

Roseville Coalition Of Neighborhood Associations

Maidu Neighborhood Association Roseville, California Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2010

- **1.** Meeting called to order at: 7:01 PM
- Present: David Allen, President Scott Reid, Vice President Mary Steele, Treasurer Geoff Kragen, Secretary

Bonnie Blanco Shirley Brown Jim Kidd Xandra Tielman

Absent: Lori Key

Neighbor(s): Larry Arkus

Dave Steele

Bill Foster

- 2. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved
- **3.** Treasurer's report: We have \$1,551.42. (*Should have been this amount last month.*) This reflects no expenditures for the previous month.
- **4.** RCONA report:
 - a. On November 20th will be two holiday events. Downtown Roseville: 3:00 PM Holiday Parade; 6:30 PM Tree Lighting
 - b. On October 18th from 3:00-7:00 PM there will be a blind taste testing of stored versus non-stored waters. This will be held Maidu park because some individuals have complained about the taste of the stored water.

Some discussion was held on the need for our board to know what is going on on the RCONA board so we can direct Jim on how he should vote at the special meeting regarding the creation of a new neighborhood association. Jim is going to send us the necessary information of a February 2010 special meeting to assist in our direction. (see attached).

5. Police report: No representative present:

Xandra noted that her son had his ATM card stolen out of his unlocked car which was parked on the street. She also stated a neighbor reported a theft also. Each normally locked their car, but each forgot on this occasion.

RCONA's president has stated he is talking to the police about the big picture, that is the police involvement with multiple associations. He therefore didn't want Jim to get involved with efforts to get more police representation at our board meetings at this time. Assuming his efforts are carried out in a timely manner our board will hold off on taking independent action. Otherwise, we

will ask David A. to contact the police. He will contact Don Brown regarding his talking to an officer in the RPD.

Motion 9/10-1: This action was moved by Scott and seconded by Bonnie. Approved.

- **6.** Old Business:
 - a. Reminder: The October meeting will be held in Sargeant library; The November meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday, the 16th; There will be no December meeting.
 - b. MNA Board Nominations: The candidates reflect no changes in the existing board with the following exception. Jim will take the position of RCONA rep. Dave S. will become the alternate. (slate is attached.)
 - c. October 16th Park Cleanup: Jim reported the Pavilion is reserved and a case of bags will be at the Community Center front desk. He will get food and other items and bring his grill. Dave A., Bonnie, and Mary will bring ice chests. Free ice is available at the local fire station. Xandra will drop off a couple of tables at Mary's. Mary will get a gift card from Target for the winner of the most unusual item "contest." Bonnie will be the most unusual item judge.
 - d. Trailer/RV parking regulation proposal: The current ordinance has "no teeth." The proposed change to the ordinance will allow up to 72 hours of parking on the street between uses. There can be two 72 hour incidences within a 14 day period. Otherwise the vehicle can be cited. This proposal will go to the city council for first and second readings and can be approved at the third. It will go into effect immediately. Consequently, it can be in place as early as December.
- 7. New Business:
 - a. Clarify newsletter routes: Scott reported that progress is being made. The distributer list is now cleaned up. Lori has found someone for the Larken route. Scott hasn't heard from the individual that he was supposed to get to pick up one of his.

The maps are being tied to each route. They have also been cleaned up. Most of the problems seemed to have been tied to Lori's group. Also four homes were missing from a map and the new homes also needed to be added. David A. is updating the maps as he has the originals.

- b. Thanking block captains: Potential newsletter item. Agreed.
- c. Bylaws Amendment Proposal: Discussions where held and David A. will reduce the results to a document. (see attached). The next meeting(s) will include voting on the revised document. Accordingly the format of the October meetings would be. a.) Board meeting to vote on the revised bylaws. b.) Assuming the revision is accepted, next will be the General/Annual meeting for the purpose of electing board members. c.) Regular board meeting where the first item is the election of new officers. d.) Regular Newsletter meeting.

Motion 9/10-2: Geoff moved, Jim seconded. David A., Scott, and Mary will go to the bank to get new signature cards authorizing each as a check signer. In the future any check over the amount of \$200 will require two signatures. Approved.

- d. Tree planting interest?: The Board was asked by the parks department if we would be interested in providing volunteers for planting additional trees. Accordingly, we will include an article requesting volunteers in the next newsletter. David A. will endeavor to get more specific information, but in any case will write something for the next newsletter.
- **8.** Announcements and Remarks:
- **9.** Adjourn: 9:04 PM

Maidu Neighborhood Association ~ Newsletter Meeting Minutes

- 1. Newsletter meeting called to order: 9:05 PM
 - a. Due date: October $4^{\underline{th}}$
 - b. Topics/Assignments:
 - i. MNA Board election slate: Geoff
 - ii. Tree Planting: David A.
 - iii. Mention of by-law changes: David A.
 - iv. Trailer/RV parking regulation proposal: David A.
 - v. Auto Safety Issues: Xandra
 - vi. Thank you to block captains: (?)
- **2.** Adjourn: 9:11 PM

2-4-2010

To the RCONA Board,

I have been made aware of certain difficulties that the Westpark<u>-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood</u> <u>Association</u> has had with regard to disagreements between members about alleged improprieties within the administration of the <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood Association</u>.

I have tried to very carefully encourage the RCONA Corporation to <u>not</u> get involved in the workings and administration of <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood Association</u> since RCONA guarantees the autonomy of the internal operation of that Neighborhood Association. Interference is not a functional part of the RCONA Mission and objective.

It is, however, important to understand that RCONA is dedicated to its mission as stated in Article II, Section 1. of its by-laws: "Specific Purpose. The specific purpose for which RCONA is organized is to improve and/or maintain the quality of life within the City of Roseville by working with neighborhood associations to solve social, physical and economic problems, by facilitating communications within and between neighborhoods; by providing support to neighborhood associations and projects which raise the level of community participation by citizens; and by engaging in any lawful activity."

The apparent inability for <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood Association</u> to resolve the difficulties which they have been experiencing over the past several weeks, perhaps even months, suggest that there may be major differences existing in the philosophies of the membership that can not be resolved within the Association. This is evidenced by the resignation of the officers of the Association and the resignation of its RCONA Rep. This places the <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood</u> <u>Association</u> in the status of ineligibility for membership in accordance with the terms of RCONA by-laws Article III, Section 2, Paragraph A. "The neighborhood association is organized in a process of its choice, with a leader and at least four (4) additional members." Currently, as I am given to understand, the Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood Association is without leadership.

RCONA has not to date been officially approached by the <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood</u> <u>Association</u> to provide a venue where the adversity between members of <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm</u> <u>Neighborhood Association</u> may be brought out on the table in an arbitration of issues whereby a potential for mediation may be possible. None of the issues which may or may not be valid have been formally provided to RCONA in a passive and positive fashion whereby RCONA would then have an opportunity to invite the adversaries to a forum for arbitration and potential resolution.

In light of the forgoing, and with the issue of eligibility for membership in RCONA being an important factor in the ongoing operation of the RCONA Corporation, I personally have requested the special meeting you are now asked to attend and are attending.

This meeting is to accomplish a single objective. That objective is to place a motion to divide the <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farms Neighborhood No. 42</u> into two (2) distinct neighborhoods as originally defined by the City of Roseville and the developers of the area concerned. I have provided maps of the current boundaries and have drawn an additional line at the original boundary between the two neighborhoods as evidenced in black on the small maps I have provided you with.

Currently, <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farms Neighborhood No. 42</u> covers an area of roughly 26.5 square miles. <u>Westpark Neighborhood</u> covers the smaller area of approximately 12.5 square miles while <u>Fiddyment Farms Neighborhood</u> covers an area slightly larger of approximately 14 square miles.

The size of the <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farms Neighborhood No. 42</u> makes it the largest area for a single neighborhood in the City of Roseville. At build-out, this could be arguably the largest Neighborhood Association within the City of Roseville. As well, administration of a Neighborhood Association of the potential size of <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood Association</u> would be a major effort, unwieldy, and cumbersome at best considering the apparent issues the Association faces today, and its apparent inability to resolve them.

Keeping in mind the current state of affairs within the <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood</u> <u>Association</u>, its current status, and the turbulence that has existed for some time now, it is moved that the <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farms Neighborhood No. 42</u> be divided into two separate neighborhoods as originally defined by the City of Roseville. It is further moved that they be named as follows: <u>Westpark</u> <u>Neighborhood No. 42</u>, and <u>Fiddyment Farms Neighborhood No. 43</u>.

This is not to imply that the Neighborhood Association identified as <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farms</u> <u>Neighborhood Association</u> be divided into two separate associations, although that possibility exists as a result of possible future action by the <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood Association</u>. RCONA has no authority to divide an Association. RCONA however, does have the authority to identify and establish a Neighborhood as guaranteed in it's by-laws. This is the primary objective and intent of the motion as I have stated it.

