

February 26, 2015 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and a welcome was given by President Pat Overstreet. Welcoming of members and guests by Pat.

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Pres. Kathy Kramer

Minutes: Approved as read

Treasurers Report: Denise Sutherland, Treas. \$5873.84 in General Fund as of 02/28/15.

Old Business:

- Memory books featuring chronological events of Norco's 50th Birthday celebration are still available for \$5.00 (proceeds go towards the Veterans' Memorial).

New Business:

- Horseweek and Fair Committees are busy planning upcoming events and are always looking for helpful volunteers.
- Ranch Tour May 9th!
- State of the CITY by Mayor Herb Higgins. Thursday March 26, at 7:00 pm in Nellie Weaver Hall. **(NO MARCH RURAL GENERAL MEETING!)**
- FYI Historical Preservation Commission has selected a curator for Norco's historical papers, photos, artifacts, etc. Ms. Theresa Hanley. (She will be looking for volunteers to help with what shall become our very own museum.)
- 2' x 2' (Memory book size) Time capsule honoring 50 years of Norco to be buried in May 2015 and resurrected fifty years from now. Location and more information to come.

MANY MORE ACTIVITIES ARE HAPPENING; GET MORE INFORMATION THROUGH THE VARIOUS NORCO WEBSITES.

Remember: Volunteers are always appreciated!

GUEST SPEAKER: Mayor Pro-Tem Kevin Bash

Discussed was:

- The ongoing attempts to get the State Historic Preservation Officer Wayne Donaldson to acknowledge the Norconian Hotel as a Historic Site. Councilman Bash has been working non-stop to have this completed as soon as possible.
- Solar panels that the Navy wants to put on 18.5 acres on the east side of the Naval base. Concerns range from hazards to birds who will mistake these panels as being water [plus they would be located close to the Norconian Lake itself]. The view from

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the various neighbors' homes nearby is also a concern. The final truth is, it is Navy property and they can do whatever they want.

- Silverlakes in now funded! The bonds expect a 12% return. Look for changes soon on these 122 acres!
- Website for Norco. You can get all the latest information, via e-mail updates regarding the City and it's functions.
- Not enough revenue from the 7000 rooftops in Norco to sustain our lifestyle [trails; parks; etc.] We need more economic growth or alternatives will be considered. Attend the council meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month to hear the proposals. Infrastructure is the biggest need which includes the new (cheaper) vinyl fencing to start replacing the old wood deteriorating trail fencing.
- Film festival Sat. 2/28/15 at the Norco H.S. auditorium.
- Former Wylie Labs' property now owned by Lansing Company is still trying to decide on it's use.
- Code Enforcement becoming more aggressive in compliance throughout the City.
- Revamping City Hall's building permit department to be more attentive to the citizens.
- Discussed: Committees that Councilman Bash serve
 - Corona Regional Center Hospital, Councilman Bash is an active member of that committee and they are badly in need of a stroke center to serve this part of the Inland Valley area. Closest stroke centers is at USC or in Irvine.
 - Norco High School, the dilemma is: swimming pool or skate park?
 - Advisory Council for Eagle Scouts
 - State Recreation Advisory Committee

Remember to always tip the awesome servers at 6th Street Deli.

50/50: Pat Overstreet won \$11.00 (donated it back to RURAL)

Next meeting: April 23rd, 7 pm Sixth Street Deli

Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Interesting articles for our news letters are always appreciated, so don't be shy if you have anything you want to share. Contact Dana Adams at editor@rural-norco.com who has agreed to accept this opportunity to serve.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Higgins, Secretary

(Please understand, this is only a BRIEF recap of the meeting. So try to attend in order to get the full focus and extent of our knowledgeable speakers).

REMEMBER: SHOP NORCO (Especially when you buy your gasoline!)