



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING (ZOOM)
Held October 1, 2020**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Roll was taken.

Attendees: Alison Alexander, Terry Dugan, Dee Gavaldon, Kathy Gee, Richard Leimbach, Liz Lott, Jesus Mendoza, Frank Teran

Absent: Larnell Gill, Jay Rutherfordale

Minutes of September meeting and October agenda were adopted.

Guests in attendance included CHP Officer Brian McGehee, Los Rios trustee Tami Nelson, CRPD Director Rick Sloan, and RHS teacher James Hopely.

3. **Reports and Updates**

County – Rebecca Sloan reported that awareness of homeless camps in the Rosemont area, particularly along Folsom Blvd. has gone up to the Board of Supervisors. However, due to current public health guidelines not aligning with the penal code, it continues to be difficult to manage. COVID-19 cases are falling in Sacramento County and we have moved from the purple tier to red which allows for limited indoor activity. Sacramento County launched the *Orange by Halloween* campaign in hopes the public's willingness to abide by guidelines will cause the COVID number to drop even more by the end of the month, allowing for increased indoor activity. Many small, private schools are allowed to open; however, Sacramento public schools may remain closed for the rest of the school year. They may re-open as hybrid, in-person/distancing in the future. Playgrounds are now open with handwashing/disinfecting/distancing guidelines. It is suggested that residents get flu vaccines by November 1 to lessen the need for hospital use and leave space for COVID patients. County staff is purchasing necessary supplies now in preparation for millions of COVID vaccines to be given.

4. **Community Spotlight Award** – Frank asked anyone who had ideas for a Rosemont resident who could be nominated for a Community Spotlight Award to contact him.

5. **Projects/Programs**

- a. **Homelessness** – Homelessness information and resource list was revised by SCSO and is available to distribute to residents. It could be posted on both RCA Facebook pages as files and on the RCA website. The webmaster will create a "Homelessness" tab and be responsible for keeping the document updated.
- b. **Neighborhood Beautification** – A Neighbors Helping Neighbors Zoom orientation was given. Frank will schedule another orientation session for a later date. He is also preparing to invite those in need of services to apply.
- c. **Neighborhood Libraries** – RHS teacher James Hopely spoke to the board about *Rosemont Reads*, a program to encourage reading among teenagers. He covered the need for the program, ways to get teenagers interest in reading, and the need for more reading material in locations accessible for teens. James will provide Alison with a list of popular books that she can email to the Neighborhood Libraries hosts. The Board voted (Alexander/Leimbach) to allow *Rosemont Reads* stickers to be placed on our neighborhood libraries. RHS accepts donations of books and magazines. James will look at location options, such as parks and apartment buildings, and see if teens in the program would be willing to adopt a Neighborhood Library and keep it stocked with material for teens.
- d. **Food Drive** – The food drive took place on September 26, 2020 from 10am – 1pm at Atonement Lutheran Church's front parking lot. We took donations from 66 cars and totaled 942 canned goods, 151 boxed goods, 133 packages of pasta, and 373 miscellaneous items. Atonement Lutheran Church's food

pantry was filled to overflowing. Thanks go to Rosemont donors and to our volunteers who made this all possible, and to our business partners--Sandwich Spot, Grocery Outlet, Donut Time, and Kids Club Martial Arts.

- e. **Halloween Pumpkin Giveaway** – Kathy is in contact with Darian Caldeira of Save Mart to possibly partner with them to have a free pumpkin giveaway for Rosemont kids before Halloween. Board approved (Gee/Gavaldon) a \$400 budget for the event.

6. Administrative Reports

- a. **Governance Committee** – Dee introduced a possible point system with goals set to assist directors in self-evaluation of their participation as RCA Board members. The concept consists of assigning points for activities and roles necessary for operation of programs, projects and events. Directors would decide for themselves in which roles/activities they would participate, thus eliminating the feeling of being subjectively judged by the other directors. This topic will be further discussed at the November meeting.
- b. **Storage Facilities** – A self-storage unit has been rented and supplies have been purchased. Any items belonging to RCA in people's home should be put in storage. Contact Kathy to arrange transfer.
- c. **Pop-up Canopies** – Two of the three pop-up canopies are no longer functioning. Buying customized canopies is expensive. The Board approved (Teran/Gavaldon) purchasing two pop-up canopies and small banners which could be Velcroed along the top.
- d. **Memberships** – Members' dues are coming in after Jesus sent out reminders.
- e. **Treasurer's Report** – Not available.
- f. **Communications** – The Social Media Committee met to discuss recent issues/changes. The decision was

made to not re-admit two former Forum members (Jordon Brenghause and Matthew Gower) due to repeated violations. The committee submitted a suggestion to the Board to rename the Forum to the Rosemont Post to better reflect what the page is about—neighborhood news, events and items of interest. The title Community Forum implies that discussion of issues is the primary purpose, but this only sparks un-neighborly conduct not reflective of RCA's values and may bring up issues of liability. The membership and rules would remain the same. Announcement to the Forum membership would be well in advance of the new proposed banner change. The banner could also be used for a monthly emailed newsletter to RCA members. Board approved (Gavaldon/Teran) the name and banner changes. Kathy will no longer be monitoring the Forum for posts and comments. She will remain as an administrator to vet and approve member requests.



- 7. **Adjournment** – Motion was made (Leimbach/Mendoza) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.