

ROLANDO PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MTG. NOTES-9/11/17

Board members present:

Co-Presidents: Sonia Lang/Lynn Edwards

Co-Vice President: Kathryn Kern

Co-Treasurer: Audrey Ledesma

Secretary: Judy Fleischman

Community representatives present:

Chevelle Tate - State Senator Toni Atkins' office

Mathew Gordon (for Katie Sadd) - City Council President Cole's office

Sonia Lang called the meeting to order at 7:05 and reminded attendees to check out the community website for meeting and other info.

Audrey Ledesma did the treasurer's report, noting a total of 81 members.

7:07-Chevelle Tate from Toni Atkins office left newsletters regarding current bills and legislation and reminded everyone that the legislature is in its final session week before their break.

She stated that one of Senator Atkins' major goals is to create a permanent source of funding for affordable housing. She also asked to let her know of any local events the Senator could attend during her break.

7:10-Mathew Gordon from Myrtle Cole's office passed out newsletters and reviewed her public service announcement regarding the homeless population in San Diego's Hepatitis A outbreak. He said that hand wash stations are being provided in areas of higher homeless populations. After an audience member remarked that this was a band-aid type solution, Mathew stated that the city is trying to figure out how best to help the homeless by interviewing them and collaborating with San Diego's Health and Human Services and other levels of government and non-profit entities.

7:30-Judy Fleischman announced the need for classroom volunteers for RPE's after school literacy program and that a one year commitment is required. She also recognized two new volunteers that were present in the audience.

7:35-Lynn Edwards gave an update on the joint-use park being developed at RPE, announced that the Rec. Council approved most of what we asked for and thanked all residents who responded to the survey.

She also noted that the volume and speed of traffic study done in our neighborhood confirmed the things that residents have been experiencing and that three streets have been approved for V-calming measures. She also stated that the RPCC will be working with the SDPD on additional measures to be announced in the next few weeks.

7:40-ACLU representative Amanda Le gave a power point presentation regarding a study done on biased policing practices in San Diego. She noted that the SDSU Traffic Stop Study began in Jan. 2000 and study reports were issued in May 2001 and Nov. 2002. Analysis of traffic stop data show differential treatment between whites vs. people of color. Among the key findings were that Black and Latino drivers were twice as likely to be searched yet less likely to have contraband compared to whites. Also Black drivers were three times as likely to be subject to field interviews compared to whites. In Feb., 2017, the City Council accepted the SDSU traffic study report but did not accept their recommendations. The ACLU has recommended that the secret panel selection of San Diego's next police chief be replaced by a 15 member search committee comprised of nine community stakeholders, 4 commission seats, and 2 youth seats. Since the timeline for the selection of the next police chief is short, there is little time left for citizen input on the selection process.

8:07-Officer Hoskins shared a 30-day crime map and noted RPCC persistence with ongoing traffic issues. He noted that many citations issued recently have been issued to RP residents and that he periodically sends volunteers to sit at troublesome intersections.

He then talked about being patient when calling the non-emergency number so that calls are registered. It is also important to keep a record of the incident number. He reviewed what a non-emergency call is vs. an emergency call. He then referred the audience to a SDPD website that lists 12 community responsibilities to help solve crimes. He stated the importance of the community and the police dept. working together.

8:30-meeting adjourned