

**Rosemont Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Feb. 4, 2016
Minutes**

President Dugan called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Present: Gavaldon, Lott, Maalouf, Osuna, Arbini-McFarland, Leimbach, Dugan

Absent: Apgar, Mendoza, Aldana

Guests: Some 17 guests were also present

The agenda was approved without changes.

The minutes of the January 7 board meeting were approved without changes.

Briefings

Folsom Blvd. improvements. Staff from SacDOT briefed the board on plans to improve the traffic flow, landscaping, and safety along Folsom Blvd. between Watt and Bradshaw. The plan is set for BOD review by May, with phased work over 2-3 years to begin when funding is secured. The result is to be a continuation of the appearance of Folsom built by the City of Rancho Cordova. The Board took no formal action but discussion indicated strong support.

Rick LeBurkein of Capital Christian Center briefed the Board on CCC's plans to construct a large (10'x20') electronic sign on it vacant lot along Hwy 50 across from the Church complex. He indicated no commercial messages would be on the sign, but community oriented messages would be possible. CCC will soon be filing to begin the permit process; in the meantime they are meeting with community groups to inform them and get comments. The Board had no substantive comments and did not raise any objections to the proposal.

Stuart Welch, coach of the RHS girls basketball team, spoke briefly of his teams efforts to draw attention to the needs of one of the player's mother who was quite ill. A planned event did not happen because of loss of media coverage, but they still are seeking support for the team.

Jeannette Stevenson of SolarCity briefed the Board on their proposal to have RCA encourage residents to consider installing solar systems, and for each such installation they would return \$200 to RCA. The Board will have several members work with Jeannette to get more details before taking any action.

Program and Policy

Dugan reported that with Board approval the draft letter from RCA to the County BOS urging funding in the FY16-17 budget for certain services for Rosemont will be provided to both Supv. Nottoli and Capt. Goold to assure that the letter does not create problems for them. Then we will send the letter to the entire Board, with the intent of urging the County provide certain enhanced services to this area.

Dugan described a tentative agenda for the RCA annual meeting set for May 18, including presentation of several recognitions (VOY, others?); a brief annual report from RCA; election of board members; an open forum for members and residents to discuss issues of concern to the community; and comments from several local officials. As usual, we will invite agencies serving Rosemont to have information tables. He proposed sending a postcard to all residents in Rosemont alerting them to the meeting as well as the series of finance management workshops; this mailing would be funded by the finance management grant. He also proposed a direct letter to RCA members inviting them to the meeting and updating them on RCA activities on their

behalf; this would be funded by RCA. After brief discussion the board agreed without formal action; funds are allocated in our budget.

Dugan proposed a schedule for election of new board members. We are authorized between 9 and 15 members and now have 10 members, with three seats up this year. Liz Lott will chair the nominating committee and Dugan will appoint several more to it, to determine present board members who wish to stand for reelection, and also consider other possible new members. Gary Vorce, who previously served on the RCA and RCF boards, indicated he was interested in returning to serve, and it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to elect him to one of the open seats on the Board, effective March 1. He will stand for confirmation by the membership at the May meeting, and will serve a three year term to 2019.

Dugan invited suggestions for agencies to brief the Board at future meetings on their plans and services to Rosemont. This invitation will stand open as agencies approach us.

Dugan invited suggestions for nominations for our Volunteer of the Year Award. Please send suggestions to him ASAP. Also, it has been suggested RCA occasionally recognize persons who have provided unusual service to the community; suggestions for such person is also invited.

Dugan reported on a proposal by Capital Public Radio to record peoples' stories about their neighborhoods. This could be a good way to draw attention to Rosemont. He will monitor plans and report as appropriate.

Reports

Tommy Riggin, CHP, reported on their recent activities in Rosemont, and members shared various concerns. RCA will be reviving its Neighborhood Watch page on Face Book, and its general FB page to make them more effective. Volunteers are sought to help. We will review our now 1 year old web site to see if it is doing all we want it to do.

Sheryll Venegas of Supv. Nottoli's office reported on personnel changes at the County that affect Rosemont.

Andrew reported on a RHS crab feed fundraiser on April 2 and encouraged all to attend, and perhaps have a RCA table. Contact Andrew for information.

The RHS Essence of Rosemont is set for April 15 and RCA is encouraged to have a table there. Dugan reported he sent a letter to Barry Broome, President and CEO of Greater Sacramento, an organization promoting economic development in the greater area, inviting him to consider all that Rosemont offers as a key element in area economic development plans.

Alicia provided an update on anti-graffiti efforts.

Anthony reported the food trucks will return March 4, and possibly have a beer garden.

Dee reported on the possibility of grant funding from Bank of America, but noted that RCF will not pursue that unless RCA is committed to a specific project. No ideas for projects were offered.

Dugan report that the safe driving grant project is almost completed, and that the finance management project held its first workshop last week. It was a very good session with valuable information and tips in getting out of debt and budgeting, but we need to do much to generate attendance. We will be using grant funds to do more marketing of the workshops.

Administrative

The treasurer and membership reports we provided prior to the meeting and without objection they were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm