

Maidu Neighborhood Association
Roseville, California
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

1. Meeting called to order at: 7:02 PM

Present:	Scott Reid, Vice President	Shirley Brown
	Geoff Kragen, Secretary	Jim Kidd
	Mary Steele, Treasurer	Xandra Tielman
	Dave Steele, RCONA Rep.	

Absent:	David Allen, President	John Key
	Lori Key	

Neighbor(s):	Larry Arkus	Dan Tielman
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Guest(s): Don Brown of West Park Neighborhood Assoc., Vice President; Member at large, RCONA
Jack Wallace Cresthaven Neighborhood Assoc., President; RCONA Rep.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved.

3. Treasurer's report: The current balance is \$1,344.45. Mary noted this is the lowest since 2005.

4. RCONA report: No report because the next meeting is on November 19th. Jim did note though board members are invited to a RCONA potluck at Maidu Community Center which includes a short business meeting on the 10th at 7:00 PM.

5. Police report: No member of force present.

6. Point of View: Jack Wallace on the Charter Review Commission: Jack wants residents to be able to vote issues that impact them. His concern is, the city council selects only those they want on the Charter Review Commission and they have not accepted any suggestions or concerns from those outside the Commission. Two examples of concern relate to an increase in number of members and their pay. **(see the attached).**

Mr. Wallace spent some time presenting his specific concern over the issue of district versus city wide voting for council members.

7. Don Brown, RCONA: Discussed a bit about how RCONA functions but the discussion between he, Jim, and Jack pointed out that no one is actually following the bylaws because they are nonfunctional as such. Don is suggesting each neighborhood pick two reps. to become board members. The problem is many of the neighborhoods have little if any organizational structure.

8. Old Business:

- a. June and July 2010 meeting location: Jim had nothing to report from Community Center. He emailed Jamie, but she wasn't interested in looking so far in the future. He will follow-up. Raley's is already booked. Mary said if we can't find any other location she would open her home.
- b. Santa comes to Maidu: City won't provide the sleigh because it is city equipment. Is there a dollar limit on suit rental? It might be less expensive to purchase.

Motion 11-17-01: Jim moved and Shirley seconded to authorize rent in the amount \$50 or less, or \$150 for purchase of Santa Suit. **Approved.**

Jim will provide food, drinks, cups, etc. Xandra will provide luminaries, table cloth, and tables. Scott will bring sand. Dave A will bring two hot water/cider jugs from McDonalds.

- c. Old Auburn Ranch review at December 2nd City Council Meeting: Dave A will be attending.

9. New Business:

- a. Card & plant for Keys: The board wants to do something for the Keys after being informed about John's stroke.

Motion 11-17-02: Mary moved and Jim seconded to purchase a plant/arrangement in the amount of \$50 to be delivered after John and Lori returned. **Approved.**

10. Announcement and Remarks:

Don announced that RCONA is in the holiday parade on this Saturday, the 21st. RCONA asked for individuals to walk with the float.

Next meeting will be January 28th.

11. Adjourn: 8:05 PM

Maidu Neighborhood Association ~ Newsletter Meeting Minutes

1. Newsletter meeting called to order: 8:05 PM

a. Due date: December 1st.

b. Topics/Assignments:

Article to be generated by Scott out of the Charter discussion and the related hand out.

Other articles: Shirley: Santa event; short paragraph on newsletter ads; Maidu Interpretative Center. Dave S: Police/fire info on holiday safety;

c. January newsletter: We need to follow up by email on the articles for that issue.

2. Adjourn: 8:13 PM

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION 2009

Roseville's plan of government is a city charter, approved by the voters. Every ten years the city council appoints a charter review commission to review the charter and recommend to the council any changes they think should be made. If the council agrees, the amendments will be placed on the next ballot (November 2, 2010, in this case) asking the voters to approve the changes. The city charter basically outlines how the city is run. You can read it online on the city website: click A-Z index, then Charter. If you do not use the Internet, copies may be obtained from the city clerk's office.

In January 2009, the council appointed nine Roseville residents to a Charter Review Commission, to report back to the council in April, 2010 with any recommendations. The public is invited to provide input/suggestions. **It is our charter!** The Commission will meet monthly until January 2010, prepare their final report to the city council on February 9, and then hold two public meetings to let the public know what they are recommending – **after** they have finalized their report!

However, we do have the opportunity to submit suggestions to this commission and to the city council and ask them to allow us to vote on our recommendations. All residents are urged to examine the charter, and make suggestions to the commission and the city council through the City Clerk's office. Neighborhood Associations should place this item on their agenda for discussion, and make recommendations either individually or as an association (this carries more weight.)

One major concern with this commission is their charge from the city council. They are to consider suggestions, and decide whether they personally agree with the issue proposed. Their personal feelings should not be the deciding factor. The question they should be asking is, "Does this suggestion have sufficient merit to warrant a vote by the people? Is it of sufficient importance, or interest, to the voters to justify placing it on the ballot?"

The city charter belongs to the people in Roseville. It was put in place by a majority vote of all registered voters at that time; all amendments have been approved by the voters, and only the voters can amend the charter. Yet we cannot vote for or against changes unless they are on the ballot for us to vote on. When this commission, and the city council, refuses to allow us the right to vote on an issue, they are circumventing the democratic process. A very small group of individuals should not be able to deny all voters the opportunity to vote.