I wish to assure all of those interested in this action that no one in the RCONA Corporation, or any neighborhood association within the City of Roseville has encouraged me, tutored me, or asked that I take this action. It is entirely of my own volition, and is 100% the result of my own appraisal of the geographic characteristics of the neighborhood and the potential for further conflict within the current <u>Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood Association</u> as evidenced by the ongoing adversarial positions of some of the members of that Association. Any comments or suggestions to the contrary will be addressed as unfounded and will not be open to a response, nor will one be elicited from me by anyone who makes such comment or suggestion.

L. A. Bergeron, Jr. Vice President, RCONA



ROSEVILLE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes, Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 124 Main Street, Roseville, CA Special Meeting called by Members of RCONA Board as authorized by RCONA By-Laws

ROLL CALL: The following Neighborhood and City Representatives and guests were in attendance:

Lori Ennis		Roseville Heights NA
Jack Wallace	Spec. Repr.	Cresthaven NA
Don Brown	President, RCONA	Westpark-Fiddyment Farm NA
Mike Hazen		Foothills Junction NA
Gigi Baltazar	Treasurer, RCONA	East Roseville Parkway NA
Larry Bergeron	V. Pres. RCONA	Creshaven NA
Elissa Schrader		Kaseberg NA
Werner Keuhn		Folsom Road NA
Chris Swenson		Meadow Oaks NA
Lisa Korpus	Resident/Guest	Westpark-Fiddyment Farm NA
Rich Fabbre		Westpark-Fiddyment Farm NA
Amy Aufdemberge		Westpark-Fiddyment Farm NA
Maxine Sarmiento		Meadow Oaks NA

(If any attendees were inadvertently omitted from this list please notify the Recording Secretary as soon as you can.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by **President Brown**.

Chairperson for this special meeting named by **President Brown** to be **RCONA Vice President, Larry Bergeron.**

Mr. Bergeron reminded everyone to sign the sign-in sheet.

MINUTES: The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

Roll Call/Introductions: The roll call was held and the sign-in sheet was passed to the present members.

Agenda: There being only one item on the agenda, any motions/resolutions will not require a second.

Larry Bergeron advised that he and two other members of the RCONA Board requested that President **Brown** call this special meeting of the RCONA Board.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow Larry Bergeron to present his motion to the board for a vote. In the prequel to Larry's presentation, he stated that he and he alone takes full responsibility for the RCONA Minutes, 01-21-10 Page 1



content and character of the motion. The text of the motion is presented as Addendum #1 to this minutes account. After Larry presented the motion, discussion was held on the motion, its content, intent and purpose of the motion. Each member was presented with a printed copy of the motion and a map identifying the nature of the motion as it involved only the border between two different neighborhoods within the boundary of the City of Roseville.

Larry Bergeron, V. P. of RCONA, stated that he had scheduled this meeting "With the goal of placing a motion to divide the **Westpark-Fiddyment Farms Neighborhood No.** 42 into two (2) distinct neighborhoods to be named **Westpark No.** 42 and **Fiddyment Farms No.** 43 as originally defined by the City of Roseville and the developers of the area concerned". He also pointed out that the future growth of this Northwest Roseville area , would make Westpark-Fiddyment Farm Neighborhood Association the single largest Neighborhood Association if in fact, that neighborhood association continued to exist.

Mr Bergeron made it clear that the mission of RCONA, was only to act "as an organization to improve and/or maintain the quality of life by working with neighborhood associations to solve problems, facilitate communications ... and provide support to neighborhood associations." An open discussion was held, with both WFFNA and citywide NA representatives providing comments and perspective about their own neighborhood organization issues.

Mr. Bergeron admonished the representatives of the WFFNA with regard to:

1. The failure of WFFNA to resolve their internal differences amicably at the NA level.

2. The failure of WFFNA to request assistance and potential arbitration by RCONA in a attempt to obtain assistance in resolving their internal issues.

3. WFFNA's consistent and persistent behavior within their organization as two different bodies/neighborhoods and their inability to resolve their differences.

4. The repeated attempts by WFFNA members to involve RCONA in their ongoing difficulties without requesting assistance, and apparently attempting through many emails to involve various City of Roseville officials in their problems within their association.

5. The apparent failure to coordinate their WFFNA by-laws with the RCONA by-laws in order to not conflict in certain areas that have been pointed out to be unacceptable to RCONA.

