

Val Verde Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 24, 2008

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Yolanda Keymolent, Greg Bradley, Dalton Celauis, Randall Winter, Ethel Bonier, Robert Hill, John Musella, Michael Maniscalchi, Mike Dean, Diego Clare

Excused Absent: Rosalind Wayman

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of February, 25, 2008. Motion by Dalton Celauis, seconded by Ethel Bonier, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted and accepted by Board. Winter announced director's insurance had been renewed and increased to \$2 million coverage.

Winter presented the annual budget to the board. Motion to accept the budget was made by Mike Maniscalchi, seconded by Yolanda Keymolent. Item was tabled until later in the meeting following other discussion topics related to the budget.

Telephone Answering Service: No calls reported.

Landfill Report: Mike Dean presented the tonnage report for February 2008, the 2007 Annual Groundwater Report and the LEA Report. Hard copy of the annual water report was given to Bonier to deliver to the Val Verde Community Center for public access. A CD Rom copy was presented to the treasurer for maintaining with the Committee's records. Dean indicated there had been no odor complaints, no visits by AQMD. Fee Dump Day went smoothly with many Val Verde residents participating. Next Free Dump Day is scheduled for June 7, 2008. Dean gave Rolph Gustoffen 5 free dump passes to give to community. Dean will give 10 passes to Board for use by the community at next meeting. Ethel Bonier mentioned she had referred a resident to Dean for a tour of the landfill. Dean reported not having received a request. Bonier to follow-up with individual.

Old Business:

Need to fill vacant seat with someone from Val Verde. Please send names directly to Rosalind Wayman with the Supervisor's office so she can appoint someone.

Nomination of Officers: The following were nominated by members of the Board and approved unanimously:

President – Yolanda Keymolent
Vice President – Michael Maniscalchi
Treasurer – Randal Winter
Secretary – John Musella

Discussion regarding two bids for the development of a web site for the Committee to increase visibility and communication with local Val Verde Community. Two bids from local web site developers submitted to Board for consideration. Wag The Dog Media for \$1,044.95 and Solutions for \$1,860. The Board voted to accept the lowest bid and approve Wag The Dog Media's bid. Motion by Maniscalchi, seconded by Hill, motion approved unanimously. Board also approved purchase of the domain name ValVerdeCAC.com, .org and .net for the new web site.

A Storage unit was rented on February 29, 2008 for the secure and permanent storage of the Val Verde Community Advisory Committee's documents. The unit is located at Valencia Storage at 27855 Smyth Drive in the Santa Clarita Valley. An agreement with the storage company was signed by the Secretary and all documents currently in possession of the Board were taken and placed in storage for safe keeping. The storage unit rental was paid in full for one year at a cost of \$40 per month, with the 13th month free, totaling . The storage unit is B2213. Keys for the unit are maintained by the Secretary. All Board members are registered with the storage company to have access to the unit.

The 2008 quarterly meeting schedule was proposed as follows:

June 23, 2008 – 6 p.m.
September 22, 2008 – 6 p.m.
October 27, 2008 – 6 p.m.

A motion to approve the schedule was made by Winter, seconded by Celouis and approved unanimously.

New Business:

The Board discussed changing meeting locations to a new location within the Santa Clarita Valley as directed by the By-laws, but as close to Val Verde as possible. The Board discussed the interest by members to meet in a location other than the current meeting place at the landfill. Keymolent, Winter and Musella would research potential new meeting locations and costs and report back to the Board via email before the next meeting of the Board in June.

Discussion by the Board relative to the need to follow The Brown Act. The secretary will request information from the Supervisor's office relative to whether the Board meets the requirements to follow The Brown Act. The Board supports being as transparent as possible, but clarification from the County would be helpful to ensure the Board is properly meeting public meeting expectations.

The Board voted to approve the hiring of an attorney specializing in non-profit organizations to ensure the Committee was in proper compliance with all laws governing non-profits. Motion to form a committee with power to act in hiring an attorney was moved by Winter, seconded by Maniscalchi, approved unanimously. The Board appointed Winter, Bradley, Maniscalchi and Musella as members.

The motion to approve the Annual Budget was amended to include the hiring of an attorney and was discussed and approved unanimously by the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 23, 2008 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

John Musella, Secretary

June 23, 2008

Yolanda Keymolent, President