

GENERAL MEETING

February 23, 2017

Board Present: Pres. Pat Overstreet, Vice Pres. Kathy Kramer, Secretary Doris Higgins, Treasurer Denise Sutherland

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Welcome by: Pres. Pat Overstreet **Pledge of Allegiance:** VP Kathy Kramer

Minutes: Read and approved

Treasurers Report: Ending balance for General and Trail Marker Fund as of 12/31/16
\$3868.69

Old Business: RURAL shirts and sweatshirts available.

New Business: **TIME TO VOLUNTEER!** Lists passed around for sign-ups to volunteer for Horseweek 3- day rodeo, and for the Ranch Tour. If possible Larry Eckhoff needs a driver to drive the veterans' p/u truck which will be pulling a trailer in the Horseweek parade. Also all veterans are invited to ride on the Veteran's float or walk the parade route showing their pride in being a veteran and "one who has served".

Don Kramer has volunteered to take over the primary Trail Markers responsibility, but he needs strong (hopefully younger people) to help with the installations.

Susan Olmstead-Bowen spoke regarding the proposed SCE Riverside Electrical installations. These are huge transfer stations that will carry electricity to the City of Riverside from the area of Jurupa, through Eastvale and Norco. This is our City's ultimate loss, due to the fire danger, ascetic and noise concerns. Time to see what is being proposed and lend your voice against this action. Check the Jurupa Valley or Norco websites for information on meetings to oppose this action. (It will directly involve the Hidden Valley Preserve area also.)

- March 11 & 12, a HAZMAT crew will be taking all hazmat related materials for destruction. Paint, light bulbs, batteries and electrical machines [computers etc]. They will be off of Buena Vista in Corona, near the old City Hall building.
- March 11 NHA's Casino Night fund raiser at Nellie Weaver Hall; tickets available now.
- March 30th State of the City by Mayor Newton at Nellie Weaver Hall at 6:00 pm
- March 31st at 9:30 there will be a dedication to the end of the #91 freeway construction on Fri. at Main Street and the #91 put on by CALTRANS.

SPEAKER: Mayor Greg Newton

Discussed the Strategic Plan 2016 for the City of Norco, which was adopted August 17, 2016. The discussion was regarding: Infrastructure Needs; Community Outreach Information; Financial Stability; Economic Development and Public Safety. A 27 page document was given to all present (and is available to the public via City Hall or on the City of Norco website). Also discussed was a possible proposed Sales tax increase to raise the tax for Norco to 8.75% in order to obtain more monies for infrastructure and to avoid the \$4 1/2 million dollar shortfall facing Norco yearly. More meetings for the

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public will be offered and ultimately, it will be up to the voters to vote the raise in, or vote it down at the next election.

A spirited question/answer period followed.

Next General Meeting Meeting: March 23rd Speaker: Councilman Ted Hoffman

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 p.m.

REMEMBER TO SHOP NORCO...SHOP NORCO...SHOP NORCO
(especially for gas)

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Minutes respectfully submitted by: Doris Higgins, Secretary