The RCONA motion by **Mr. Bergeron** to divide Westpark Fiddyment Farms Neighborhood No. 42 into Westpark No. 42 and Fiddyment Farms No. 43 passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Based on an unexpected Addendum to the motion by **Jack Wallace** which was presented to the membership after **Larry Bergeron** read his motion, the decision was made unanimously by consensus of the board and clearly stated that the FINAL decision to create <u>TWO separate Neighborhood Associations</u> (Westpark NA and Fiddyment Farms NA) would remain with the residents who lived in those areas. One of the options, could be that no change would occur.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes will be submitted for approval at the next regular RCONA Board meeting to be held at the Roseville Corporation Yard, Thursday, February 18, 2010.



Minutes approved on_____

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LAUREN A. BERGERON, JR. Vice President, RCONA - Chairperson/Recording Secretary for this special meeting.

CC: RCONA Board Box.net File



Maidu Neighborhood Association Roseville, California

Board of Directors 2010 Slate of Candidates

For 1 Year Term, 2010 - 2011

David Allen Shirley Brown Geoff Kragen Lori Key Jim Kidd

For 2 Year Term, 2010 - 2012

Bonnie Blanco Scott Reid Mary Steele David Steele Xandra Tielman

MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Maidu Neighborhood Association hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Association is organized is to maintain and/or improve the quality of life within our neighborhood and community by working together to solve social, physical, crimal, and other problems; by facilitating communication between neighbors; by working to increase the level of neighborhood and community participation; and by engaging in any lawful activity in support of those goals.

ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are to:

- A. Represent and advance the interests of the neighborhood as determined in a democratic process.
- B. Keep the neighborhood informed of vital issues by appropriate communications and meetings.
- C. Promote a safe neighborhood.
- D. Cooperate with other neighborhoods within the community by working with the Roseville Coalition of Neighbor Associations

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be open to any person eighteen (18) years or older who lives or owns property within the Maidu Neighborhood Association boundaries. Membership is also open to any person eighteen (18) years or older who owns or is employed by a business located within the Maidu Neighborhood Association boundaries. Only one representative per business may hold membership at any given time.

ARTICLE V – VOTING

SECTION 1 - General Meetings

Members of the Association present at any general membership meeting shall be entitled to one vote per person on each matter submitted to a vote of the membership.

SECTION 2 – <u>Board Meetings</u>

Only members of the Board shall be entitled to vote at Board meetings.

SECTION 3 – Quorum

Six (6) voting members of the Association will constitute a quorum for General meetings. For Board meetings a quorum is defined as three (3) Board members. The quorums as defined shall be necessary for the transaction of all Association business.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1 – General Meetings

The Association shall conduct at least one (1) general meeting a year including the Annual Meeting to be held in the fall and at such other times as called by the Board.

SECTION 2 - Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held at least every other month.

SECTION 3 - Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board or Association may be called by the president or any three (3) board members providing at least 48 hours of notice is given to members.

SECTION 4 - <u>Notice of Meetings</u>

A notice of Association and Board meetings shall be publicized within the neighborhood a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the meeting. This notice requirement may be waived where meetings are regularly scheduled at the same date, time and place.

SECTION 5 – Membership Rights

The privilege of holding office, introducing motions, and voting shall be limited to the members of the Association.

SECTION 6 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall run from January to December.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - Number and Tenure

The Board of Directors shall consist of at least five (5) and no more than ten (10) members including the officers set forth in Article VIII.

SECTION 2 – General Powers

The Board shall manage the affairs of the Association and shall have full authority to set policy and speak on behalf of the Association.

SECTION 3 – <u>Vacancies</u>

Any vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled by the Board for the balance of the unexpired portion of the term. A vacancy may be assumed to exist whenever a Board member misses three

(3) consecutive meetings without excuse. A meeting, for the purposes of this section shall be defined as a Board or general membership meeting for which the member had at least seven (7) days prior notice.

SECTION 4 – Notice of Meetings

Notice of Board meetings may be given in writing or orally, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting and is deemed to have occurred if the meeting is held at a prearranged and customary time and location. In case of an emergency, which is so defined by the President or any three directors, twenty-four (24) hours notice shall suffice and business may be conducted with the exception of bylaws amendments or elections.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

SECTION 1 – Positions and Duties

A. President

The president is the executive officer of the Association and shall prepare agendas for and preside at all meetings of the Board and the Association, appoint and be an ex-officio member of all committees, enforce these bylaws, sign all contracts, and can sign checks drawn on the account of the Association. The president shall have the right to approve all statements made on behalf of the Association.

