

Rolando Park Community Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2019

Board members present

Co-Presidents Lynn Edwards and Sonia Lang

Co-Vice Presidents Gerrie Flaven and Kathryn Kern

Treasurer Cheryl Bailey

Members at Large Judy Fleischman, Tom and Ellen Mester, Dan Parker

The meeting was called to order by Sonia Lang at 7:08.

Sonia reminded members that meeting minutes are posted at rolandopark.org.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Cheryl Bailey did not have a report and will update the community in April.

Public comments on non-agenda items

Ron Lacy from the City of San Diego Pure Water project spoke about the project, which is scheduled to start in 2023. By 2035, one third of our city water will come from the Pure Water project.

Community representatives present

Officer Terry Hoskins – SDPD

In Officer Hoskins' absence, Gerrie Flaven made an announcement that he will now be at Mission Brew Coffee at the Kroc Center every Tuesday from 12-1 pm in an effort to be more accessible to the community.

Jawad Al Baghdadi – U.S. House of Representatives Susan Davis' office

- The House voted to pass H.R. 8, the Universal Background Checks Act, a bill which Ms. Davis cosponsored. She believes that this bill is a first step toward making our schools, workplaces, homes, and public spaces safer.
- The House also voted to end President Trump's national emergency declaration to fund his border wall. Ms. Davis is concerned that this move would take funding from our military and military families.
- Ms. Davis and her colleagues sent a letter to the Appropriations Committee requesting funding to address trans-border environmental issues across the 200-mile U.S.-Mexico border with the result that 15 million dollars was allocated to the Environmental Protection Agency's Border Water Infrastructure Program. This funding will go to priority projects like the sewage crisis in the Tijuana River Valley.

- Last month was Black History Month:
 - Ms. Davis celebrated the incredible women of our community during the “Indivisible Women of Color Roar” breakfast and spoke about the continued need for representation for women of color.
 - She also signed onto the Emmet Till Anti-Lynching Act, the bipartisan civil rights bill that would make lynching a federal hate crime.
- Ms. Davis is hosting the next event in the Global Policy Speaker Series on March 23rd at San Diego City College. This event will focus on the cyber industry, global cyber domain, and cyber security.
 - Cyber Resource Fair from 9:15-10 am and 11:30 am-12:00 pm
 - Panel discussion from 10-11:30 am
 - Free parking in Lot 8
 - For more information and to RSVP, please call her San Diego office at 619-280-5353.

Chevelle Tate – State Senator Toni Atkins’ office

- No updates, but invited members to “Breaking Down the State Budget,” a forum hosted by Ms. Atkins, State Senator Ben Hueso, and Assemblymember Dr. Shirley Weber on Thursday, March 28th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm (registration at 5:30, program at 6) at the Educational Cultural Complex, 4343 Ocean View Blvd., San Diego, CA, 92113. RSVP at <https://sd39.senate.ca.gov/budget-forum> or contact Chevelle Tate at Chevelle.Tate@sen.ca.gov for more information.
- A community member asked about the Daylight Savings bill currently going through committee and Chevelle will provide an update at the next meeting.

Bruce Williams – City Councilmember Monica Montgomery’s office

- Encouraged the community to attend the Wednesday, March 14th, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhood (PS&LN) committee meeting that Councilmember Montgomery chairs. This month’s meeting addresses the city’s change to Park and Recreation Councils, which are no longer recognized by the city; instead, the city has established Park and Recreation Advisory Groups.
- Reminded members that Ms. Montgomery has office hours every Friday – anyone can schedule 20 minutes for a personal meeting at the Tubman Chavez Center. A meeting request can be made online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/event-meeting-request> or by calling (619) 236-6644.
- Also encouraged the community to attend Councilmember Montgomery’s first 100 Days Update on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 pm at Skyline Hills Branch Library, 7900 Paradise Valley Road, San Diego, CA 92139. Ms. Montgomery will share what is being accomplished at City Hall and the vision for the future of District 4.

Presentation – Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

We welcomed Daryl Williams, a Rolando Park resident, who is CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) certified.

As members signed in, they were given a survey to complete to test their knowledge of emergency preparedness and Daryl then walked through the correct answers and the four keys to emergency preparedness:

1. Make a plan
2. Get a pack
3. Stay informed
4. Get involved

To make a plan:

- Plan in advance
- Identify responsibilities
- Plan thoroughly
- Prepare to improvise

A plan should include:

- Floor plan
- Neighborhood plan
- Communication plan
- Shelter-in-Place plan
- Evacuation plan

Daryl also covered plans for children, seniors and the disabled, pets, and planning for unique family needs, such as an extra pair of prescription eyeglasses and medications.

He showed some examples of emergency packs and recommended having three emergency supply packs:

1. Home
2. Grab and go
3. Car/office

Kits should be customized based on needs.

In concluding, Daryl stressed the importance of being informed about the types of emergencies and also recommended that the community consider having its own CERT vehicle. He also noted that September is National Preparedness Month with opportunities to make and practice a plan and learn life-saving skills.

Daryl also brought many handouts for members that were provided by FEMA and San Diego emergency management services.

Sonia ended the meeting by reminding the community that City Councilmember Monica Montgomery will be our guest at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned after the plant exchange at 8:40.