

City of Santa Rosa
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD
October 28, 2009 – Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex in Santa Rosa, California.

Roll Call

Present: Narath, Combs, Byrd, Barragan, Cohn, Wang, Lee, Mai, Carrieri, Hopkins, Buonaccorsi, Richardson

Absent: Dibble, Johnson, McDonald

Public Appearances

Lea M. Barron-Thomas presented a noise and special event permit issue which occurred recently in the West End Neighborhood area. Board members expressed concerns and Richardson answered the questions that were presented.

Action Item: It was suggested the Police Department be allowed to respond to this issue.

The West End Neighborhood Association presented information concerning the Santa Rosa Depot Park walking tour of Santa Rosa's Historic West End. A brochure, produced from award of a Community Improvement Grant, was shared. Additional information is available at www.SRWESTEND.com.

Action Item: Carrieri and/or Hopkins will follow up in regard to the Railroad Square event to be held on November 19th.

2. **Review of City Council Goals**

Copies were distributed to Board members for review.

3. **Community Advisory Board Goals 2009 – 2010**

Copies of Board goals were distributed, reviewed and further refined.

Action items: Board members will take responsibility for various goal segments as assigned; Staff will make the suggested changes and distribute the updated document to Board members.

Board members discussed various ways to get more community groups organized, proactive and less reactive. Various training packages are available and it was suggested training could be made available to the public. The importance of leveraging community events with other area events was also discussed.

4. **Grant Process**

Board members reviewed the process, noted the presentations went well and made the following suggestions:

- Awarding of grants earlier in the year
- Encouraging new groups to apply in order to get more diverse participation
- Establishing a maximum amount for each grant
- Consider scheduling grant presentation in November or December
- Limiting funding to ensure grants are available for subsequent years
- Revisiting why the City does not fund private properties, especially in the graffiti abatement program
- Streamlining the grant process
- Funding of community wide training
- Need of a separate budget for CAB functions

5. **Appointment of Board members to serve on CAB/BCS goals ad hoc committee**
Dibble, Narath and Lee will serve on the committee.
6. **Appointment of Board members to serve on Economic Development Subcommittee**
Mai and Combs will participate on this committee.
7. **Future Meeting Dates**
The Board will hold a study session with Council on Tuesday, November 10th at 3pm
The next Board meeting will be held on Wed, December 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 90 Santa Rosa Avenue.
8. **Future Agenda Items**
 - 8.1 Banners for CAB
 - 8.2 Name tags with City logo for CAB members
 - 8.3 Update of funds available in each area of the grant process
 - 8.4 Utilities CIP presentation by David Guhin