramona/City College Drive west to Magnolia. (appx. 18 Homes)
 - 2. Captain for Ramona Dr. from Olivewood to cul-de-sac– **Cindy & Chris Jensen** (appx. 15 homes)
 - 3. Captain for Larchwood Pl. from Ramona to Riverside. Including one house on Riverside Ave. (appx. 21 homes)
 - 4. Captain for Larchwood Pl. from Riverside to Magnolia. (appx. 24 homes) **Robin Jackson**
 - 5. Captain for Castle Reagh Pl. from Ramona to Riverside. (appx. 24 homes) **Suzanne Singer**
 - 6. Captain for Castle Reagh Pl. from Riverside to Magnolia. (appx. 25 homes)
 - 7. Captain for Beechwood Pl. from Ramona to Riverside. (appx. 24 homes)
 - 8. Captain for Beechwood Pl. from Riverside to Magnolia. (appx. 26 homes) **Rick & Sharon Schutte**
 - 9. Captain for Elmwood Ct. from Olivewood to Riverside. (appx. 33 homes)
 - 10. Captain for Elmwood Ct. and Elmwood Dr. from Riverside to Magnolia. (appx. 35 homes) **Glenn Furukawa**
 - 11. Captain for Elmwood Dr. from the cul-de-sac to Riverside. (appx. 31 homes)
 - 12. Captain for Magnolia Ave. from Ramona / City College Dr. to Elmwood Ct. (appx. 18 homes plus the apartments)
 - a. She distributed a list for volunteers to sign.
- 2. Chris Jensen – Presented a Power Point slide show containing additional disaster preparedness information which explained that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has taken on a more aggressive preparedness role.
 - a. The slide show contained definitions and charts explaining the Richter scale.
 - b. Reminders of earth quakes of the past.
 - c. Reminders of recent floods.
 - d. Warnings of possible terrorism.
 - e. Warnings that the next disaster may be a catastrophe and thus more involved and self-reliance may have to last for a longer period of time.
- 3. Treasurer Report – Urusla Vogelsang
 - a. October balance \$605.10, dues and donations since then \$42.10, interest income of 1.32 and expenditures of \$62.19 for a current balance of \$586.33.
- 4. Green Team report –Pat Silvestri
 - a. Thus far the team has stressed education.
 - b. Next Phase is a community garden at the lower driveway on City College for RCC near the school Police Dept. – this should be a safe and secure location.
 - i. It ensures RCC’s student involvement
 - ii. One half of the crop will be given to agencies and foundations that feed the poor and needy.
 - iii. The Team is in need of more funding and more volunteers.
- 5. Historian Ann Frenkel asked for volunteers to be interviewed about their home and its history.
- 6. HWSA member Robin Jackson has been appointed to the Citizen Police Review Board.
- 7. Cindy apologized that the HWSA Newsletter was not published in December but promised that we will not miss the next one.
- 8. Guest Gloria Gutierrez told us of her school project (she attends Cal-State San Bernardino) about community involvement in city government and asked for volunteers to be interviewed.
- 9. Future events- Denise Perry, Executive Director of Mary S. Roberts Animal Shelters will be invited to our next meeting to tell us of their mission and various efforts to assist animals.
- 10. Adjourn