

RPCC meeting - November 13, 2017

Board members present:

Co-Presidents: Sonia Lang/Lynn Edwards

Co-Vice President: Kathryn Kern/Gerrie Flaven

Co-Secretaries: Judy Fleischman/Audrey Ledesma

Members at Large: Tom & Ellen Mester

Community representatives present:

Officer Terry Hopkins – Community Relations Officer, San Diego Police Department

Katie Sadd – City Council President Myrtle Cole's office

Meeting called to order by Sonia Lang with reminder that council meeting notes are posted on the RPCC website.

Treasurer's report given by Lynn Edwards - We have 96 members with \$1,254 in dues and \$1,451 in donations.

RPCC members received a ballot for change in bylaws from 1 yr. term to 2 yr. term for board members.

Officer Hoskins mentioned ongoing issues with Hope St. house. He stated that the biggest issue so far has been the Billman/Zena Dr. strip mall. He mentioned that a photo of the loiterers in that area had been sent to him and that 24 calls were made within 90 days regarding the immediate area surrounding the strip mall. Most of the complaints made were regarding the hassling of customers, playing loud music, and loitering. He asked residents to email or text him to report problems rather than using the Get It Done website which takes longer to reach him. He said callers should get an 11 digit incident number and ask dispatch to request that responding officers to call back with the result.

Katie Sadd gave out newsletters from Myrtle Cole's office. Rolando Park made the front cover with our Pace Car program. Gloria's Mesa in Chollas Lake Park is getting a bathroom, concession stand and lighting included in the fully funded construction that has started recently. The RPE joint use field plan is moving forward with the general development plan going to the City Council for approval in January. There is no funding for Phase 2 of the project yet but it is a priority. She also mentioned that the location for the RP banners has been approved, the designs will be looked at soon and then they will go to the City for approval in Jan. She stated that some businesses are starting to look at locating in RP on University.

I Am San Diego is launching its first phase and will eventually integrate applications on the City's website to make it easier for people to use to communicate with different departments. There is no timeline yet on the 'goat trail' sidewalk yet but it is being prioritized relative to other projects.

Ryan O'Connor of SD350 and the Climate Action Campaign gave a presentation regarding the Community Choice Energy (CCE) non-profit project. He stated that currently, SDG&E (Sempra) has a monopoly with 57% of the energy coming from non-renewable sources and that we pay the highest rates in CA. CCE would be provided by the city which builds and buys electricity supplies. The consumer gets to choose and gets input into setting rates. CCE's priorities are providing renewable sources of energy and local jobs. A feasibility study shows that CCE

provides consumers with cleaner, cheaper energy. They are currently in over 70 cities and 9 counties. He asked that residents send a letter of support to the Mayor and City Council as well as make calls and send emails to their council members in support of CCE.

Andy Henshaw and Randy Van Vleck represented the Bike Coalition of San Diego County, a 30 year old non-profit which promotes biking as transportation and recreation. The group emphasizes Education through bike safety programs, Celebration through community events such as Bike to Work day, and Advocacy through funding for plans at every level to provide safe bikes routes for everyone. He mentioned the SD Regional Bike Plan which will spend \$200M in the next 10 years for biking infrastructure. Currently, approx. 2% of the population uses bikes for transportation/recreation. The goal of the Climate Action Plan/Bicycle Mode Share is to get this number up to 6% by 2020 and 18% by 2035. The Downtown Mobility Plan is targeting 9 miles of bike lanes. There is also a City of SD Bicycle Advisory Committee. University Ave. is the #1 most dangerous street in the city for bicyclists. Making streets safer for bicyclists and pedestrians requires community involvement, organizing and mobilizing. SANDAG needs input from the community regarding the University Avenue Mobility Plan. Plans for a protected bikeway between 70th and College are a couple of years away.

The meeting ended with Lynn Edwards reminding folks about the Holiday Social at the next meeting on December 11th. There will be a raffle of prizes donated by the community and the council will provide pizza. Everyone was encouraged to bring a neighbor and a side dish.

Ballots for the bylaws change were collected and the meeting was adjourned.