

RPCC General Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2015 - Rolando Park Elementary School

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Betty White.

Lynn Edward gave the Treasure's Report. Membership is down a bit, with 41 members currently, 15 of which are new. Balance is \$1,072.10.

Betty reported on actions taken on the 2016 list of priorities so far:

- Betty requested a traffic control study on Zena.
- Lynn Edwards set up an Amazon Smile account to allow a partial donation of purchase price, 1/2 of 1%, to go to RPCC.
- Sonia Lang will research street trees for Rolando Park.
- Betty observed remodeling activity at the Park Grove Apartments and is pursuing communications with the owners' representative.
- Paige Livingston-Coatney arranged for storm drain stenciling in April.
- Sonia is working on the NO DUMPING signs.
- Judy Fleishman will serve as Rolando Park Elementary liaison.

Sign-up sheets were passed around for interest in organizing the Fall Block Party and/or interest in purchasing residential security cameras.

Heather Erwin and Kathryn Kern reminded us that Transition Streets is about a small group of neighbors meeting 7 times while going through a workbook and sharing ways to reduce our carbon footprint.

Paige Livingston-Coatney introduced our guest speaker Shlyn Guarian, Senior Protective Service Worker from Child Welfare Services. Shlyn give an informative and inspiring talk on the need for foster parents and related volunteers in our area. She explained the licensing process for foster parents and the need for stability in these children' lives, whether it is temporary until they are reunited with parents, or permanent. Shlyn said there is a huge support system in place in San Diego, including a mentor program and respite services for foster parents. Consequently, a variety of volunteers are needed to maintain these services.

She also spoke of "Neighborhood for Kids," a new version for the central region we are a part of, and which has a low need of foster families, yet can help service nearby regions with a higher need, to help keep children in a familiar environment and help them build lifelong relationships. If interested in finding out more call 1-877-IADOPTU, or go to www.IADOPTU.org.

Katie Sadd and Jimmie Slack from Councilmember Cole's Office spoke briefly. Katie gave us an update on ground breaking ceremony held at Streamview which begins a \$9-10 million improvement in Redwood Village/Oakpark over the next few years. Jimmie confirmed that the joint use park at Roland Park Elementary is on track and a meeting

allowing public input should be held in April. He also said sidewalk construction along College Avenue between College Grove Drive and Frwy 94 should begin in about 3 months.

Officer Dennis Clay, Battalion Chief of the San Diego Fire Department, gave us some valuable bedroom fire safety tips. In particular, each bedroom should have a fire alarm, and they should be tested as a habit just like locking your door. Also, make sure cords aren't pinched against a wall, get rid of kinked cords, don't use cheap extension cords, and remind children of fire hazards.

Lastly, Officer Terry Hoskins updated us on recent crimes in our neighborhood, assuring us that our crime rate is relatively low. He admonished us to continue to work together.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Next RPCC General Meeting will be Monday, March 14, 7PM in Room 25 at Rolando Park Elementary.