

City of Santa Rosa  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)  
March 23, 2011 – Minutes

- 1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Narath at 5:33 p.m. at the Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa, California.
- 2. Roll Call**

Present: Barragan, Buonaccorsi, Chang, Cohn, Combs, Dibble, Ebright, Escobar, Narath, Wang, Topper  
Absent: Handy
- 3. Public Comments**

Member Julie Combs represented iGrow and 350 Home & Garden Challenge, sharing information and resources regarding the two efforts to increase community gardens in our community.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the February 23, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the addition of discussing Emergency Preparedness and COPE under item 7.4.
- 6. Chairperson's and Board Members Reports**

Reports were given regarding the following: yesterday's Church of One Tree grand opening; Kawana Elementary School PTA fundraiser "Dia del Ninos"; assistance in helping neighbors organize; Matsuri: Japanese Arts Festival; South Park area community outreach event; St. Joseph's outreach/training in south Santa Rosa; Round Barn renovations; Men's Garden Club at Luther Burbank selling seeds and starts at Coddington Mall; "Valentine Gorilla Garden" in the Northeast; April 5<sup>th</sup> community outreach meeting at Knox Church; COPE presentation by Oakmont Group on April 28 Thursday, 6:00pm at City Hall; SSU "Helping Hands for Japan" fundraiser dance; South Hwy community meeting on April 26 7:00pm at 1346 Yulupa Ave.
- 7. Scheduled Items**
  - 7.1 Santa Rosa Mural Proposal Process**

Tara Matheny-Schuster, Arts Coordinator for the City of Santa Rosa, presented the process for proposing art in public places and private places when using public funding. As described in the provided handouts, the Art in Public Places Committee needs a proposal including the location, funding, and project design. When working with public property murals, such as the 9<sup>th</sup> Street underpass, the process involves CalTrans and takes longer to bring to fruition.

    - It was recommended that CIG applications for murals follow City guidelines and protocols.
    - A request was made to provide a map of all art/sculpture locations in Santa Rosa.
    - Board members discussed the Art in Public Walks with former Mayor Susan Gorin last year. There is an interest in connecting with current Mayor Ernesto Olivares and perhaps connect the event with iWalk and Heal.
    - ACTION ITEM: Dory to connect with the Mayor.

### **7.2 2011 City Merit Awards**

Laneil Bryant, City of Santa Rosa Recreation Coordinator, presented an overview of the annual Merit Awards program, which recognizes individuals, businesses and organizations who volunteer their time and energies contributing to improving the quality of life in Santa Rosa.

### **7.3 Youth Summit: Event Review**

CAB member Ivan Chang reviewed the success of the March 3 Youth Summit at SRJC. Although hoping for a larger turnout, the feedback from students was positive and they hope to get more of their peers involved for the next Youth Summit, tentatively scheduled for September. There is an effort underway to reach out to high school teachers. Ivan also recapped the Youth Summit he attended in San Francisco.

- Recommendations for collaborations: Petaluma’s Teens for Teens, Santa Rosa’s Neighbors Summit in August and SSU Youth Conference April 28.

### **7.4 Effective CAB Outreach in Santa Rosa**

The discussion included working with groups such as COPE as well as with the upcoming 1906 Earthquake event on April 18. Board members would like an updated list of agencies including Latino service providers, Volunteer Center, and various neighborhood organizations. There was discussion on how to network, share resources, connect with businesses, schools, and neighborhood organizations. A CAB sub-committee will present options of resources, including 10 steps to engage the community, a “canvassing kit,” and CAB literature/resources. Board members also noted an interest in having a training/conversation/guided reflection on Outreach at the end of this calendar year.

- ACTION ITEM: CIG publicity – D. Ebright to connect with the Press Democrat and KBBF. T. Narath and E. Buonaccorsi to post strong CIG examples to website.

### **7.5 Neighbors Summit update**

The planning committee represents a diverse group of participants. Another planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **7.6 CAB Reports, Updates and Announcements**

None.

## **8. Written Communications**

None.

## **9. Future Items**

- 9.1 Review of CAB Goals in relationship to the Neighborhood Summit – April
- 9.2 Parks Picnic Policies, Lisa Grant – May
- 9.3 2011 Community Improvement Grants – Option of smaller grant awards for year round projects – July
- 9.4 CIP Review – May

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at the Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa, California.

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Tanya Narath, Chairperson

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Kimberly Copperberg, Minutes