

May 22, 2014 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.

Pledge of Allegiance: Kathy Kramer

Minutes: Minutes from March 27, 2014 read and required a change denoting the amount of \$36,040 a month from R.J. Brandes for Silverlakes. (instead of yearly payments). Changes made and minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Denise Sutherland, Treas. \$5025.61 in General Fund

Old Business: Thanks for those RURAL members who worked the NRC/Friends of Norco Hills "RANCH TOUR". RURAL had donated a throw and a Maria R. Block, who just moved to Norco, won the throw in the drawing. She was ecstatic! Unfortunately the attendance was down this year, but next year will be better. Please make time to attend your City Council meetings in person. This way you hear first-hand the discussions by the Council members concerning all the issues that our city deals with instead of the out-of-context comments on the "social media". The internet is great, but only as great as the people who type the information. You must consider the sources before you blindly believe their messages. And attending and hearing first hand yourself, is always best.

New Business: The city's City Clerk, Brenda Jacobs, has retired. She was such a intricate part of Norco. She will be missed and is highly appreciated for her hard and dedicated work. A Welcome Back to Cheryl Link as our new City Clerk (she was an employee years ago). HAPPY RETIREMENT BRENDA; YOU WILL BE MISSED.

RURAL supports Neighborhood Watch. Check your particular neighborhood and become part of it. If your neighborhood doesn't have one, check with the Sheriffs Department and maybe get one started. A meeting will be on May 29, 7:00 pm at the City Hall.

Trail Marker status: Laurie Askew is running follow-up on the locations and implementation. The Pumpkin Rock one keeps getting vandalized and one is ready to be "planted" but a 4-wheel vehicle is required just to get to the location, and cementing it in is proving to be a challenge.

Sat. June 14th is the Norco Founders Day Ride. All are invited to attend. A registration at the Corydon Station Coast to Crest Trail location will be at 8 a.m. The park dedication at 9:00 a.m., with the horseback ride commencing at 9:30 a.m. The ride will be approximately 2 1/2 hours and costs \$20.00 per person (which includes a BBQ lunch beverage and a beautiful ride with great people. RURAL has been invited to set up a table to sell shirts and blankets, to help inform the attendees of RURAL.

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Guest Speaker: Councilwoman Kathy Azevedo

There was a short concise recap on Silverlakes which was purchased by the City in 2003. The purchase had a "Deed Restriction" put on it that the City must comply. All together the 122 acres have been stalled by many reasons, but now Mr. Brandes is just trying to secure a loan to get the project rolling. Mr. Brandes has a 99 year lease on this property but completion has been waylaid due to the flood waters that hit the area, a dyke that had to be constructed, the road widening [which was over 1 1/2 years late in being completed], Mr. Brandes' divorce that tied up monies and procuring a loan to cover the amount needed. All are factors that are being dealt with as quickly as possible.

Discussed was a way to help inform the citizens of Norco, on events going on so they can attend. Water bill inserts were a suggestion to help inform the various citizens. Attention NORCONIANS: On 5/21 our City Council voted to oppose the La Sierra Hills project. Now all help is needed to defeat the LaSierra Hills Open Space and Housing tract plans, in the City of Riverside. Some big developers are obtaining signatures to change the zoning restrictions near the Hidden Valley Park area. They want to build a huge housing development [approx. 1,950 homes are in this proposal]. The petition is a huge smokescreen to allow the development that will bring thousands of additional cars through Norco streets by the residents who want to access the I-15 freeway. They will cut through our neighborhoods, using 7th Street, 6th Street, California, Crestview and all streets in our northern part of the City, to find a fast way to get to the freeway. This area is already the victim of cross through traffic who could care less about the safety of our animals and damage to our streets. Stay informed and spread the word to avoid this ultimate devastation to our lifestyle. Riverside Recreational Trails will have an information meeting on June 19th at 7 p.m., in the Riverside Police Depart. on Magnolia. It's something we all need to fight to keep our City safe from additional traffic and speeders. Riverside residents Ernie Holguin and Lana Barnes came and spoke to RURAL attendees with Kathy, to share their concerns.

Talk was shared wanting to double the traffic fines in Norco because we are so unique in this area. The large majority of violations are written to people NOT living in Norco, who are just cutting through our City to get to the freeway or other adjoining areas. We see how the speeders are causing our horseback riders to be highly concerned for their safety and the safety of the animals. Cut through drivers do not care about our animals or our lifestyle. This may be one way to make them care! Norconians should know better and care more about riders, so they hopefully wouldn't be the cited individuals!

May 30th is the 9 a.m. ground breaking event for the Veterans Memorial at the N/W area below Moreno Arena. Please attend...just follow the crowd to find the exact location.

4th of July activities were shared. It is going to be an all day event with all kinds of activities. It culminates with a huge laser display at Moreno Arena from 6-8:30 p.m. and then the movie "Independence Day" will start at 9:30 p.m. This is all FREEEEE so come and enjoy. Keep open July 26 & 27 for the Day of the Cowboy events, and July 23 at

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11:30 for the “Welcome Home Military Appreciation Luncheon” at the Lake Norconian Pavilion. You must RSVP by July 7th to the Norco Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Kathy had a short Q & A, and then the meeting resumed.

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

50/50: \$35.00 given to the winner Norvah Williams who donated it to the “Save the La Sierra Hills” foundation.

Next meeting: **June 26**, 2014 with Councilman Greg Newton as guest speaker. With Rick Hoffman afterward to speak on Land Use, Entitlements, and Govt. affairs.

Adjourned at: 8:40 p.m.

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!)

YOU CAN BE A PART OF EVERYTHING HAPPENING IN NORCO...JUST VOLUNTEER. YOUR SERVICES WILL BE APPRECIATED AND YOUR INTERACTION WITH OTHERS WILL CEMENT SOME LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS.