

City of Santa Rosa
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)
December 8, 2010 – Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Narath at 5:30 p.m. at the Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa, California.

2. Roll Call

Present: Buonaccorsi, Carrieri, Chang, Cohn, Combs, Dibble, Handy, Lee, Mai, Narath
Absent: Barragan, Escobar, Johnson, Wang, Topper

3. Public Comments

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 27, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

6. Scheduled Items

6.1 Neighborhood Services and Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force

Ellen Bailey, Recreation Superintendent, presented a brief overview of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF), including how it began, how it is funded, its' structure, what role it plays in the community and the importance of various organization and community members addressing and providing gang prevention needs and services. Over a 5 year period, with the exception of an increase this year, there has been a 73% decrease in gang violence and activity.

Police Sergeant Ray Navarro shared his experiences of working in gang unit programs and police services. He also clarified Santa Rosa's approach to intervene and provide services for gang members' families once law enforcement has addressed an issue. Two success stories were shared.

Bailey and Navarro were thanked for their presentations and information they shared.

6.2 Neighbors Summit, Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20, 2011

Chairperson Narath shared information concerning the summit that will take place next summer. Board members expressed concerns about the time commitment as well as CAB's representation, role and participation on existing neighborhood committees. There is an interest in working with the Board of Public Utilities and staff in regard to funding. A motion that CAB co-sponsor the 2011 Neighbors Summit was made and unanimously approved. The Board will continue to receive updates as needed.

6.3 Youth Summit – March 5, 2011 at the Santa Rosa Junior College

Chang provided a tentative schedule for this upcoming event. It was suggested that CAB members be mentors for Youth Summit projects to help develop timelines, goals and resources. There is a need for further discussion and information about potential projects and subjects.

6.4 2011 Community Improvement Grant (CIG) Process

Board members reviewed the CIG grant timeline, moved the application deadline date to June 1 and limited each grant award to a maximum of \$1,000. Grant applications will be available online beginning in January. Assistance in completing CIG applications will be available at upcoming "Call a CAB" events.

7. Chairperson’s and Board Members’ Reports

A. Neighborhood Updates

Updates included: The Southeast Greenway Campaign will be presented this Saturday by UC Berkeley students; A potential Eagle Scout is working to create a dog park at A Place to Play; The next “Park A Month” clean up will be held at A Place to Play on Saturday, Dec. 11th; The USA 2000 Roseland group held a successful holiday party with the help of 20 Elsie Allen student volunteers; The Martin Luther King Day of Service will be held on Monday, January 17th at the Community Baptist Church on Sonoma Avenue; Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) offered a tour of the Coffey House.

B. “Call a CAB”

The next “Call a CAB” event will be held on Wed., February 9 at Mary’s Pizza Shack on Summerfield Road. It is hoped a similar event will be held at Marie Callendar’s in 2011.

C. Merit Awards Program, Monday, November 8, 2010

Chang was congratulated for being a recipient at this year’s Merit Award program.

8. Written Communications

Georgia Pedgrift of the Santa Rosa Police Department is looking for volunteers to help with the mural in the Aston Avenue area.

9. Future Items

- 9.1 Parks Picnic Policies – Lisa Grant
- 9.2 Review of CAB Goals
- 9.3 2011 Community Improvement Grants – Smaller grant awards for year round projects
- 9.4 Neighbors Summit updates/goals – February, 2011
- 9.5 Youth Summit updates
- 9.6 Review of CIP issues and CAB’s involvement in the process

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa, California.

Tanya Narath, Chairperson

Kimberly Copperberg, Recreation Specialist