



Minutes of Business Meeting February 4, 2012

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

Attendance: Cindy Jensen, Chris Jensen, Judy Mahoney, Justin Scott-Coe, Andy Bryant, Cathy Zimmer, Glenn and Gloria Furukawa, Susan Pickens, Terri Donnelly, Ursula and Walter Vogelsang, Scott McWilliams, Jeff and Pam Buswell, Rosemary and Larry Utesch, Mary Hansen, Bev Grafflin, Robin Jackson, Tom Heritage, Linda and Keith Downs, Pat Silvestri, Teresa O'Neill, Diane Clelland and friend, **guests** Rick and Donna Engelauf, Mike Gardner, Dave Wright, Amber Dobson.

1. Call to Order at 10:12 a.m.
2. **Introductions** – Cindy welcomed everyone and introduced the following guests:
3. **Dave Wright** – Riverside Public Utilities General Manager
 1. Old streetlights are more than 100 years old and need to be replaced.
 2. Old streetlights were never arranged in a designed manner, never inventoried and the foundations were unsafe and insufficient to support the lights.
 3. Streetlights will be replaced in HWSA, Wood Streets and downtown neighborhoods over the next 5 years.
 4. The new lights will be added to the City's mapping program, will be listed in an inventory, will be maintained, and consist of a safe foundation to hold the pole and an "Acorn" lamp.
 5. The poles will be black metal painted with anti-graffiti paint.
 6. The new lights will be spaced along the streets to provide consistent lighting.
 7. The new lights are adjustable to be dimmed on the house-side if the light shines too brightly into a person's home.
 8. The new lights are about 75% more energy-efficient than the old ones.
 9. The new light poles will be a standard height which may be different from the height of the old poles.
 10. The old cement poles (not for the current black poles) can be saved by the residents upon request, but it is not recommended due to their weight and fragile condition.
 11. Historic Wood Streets will be the first area to get these new lights.
4. **Amber Dobson** – From the Riverside Land Conservancy which is in partnership Santa Ana River Trust – spoke briefly about the river and its trails, and told us how to have input on their survey about the river-bottom and its use and the future of the Santa Ana River and Trails.
 1. Go to website www.surveymonkey.com/s/FZMMH32 to take part in a 10 question survey.
 2. Contact Number for the Trust is (951) 544-3789 or (951) 788-0670
5. **Mike Gardner** – questions and answers and updates about Ward 1 and the city.
 - a. On Tuesday Feb. 7th at 1:30 p.m. there will be a workshop on the proposed changes to the City's Charter; to view all the information go to the City's web site at Riversideca.gov/ and click on the agenda button.
 - b. One item on the agenda that is important is the "Sustainability" document that is suggested to be in the charter rather than controlled by the City Council. This will make sustainability less of a political subject and increase its importance.
 - a. Changing the way the Utility Director is hired/fired is another "hot-topic" on the agenda.
 - b. Run-off elections procedures are also there to be changed.
 - c. The designs for the remodel of the Civic Center will be reviewed in another workshop to be held on Feb. 14th at 1:30 p.m.
 - d. The Councilman updated us on various business concerns in the city:
6. **President Cindy Jensen** reports and discussion -
 - a. **Asian** Citrus psyllid – Robin Jackson
 1. There is a new insect that could be attacking our citrus trees.
 2. It is from Asia and it can lead to "greening disease" that is fatal to the trees.
 3. At this point only the insects are here but we must protect our neighborhood trees.
 4. Justin Scott-Coe has more contact with experts
 - b. **Myrtle** and Victoria intersection Hearing of the Cultural Heritage Board (Jan.18, 2012)
 1. We had a long discussion about the changes suggested for the two streets to create a memorial park and close the right turn lane onto Victoria.
 2. Direct your opinion about this topic to:
 - a. City Councilman Mike Gardner e-mail address – mgardner@riversideca.gov
 - b. City Councilman Rusty Bailey e-mail address – rbailey@riversideca.gov
 - c. The next meeting of the Cultural Heritage Board is March 21, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.



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- c. **Crime** and Neighborhood Watch meeting
 1. Our neighborhood has recently had an increase in crimes against our homes and properties. We have asked for more Police attention to our area
 2. How to get more attention from the Police Department and what constitutes a Police report:
 - a. The Police Dept. uses statistical review that determines how to assign their personnel.
 - b. Statistical review counts where and when Police Reports are taken.
 - c. Calling Police Dispatch at 9-1-1 or 787-7911 doesn't automatically create a Police Report.
 - d. If you don't get a case number from the officer or person you deal with it's not an official report.
 - e. It is also possible to create an official report on line at <http://www.riversideca.gov/rpd>
- d. **Police** Dept. on Feb. 2 initiated a "targeted effort" to enforce and combat trash scavengers.
 1. They made one arrest, wrote 13 citations and impounded one vehicle.
- e. **Purchase** a banner that would display our group's name.
 1. There was a general approval for this idea and Cindy will research it further.
- f. **Mayor's** Night Out Jan. 25, 2012
 1. This was a missed opportunity for input to the city government because of a small turnout.
 2. We can attend others as they come each month – watch for notices in your e-mail.
- g. **A Change** in the starting time of the HWSA meeting has been requested due to religious obligations.
 1. The people expressed the desire to keep the meetings early so the rest of the day will be free for them to do their activities.
 2. Many said that they would not attend afternoon meeting.
- h. **Comments** on the 3-way stop on Castle Reagh and Ramona Dr.?
 1. Have generally been positive. Thanks to Mr. Gardner for his assistance.
7. **Vice President Andy Bryant** –
 - a. Andy reminded us that RCC is having Grand Opening for the new School of Nursing and Math and Science complex on Feb. 9th at 3:00 p.m.
 - b. Feb. 10th at 9:00 a.m. the RCC Chancellor's State of the District address at Landis Field.
8. **Treasurer's report – Ursula Vogelsang**

December 31 Balance: \$590.94
Deposits: None
Expenditures: None
Current Balance: \$590.94
9. **Green Team Report – Justin Scott-Coe**
 - a. Justin now serves as the Chairperson of the RNP.
 - b. Justin is on the Utilities oversight board.
 - c. He supports the Sustainability concept in the City Charter.
 - d. There will be a bird-walk on Feb. 12th call Justin for details
 - e. There will be a review of the plan for the community garden in the Tequesquite park on Feb 8th call Justin for details if you would like to attend
10. **Future Events**
 - a. Next hearing of the Cultural Heritage Board regarding the Myrtle/Victoria right turn lane is Wednesday March 21, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Riverside City Council chambers.
 - b. Next Business Meeting May 5, 2012
 - c. National Night and BBQ August 7, 2012
 - d. November 3 2012 Business Meeting
11. **Give-away** – drawing
 - a. Two prizes were "raffled off"
 1. Mary Hansen won a Riverside Magazine which has an article about the HWSA.
 2. Glenn Furukawa won a mechanical hamster that sings "Staying Alive".
 3. Cindy danced to the song to encourage enthusiasm.
12. **Adjourn** at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully,
Chris Jensen, Secretary HWSA