The following items have been proposed to the Commission, and have been rejected. If enough residents stand up for their rights and DEMAND the right to vote on certain issues, they - or the city council - will take note. Only a brief explanation is given for each of the following issues. Complete arguments, for and against, will be placed on the ballot for the voters' consideration.

REMEMBER: The question is not whether you personally will vote yes or no, but should you be allowed to vote on this issue? Should it be on the ballot for YOU - and ME - to vote on?

1. Should we have a Seven (7) member council, versus five (5)? When Roseville first organized as a city, there were only about 2,000 residents. Our population now exceeds 110,000, with enough housing already approved to take us up to about 150,000, and five (5) different additional annexations being processed, which will put us close to 200,000. Would we be better served by seven members versus five?

2. Should Council members be elected by district, versus citywide? Councilmembers would be more familiar with their district, more accountable to their constituents, and candidates would not need to accept huge campaign contributions from special interest groups to get elected, thus reducing obligations to their contributors. A citizens' commission would be established to draw district lines, and the actual redistricting would take effect after the 2012 election.

3. Should Council Vacancies be filled based on votes in the previous election?

Currently, the charter allows the remaining council members to appoint a replacement to fill vacant seats. . Three times, between 2000 and 2006, a councilmember resigned shortly after an election. Each time the council ignored the thousands of votes that viable runner-up candidates had received, and appointed someone who had not been a candidate. Should three or four councilmembers decide who sits on the council?

4. Should the charter set campaign finance limits for council candidates? If so, what should the limits be? Roseville has a city ordinance which many people feel is too generous, allowing up to \$82,500 in the last election, and increasing each election based on the number of registered voters. Can YOU come up with close to \$90,000 to run for the council in 2010? The council has refused to lower the allowed amounts. Currently, special interest groups select candidates and give them virtually unlimited campaign funds, which guarantees their election.

5. Should councilmembers' pay be increased from the current \$600 per month? Councilmembers spend a significant amount of time attending meetings, serving on different committees, reviewing packets, etc. The \$600 per month stipend has been in place for several years.

6. Should councilmember term limits be increased from two consecutive terms to three? Originally, there were no term limits, enabling one member to stay on the council for 25 years. Around 1990, the voters established a limit of two consecutive terms. Is it time to reconsider this limit? If so, in what way?

7. When the mayor's seat is vacated mid-term, should the senior council member become mayor? Currently, the remaining council members decide which member will become mayor, just as they choose councilmember replacements with no regard for the expressed wishes of the voters. Is that fair?

8. Should commission members (Planning commission, etc.) be selected at random from a pool of qualified candidates, much as jury selections are done? Currently, the councilmembers hand-pick each and every member of all commissions, boards, and committees, virtually assuring little diversity of opinion. Is this a fair and democratic process?

The next Charter Review Commission will be appointed in 2019. Throughout the country, we hear the cry for "CHANGE!" If you want to see change in Roseville, NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION!

You can send comments to the Charter Review Commission and the City Council through the City Clerk. If you want the right to vote on the above issues, or any other issues pertaining to the city charter, let them know.

City Clerk
ATTN: Charter Review Commission
311 Vernon Street
Roseville, CA 95678

or email

sorozco@roseville.ca.us
subject: Charter Review Commission

GET INVOLVED!

RCONA STRUCTURE CHANGE
“UNITING NEIGHBORS”

RCONA Bylaws

One single set of Bylaws for all Neighborhood Associations. All N/A's would be required to adopt these bylaws.

These would be formed by all active RCONA participants and would be created by utilizing the current RCONA Bylaws including all other N/A Bylaws past and present.

Two RCONA Neighborhood Association types:

Formal N/A with full Board, RCONA Board Members and RCONA Representatives.

Simple N/A with two active RCONA Board Members and RCONA Representatives.

Both types would be required to adopt our Bylaws.

RCONA Executive Board

Help build this structure for all N/A's in the City by providing Board Members and Representatives with the support, tools and training to easily fulfill their elements of this system.

Create regular and ongoing newsletter and other related information in simple format for dissemination by Representatives to their e-mail lists.

Work with Board Members to address any concerns that need attention.

City of Roseville (Jamie Carlson)

Work with RCONA leaders to help develop this system through meeting and event facilitation including other support services. Provide regular City related information in an electronic format for ease of distribution.

Roseville Police Department (Crime Prevention Coordinator).

Work with RCONA leaders to develop N/W system that is congruent with this plan. Attend N/A organizational meetings to explain N/W system to volunteers and boost participation. Provide regular/timely crime prevention information in an electronic format for

RCONA Board Member

Each N/A will have two Board Members - one primary and one alternant. Both will have voting rights if monthly meeting attendance requirements are fulfilled. They will be liaisons for their N/A, sharing information from their neighborhoods with the Board including concerns and other items that may need the attention of the Board.

RCONA Representatives

Neighborhood Watch communicators for individual areas within N/A's, will maintain email database of about 100 immediate households. They will distribute relevant information provided by RCONA and encourage volunteerism