B. Vice-President

The vice-president shall fulfill the duties of the president in the president's absence or departure, can sign checks drawn on Association accounts, and shall have other duties as delegated.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all business conducted at meetings of the Association, keep and update these bylaws, and prepare ballots for Association elections. Meeting minutes should always include the names of attendees, the beginning and ending balance and list of expenditures of the Association's checking account since the last reporting and all motions that were voted upon. Meeting minutes should be distributed to the Board of Directors within a reasonable time frame (not to exceed two weeks following the meeting).

D. Treasurer

The treasurer shall be responsible for Association monies, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, shall ensure every check in excess of \$200 has two authorized signatures and can sign checks drawn on the account of the Association. Expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer's records shall be audited by the Secretary in the month of September prior to the General Meeting.

SECTION 2 – <u>Nominations & Elections</u>

A. Nominations for Office

The Board will receive nominations and prepare a slate of nominees thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Any member in good standing who has submitted a statement of interest to the Board within the announced time frame shall be included in the ballot. If there is but one nominee for an office, the Board may agree to dispense with a ballot for this position.

B. Elections

Board members shall be elected to two year terms by the Association members present at the Annual Meeting. The Board shall elect the officers. The secretary shall prepare a written ballot for use at the Annual Meeting. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. *This section allows only those present at the Annual Meeting to vote.*

SECTION 3 – <u>Removal from Office</u>

Any officer may be removed from office for cause at any meeting by a two-thirds $(2/3^{rds})$ vote of the Board providing that notice has been furnished to the officer and to all other Board members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 4 – <u>Replacement of Officers</u>

Except for the office of president, vacant offices may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by a vote of the Board. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the vice-president.

ARTICLE IX – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SECTION 1 - Definition

A conflict of interest exists for an Association member or a Board member whenever that person holds a personal financial interest which will be impacted by the action or inaction by the Association on a proposal before the membership or Board. Examples of a personal financial interest would include ownership, plans to purchase or involvement in a transaction to buy or sell property the use of control of which is under discussion by the Association or its Board of Directors

SECTION 2 – Declaring the Conflict of Interest

Whenever a member or Board member determines that he/she has a conflict of interest relating to an item under discussion, he/she must inform the body (Association or Board) hearing the proposal that the conflict of interest exists.

SECTION 3 – <u>Abstention from Voting</u>

Members or Board members shall not vote on matters in which they have a conflict of interest.

ARTICLE X – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

SECTION 1 - Eligibility to File a Grievance

A person or group adversely affected by a decision or policy of the Association may submit in writing a complaint to the President of the Association.

SECTION 2 – <u>Complaint Process</u>

Within a reasonable time following the receipt of a complaint (not to exceed sixty (60) days), the President shall arrange with the petitioner, a mutually acceptable time and place for a review of the complaint by the Board. The Board will make a good faith effort to resolve the complaint with the petitioner.

SECTION 3 – Final Resolution

If an acceptable resolution is reached, it is to be ratified at the next regular meeting of the Board and entered in the minutes of the meeting. If a resolution is not reached, the Board shall submit a report and recommendation to the membership and a final resolution of the complaint shall be by vote of a majority of membership at a general or special meeting.

ARTICLE XI – NON-DISCRIMATION

The Association shall not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender expression, income or political affiliation in any of its policies, recommendations or actions.

ARTICLE XII - POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The Association shall not officially support or oppose any local or statewide candidate for elective office or initiative, referendum or recall measure, either before or after such candidate or measure has qualified for the ballot. Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the Association from participating in city council, commission, or board proceedings on local issues of interest provided that such participation does not involve an initiative, referendum, recall, or candidate for elective office.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Board provided that the amendment(s) has been submitted in writing to the Board at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Association no class of member shall have any right nor shall receive any assets of the Association. The assets of the Association are permanently dedicated to a taxexempt purpose. In the event of dissolution, the Association's assets, after payment of debts, will be distributed to an organization which is tax-exempt under the relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and which exists for community service and not religious purposes

These bylaws of the Maidu Neighborhood Association approved by the chartering Board of Directors on March 10, 1999. They were amended by the Board of Directors on October 26, 2010.

ARTICLE XV – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

When a dispute arises for which these by-laws have no procedure to resolve, the applicable procedure from the latest print edition of <u>Robert's Rules of Order</u> will be used to resolve it.