

City of Santa Rosa
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)
June 23, 2010 – Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. at the Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa, California.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Narath (North Area), Byrd (Northwest), Cohn (Southwest), Chang (Southwest), Dibble (North Area), Wang (Northeast), Barragan (Northwest), Mai (Southeast), Hernandez (Downtown) and Johnson (South Area); M. Richardson and E. Buonaccorsi (City Staff)

Absent & Excused: McDonald (Southeast), Lee (Northeast), Combs (South), Carrieri (Downtown)

3. **PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

Duane DeWitt: Expressed concern that open and green space in Santa Rosa is not being maintained and shared proposals on how to do so.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 26, 2010 was approved with an amendment to include Board Member Juan Hernandez in attendance at the meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without objection.

6. **CHAIRPERSON'S AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following reports were given: Board Member Curtis has been appointed to the City's Planning Commission Board; A meeting on June 30th will include a speaker from Berkeley to discuss the Highway 12 extension of the greenway; The University of California at Berkeley is offering an upcoming class in regard to the greenway; A successful 45 house garage sale was held in the Bellevue Ranch neighborhood; There are plans to mitigate graffiti on West Third Street; There are 13 graduates who are involved in Cinco de Mayo; A planning safety forum is scheduled to be held on July 12th. The Day and Night Festival at Martin Luther King Park will be held on Saturday, August 14th and hosted by Community Action Partnership.

7. **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

7.1 Southwest Area Parks and Open Space

Jennifer Tuell, Research and Program Coordinator, shared information on park plans and developments for Airfield Park, Colgan Creek, Roseland Creek Community Park and Trail and Bayer Neighborhood Park and Gardens.

7.2 Community Improvement Grants

Buonaccorsi gave updates regarding 14 new grant applications that have been received and reminded Board members that grant applications are due July 1st. Cohn will e-mail past grantees of the upcoming submission deadline.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

7.3 Community Capacity Building

Dory Escobar, St. Joseph Health System, shared information concerning developing mentors to help build neighborhood activists and leaders through self assessment and development. The program is designed to build strength through relationships, positivity and respect in order to develop a shared vision and sense of community. It is hoped that CAB members could initiate this program in early 2011 and that neighborhoods need to get together in sectors to promote leadership building and mentoring.

7.4 CAB Reports, Updates and Announcements

A. Community Calendar

- July 12 – Safety Forum at Roseland Elementary
- August 21 – Neighborhood Summit at Martin Luther King Park
- August 29 – Save Our Pools 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser to support Recreation, Parks & Community Services
- August 31 – Deadline to submit merit award nominations
- September – Race Equality Week (REW) at Elsie Allen High
- September 12 – Celebration for Centennial for Mexico at Fairgrounds
- September 19 – Fundraiser for non-profits at Wells Fargo Center

B. Neighbor Summit Report

Jim Diers, former mayor of Seattle, will attend the event in Council Chambers on Friday, August 20th. It was noted that more volunteer help is needed.

C. CAB Group Photo

Staff will work on taking a photo of the Board so it can be added to the website.

D. Volunteer Santa Rosa Update

The website was launched today. Board members were encouraged to share feedback to ensure that it is user friendly. A trailer and tools will be purchased to help groups interested in cleaning up neighborhood parks. It was suggested that information about Volunteer Santa Rosa be included with City water bills.

E. BOCS/CAB Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

A follow up meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 21st.

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Inclusivity classes are continuing to be held, with the next one scheduled for July 22. Contact Annette Townley, atownley@srcity.org, for more information.

The Street Performance ordinance may be updated in order to regulate street performers and continue to support businesses.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.1 Review of CIP issues and Process
- 8.2 Neighborhood Services and Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force – Ellen Bailey
- 8.3 Code enforcement and neighborhood concerns – Tom Schwedhelm, Police Chief

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Finley Community Center at 2060 West College Avenue (Manzanita Room), Santa Rosa, CA.

Tanya Narath, Chair

Kimberly Copperberg, Recreation, Parks & Community Services

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