

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Scripps Ranch Civic Association
August 12, 2008

AGENDA

The Agenda was published and e-mailed to all Board Members.

ATTENDANCE

Excused Absences: Braunstein, Wurtzler

Unexcused Absences: Capacia

President Boerner called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. He also reported that there had been a change on how to request block grant funds. Due to this change and that we were not notified of change, we will not be reimbursed for the 4th of July expenses. Next year request for 2008 & 09 expenses.

Stephen Lew, Megan Ekard and Liz Saidkhanian not in attendance to provide reports this month.

District 3 Supervisor Slater – Aaron Byzak reported:

There will be an electronic recycling event (tv's, computers, phones etc) to be held at Sea World parking on September 13th from 8 am to noon.

Latest edition of District Slate is now available along with Aging & Independent Services Newsletter.

Internet Safety Forum – It will be held in SR Library on a Thursday end of October. Date still to be set but all of the Speakers have been obtained.

Fire Tax – This will be put on ballot and addresses issue of need for additional fire fighting resources. Proposed by Joint Power Authority Admin. JPA proposed a \$52 per parcel per year fee and parcels 50 acres or larger would have an additional \$1 per acre. With all the other ballot propositions to be on ballot this most likely will have an uphill battle.

Information Center – Juan Baligad reported:

Parking lot issue – The signs were installed and overnight parking closed in July. Compliance has been very good. There is now more parking available for meetings.

Wanted to remind everyone that water bills can be paid at center, as well as bus & rental taxes, business tax certificates and obtaining or renewing passports.

Public Comments

Crittenden passed out the new SRCA shirts to those Board Members who had ordered them.

Councilman Elect DeMaio – Carl reported that the recently held meetings in Rancho Bernardo and Mira Mesa were very well attended. However the one held in Scripps Ranch was not and wanted to indicate those meetings are intended to obtain information on issues important to residents as well as to answer questions. He wants to make sure the City is there to help communities not hinder. He also said that he still plans to have an office and staff members at Community Center but it will not eliminate the offices for Juan or the Area Recreation Manager. The meeting rooms will also still be available for groups to use. His cell number is 858-217-6112 and e-mail carl@carldemaio.com.

Some of the items Carl has been or will be working on:

September 6th from 10 am to 3 pm at the County Administration parking lot they will be collecting old batteries.

Working on changing City Policies & Procedures to enhance the Council's oversight.

Bringing labor unions back to negotiating table.

Looking at City's budget

The proposal to build a new City Hall – looking at scaling back designs

The new library – shelf until City finances more stable.

Chief of Staff – announced he has chosen Jamie Bradford and she is working on selecting the remainder of his staff.

SDPD – Sgt. Rick O'Hanlon reported for Sgt Peterson

The US Open very happy with the way City of SD presented themselves at recent golf tournament.

Crime overall has been down the past three months.

Captain Rosario will be taking over Investigations and Jim Collins will be taking over Gang Investigations. Captain Mark Jones will be the new captain in our area effective September 23rd. We will also have three newly promoted sergeants in our area.

Schools Committee Bus Subcommittee – Lynn Todd, Sharon Greener and Jennifer Madsen attended and Jennifer gave a report on status of Marshall Middle School. A handout of her presentation was passed out to Board Members. Recap of report is that committee performed outreach to parents through various methods and they still have a shortfall of 27 students for third bus. The 384 total students required for the three buses represent 25% of students attending Marshall. This looks like a continuing issue and committee looking at various alternates to keep the bus program going in future years. The Board was informed that due to the shortfall they have requesting funding assistance from the SD Foundation's Board. They had planned to ask the SRCA for \$12,000 shortfall.

A motion by Jim Paterniti and seconded by Brad Fields was to approve a contingency plan of underwriting the shortfall and reserve for an amount not to exceed \$12,000 should the SD Foundation not approve the funds. The motion passed with 12 in favor and 7 against.

SD Citizen's Review Board – Patrick Hunter Executive Director gave a presentation on the purpose of the Board, composition of members, training, process and recommendations. It was very informative and anyone interested can contact Patrick.

Long Range Planning – This was originally the SRCA Survey Committee. Board members were e-mailed the Mission Statement and Scope of SRCA and has asked for their input as to any additions/deletions or changes they wanted to make. The next meeting would begin the process of determining questions to be asked in a survey.

SRCA COMMITTEE – Staley passed out the current list of committee and members and asked for Board members to make any changes so it could be updated for 2008/09.

Fire Safe Council – Mitchell gave a recap of projects they have completed or will be completing soon.

4th of July – Crooks stated they had a very good crowd and the ice cream and children's activities were again a hit. Bob did another great job as Narrator. Bill's daughter sang the national anthem at the Park and Rob the DJ did an excellent job in getting the crowd involved in several activities.

MRNPC – Crooks reported:

Med Impact – They were supposed to break ground in July but have not seen any activity to date.

Vandals – breaking sprinkler heads

Spring Canyon traffic study – Looking at how to slow traffic and improve safety. City put out as a sole source and they may have a report by December.

Pipeline – some blasting has been done by McDonalds and bank. They will begin lining tunnel with steel beginning at Stonebridge.

Service vehicles are being parked in Scripps Highlands.

YMCA site – summer programs have over 200 participants.

Fire Station – Kane indicated that the Miramar North MAD has offered to help with Landscaping around the station. There will be an initial clean-up cost of \$2,342.44 which hoping Fire Department will pay. The yearly clean-up fee will be \$4,585.32 with proposed that Fire Department will pay \$2,706.04 and MAD \$1,879.08. This will be voted on at next MAD meeting.

SRPG – Ilko reported the following:

Chabad – On September 6th their plans went to the Planning Commission. The Planning Group voted not to oppose on the condition that they pay full impact fees which at the minimum would be \$3.7 million.

Opus West – Almost finished with the three buildings currently under construction.

HG Fenton – Project on Irma Road has hired a Scripps Ranch Architect.

SR Blvd. Median Project – It is out to bid and work to begin in the Fall.

Casa Mira View – Proposed 1,800 apartment project to be built north of Best Buy and the Mira Mesa Planning Group has approved it.

Caltrans – The direct access route is still to be determined.

Schools Committee – Ilko reported:

SRHS is having a Clean-up Day on August 28th.

Marshall Middle School – entrance modification work still needs to be performed.

Old EBS – No timetable as to when it will be removed. Three charter schools interested in the site.

Budget – Staley wanted to remind Chairpersons they are to supply their proposed budget needs for the upcoming year so Allman can prepare budget for approval at the September meeting.

Financials – Allman reported that the economy has hit the Newsletter as ads are down and if it continues we will need to reduce our 88 page Newsletter to 84 pages to be able to break even. Next year's budget will also reflect that we will not have a large surplus.

A motion by Crooks and seconded by Barber was made to adjourn the meeting.

Jany Staley
Secretary