

Minutes for Meeting August 3, 2017

In attendance: Heidi McNeal, John Greaves, and Diane Masura. **Absent:** Marcia and Steven Kay

Minutes: Minutes for OCCAC July 7 Meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence: An introductory letter re. Tony DeYoung was read and discussed. He will be invited to attend our next meeting since he has expressed interest in working with OCCAC to increase the visibility of its accomplishments and fundraising needs. Included was an invitation from Community Foundation of Sonoma County Director Miguel Rules to share a narrative of OCCAC activities which was done by Steven Kay.

Another exchange took place between Steve Kay and Steve Ehret from Sonoma County Parks Department regarding the proposed installation of an event sign designed by Steve Kay and Paramount Sign Contractors. See below under Facility.

Reference was made to an e-mail exchange with Jeremy Hodgdon that the phone 874-2242 is not working for the public to check in with the Community Center Office. This difficulty was exemplified by the efforts of Darlene LaMont to rent the Center for a Fire Safety program which, after using this number and the Y website, were unsuccessful. Jeremy wrote her an apology and offered her his cellphone number.

The Center Office phone number is still not fixed.

Finally a communication from Santa Rosa Junior College to Jeremy Hodgdon regarding finalizing contracts with the Y refers to the lack of signatures on two use permits needed to continue classes from 7/1/17 to 6/30/18. No response has yet been received.

Funding/Grant Writing: The Occidental Community Council voted to fund up to \$500 for the event sign at the Community Center. Possible funds at the SC Parks Foundation may be shifted from the gym floor to signage. Farmer's Market funds are being collected each staffed Friday. Next three staffing are 9/1 with John Greaves, 9/8 unknown, and 10/20 with Leigia Nunez. Heidi will explore a Go Fund Me account for the gym flooring. Bothin Foundation application was tabled.

Programming/Membership: Nancy Collins Group has not followed up yet on proposed changes to the use of the Center.

Government Relations: No recent reports available.

Facility: Possible alternative (more affordable) sign designs were reviewed, including taking photos of Occidental Center for the Arts signage. Rather than installing an event sign with moving lettering, it would be possible to put a corner two-faced sign at the Community Center with titles of activities and reference the OC Council Website Google Calendar for dates and times. Removable slats with titles could be repainted when necessary. The Parks Department has offered to install a sign once the design and materials cost are completed by OCCAC. There was a hint in correspondence from them that more possible support for the project might be available depending on the design. Heidi will send photos of proposed signs to Steve Kay for redesign and communication with Steve Erhet.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.