

Rolando Park Community Council meeting-September 9, 2018

**Board Members present:**

Co-presidents Lynn Edwards and Sonia Lang  
Co-vice-presidents Gerrie Flaven and Kathryn Kern  
Co-secretaries Judy Fleischman and Audrey Ledesma  
Treasurer Cheryl Bailey  
Members at Large Tom and Ellen Mester

**Community Reps present:**

Edmond J. Perkins from Assemblymember Shirley Weber's office  
Darnisha Hunter from Mayor Falconer's office  
Jawad Al Baghdadi from Susan Davis' office  
Katie Sadd from Myrtle Cole's office  
Officer Terry Hoskins, Community Relations Officer

Sonia called the meeting to order and gave a reminder about the community mtg. notes being on the website.

**Treasurer's Report**

Cheryl reported that 65 members have renewed and there are 16 new members for a total of 81 members. Dues = \$1,011.00, Donations = \$1,225.69, total revenue for 2018, \$2245.38.

**Public comments**

Brook Watson-Friends of the Oak Park Library left a community survey. They're replacing their library. There will be a Sept 22nd mtg. @ library and they're requesting input. Flyers left as a meeting reminder. Location of new library not known yet. They found grants that are available to pay for the new library.

David Zaludek-Lives across the street from 7/11, encouraged people calling to complain to be specific with descriptions. Bike litter question answered by Darnisha Hunter who said that they all hit the market at the same time and they weren't prepared. She said that the bikes are disappearing and the Birds scooters are now proliferating. The city is still in talks about how to regulate the issue and will keep the community informed.

John Hartley-coordinator from Neighborhoods for Clean Elections-neighborhoods don't get their fair share of support and don't get their needs met. Clean Elections want candidates to have public funding so people can elect people they trust and will serve their needs. Goal is to get this on the ballot for the 2020 election. Petition drive will be initiated before then to educate and publicize the initiative. Asked for support and help in this effort.

**Community Reps**

Edmond J. Perkins from Shirley Weber's office-Spoke about upcoming events, a Baby Safety Fair on Sept. 22nd and a Vocational/Apprenticeship Expo at the SD Continuing Education Building on Oceanview Blvd with an opportunity for paid apprenticeships on Sept. 27. Hispanic/Filipino community leaders recognition event needs nominations. The Capitol is on recess currently. It was also suggested that people visit the Assemblymember's website to find out about upcoming legislation.

Darnisha Hunter from Mayor Falconer's office- Build more fire stations-one in Hillcrest. Convention center-a joint agreement to extend the modernization of the center. This will be on the Nov. ballot for people to vote on. Balboa Park parking garage being built. New fire chief installed. Save the date-Oct. 12 USS Cole bombed in Yemen. One seaman who died in that attack is a local. Event will be held on the USS Midway with lots of mucky-mucks.

Jawad Al Baghdadi from Susan Davis' office-Announced vocational partnerships/apprenticeships. Passed final version of defense bill. Holding community forums, town hall.

Officer Hoskins-passed out crime stat maps comparing our neighborhood to the larger area of police coverage. The city has suspended any type of enforcement of people sleeping in vehicles. The 72 hour parking time limit is still in effect.

Katie Sadd from Myrtle Cole's office-passed out newsletters. Stated that the mess on College Ave. has been reported to the Env. Services already and should be cleaned up shortly. Traffic signal upgrades are going to be done on University Ave./Rolando Blvd. to improve traffic flow. A request was made to look at the light phases on Aragon and University. A 'No Trucks Over 5 Tons' sign has been put up on Livingston. The Billman & College bus stop is being looked at/evaluated for having a concrete pad and shelter installed. State Route 94/Euclid Ave. Interchange Construction has begun, to be completed in 2020.

### **RPE PTA presentation**

Tori and Rosa thanked the community for the support they've given the school. The PTA is brand new, just one year old. They hope to continue the relationship between the school and the community. Halloween Carnival, Cookies with Santa, Yard Sale, Book Fair, Dining for Dollars, the Giving Tree, Farmer's Market 2nd/4th Monday of the Month. First one is Sept. 14th. Also encouraged folks to volunteer at the school, become members, and visit their Facebook page. All proceeds they raise go back to the school for the kids.

Chevelle Tate from Senator Toni Atkins office couldn't attend but left comments which Sonia shared with the group. Newsletters were left.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.