

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2018

Board Present: President - Pat Overstreet, Vice President – Kathy Kramer, Secretary – Doris Higgins – Absent, Treasurer – Denise Sutherland, Trail Marker – Don Kramer

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Welcome by: President, Pat Overstreet

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President, Kathy Kramer

Minutes: All approved of 10/26/17 general member ship. Approved as typed by Denise Sutherland and second by Kathy Kramer

Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Denise Sutherland, \$7960.29

Old Business:

- By-Laws & Articles of Association were updated & signed by Board
- Annual donations approved by Board 1/12/18 – Directors Insurance \$800; Concerts in the Park \$300; NHA Casino Nite \$100; FFA Barn Dance \$500; Parade of Lights \$500; Seniors & Pets \$0; and Animal Shelter \$500 via gift card for the cats from Petsmart/Petco.
- RURAL will be hosting 11th Annual Ranch Tour, next one, Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Pat Overstreet will be contacting members for volunteer service to man ticket table & being a docent at each location. Thank you in advance.
- Volunteers are needed for Horseweek in April & Posse Rodeo in August – Thank you in advance, Pat Overstreet will be calling upon you.
- 2018 Speaker Line up – all acceptance – all meetings held @ 6th Street Deli @ 7pm
 - Thursday, January 25, 2018 – Andy Okoro & Cheryl Link, City of Norco Districting
 - Thursday, February 22, 2018 – Corinne Holder, Term Limits
 - Thursday, March 22, 2018 – Ted Hoffman, Mayor
 - Thursday, April 2018 – NO meeting – Horseweek 20th – 29th
 - Thursday, May 24, 2018 – Robin Grundmeyer, Mayor Pro Tem
 - Thursday, June 28, 2018 – Kevin Bash, Council Member
 - Sunday, July 22, 2018 – RURAL Elections/Potluck/BBQ – 5pm –Place-TBD
 - August 2018 – NO meeting – Posse Rodeo & Fair
 - Thursday, September 27, 2018 – Candidate's Nite
 - Thursday, October 25, 2018 – RJ Brandes – Silverlakes
 - November 2018 – NO meeting – Happy Thanksgiving
 - Sunday, December 16, 2018 – Holiday Party/Potluck/Silly Gift Exchange

New Business:

- Please attend remaining 4th of 5 Public Hearing's regarding Districting. Deadline for Comments is Monday, January 29, 2018 – City can grant an extension in order to make a decision to fight or surrender. Next meeting Nellie Weaver – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 7pm. Next meeting 2/7/18 – at City Council chambers
- Barn Dance – Saturday, February 3, 2018 @ Nellie Weaver
- Hall of Fame Sweetheart Dance – Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ Stacy Turner Stable – Tickets \$30 per person – no children
- Parade Update – City will sponsor Labor Day Parade 2018
- Challenged Children's Rodeo – recommended switching to Sunday's so volunteers can help, don't worry about gate entrance
- Kay O'Mara, guest – has a gas tax petition for signature to get repealed on November ballot
- Kay Schmidt – guest – advised her husband will be an honored recipient, due to validation of agent orange & being placed at the George A. Ingalls Memorial wall in May 2018.

Speaker:

- Andy Okoro, Norco City Manager & Cheryl Link, Norco City Clerk, provided power point presentation from the Public Hearing, held @ Nellie Weaver, Wednesday, 1/24/18, referencing the Potential District Boundaries relating to the Transition from “at-large” to “District-Based Council Member Elections.”
- 3 new maps (Orange, Yellow & Tan) totaling 5 maps (Purple, Green, Tan, Orange, Yellow) were provided reflecting the statistical data on the backside dissected by Districts 1-5, demographics
- At Large Elections = voters of the entire city elect all members of the City Council & impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of it's choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election (Elections Code 14027)
- District-Based Elections = voters in each district choose their City Council representative who must also live in that district.
- Norco appears to be in violation of California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and Federal Voting Rights Act (FVRA).
- CVRA vs FVRA = CVRA removes two of the four VFRA rights
- Demographic Study on Norco represented 30% of total population are Latinos and 22% of the eligible voters which was measured by Citizen Voting Age Population County
- Each District would have about 4560 residents
- Legal Framework – Election Code 10010; Government Code 34886
- Citizens are encouraged to draw their own maps and submit by 1/29/18 and should consider neighborhoods or communities; connections, barriers, divisions and points of interest

- Some Pro's & Con's of Districting
 - PRO
 - Each geographic area of City if represented
 - Viewpoints that might not be citywide can be represented
 - Minority Candidates have a better opportunity to be elected
 - It will likely cost less to run for City Council since citywide campaigning is not required
 - Each vote has a specific Council Member to contact for assistance
 - Voters choice is simplified with less candidates to learn about
 - CON
 - Council Members may represent only the interests in their district not the whole City
 - Candidates may be elected with few votes
 - Council Members may have different views, may conflict with each other
 - District lines have to be reviewed and possible re-drawn after each census & significant annexation
 - Best qualified candidates may be concentrated in one district
 - Depending on staggered terms, not all voters may be voting each election, reducing overall turnout.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2018 – Speaker – Corinne Holder – Term Limits @ 6th Street Deli, 7pm. Come early and socialize and eat some dinner.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06pm & REMEMBER TO SHOP NORCO & tip our waitress!!

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Denise Sutherland, Treasurer