

Eastern Sandoval Citizens Association

Minutes of Feb 5, 2018 Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President George Franzen (GF) at the Placitas Community Library (PCL).
2. Board members present: GF; Christopher Daul (CD); John McNerney (JM); Jim Harre (JH); Dick Ulmer (DU); Richard Rief (RR); Diane Pellechio (DP) and Lynn Koch (LK). Susan Fullas (SF) was absent. A quorum was present.
3. JM moved to accept the January 2018 meeting minutes. JH 2nd, the minutes were accepted. RR reported that he never saw the minutes as posted in DropBox since he has no access. He suggested that the finalized minutes be sent to each board member via email, and also said that according to Roberts Rules of Order that there is no need to move to accept minutes that have been seen and approved in other avenues with the following phraseology: "...minutes as accepted by the Board..." This is sufficient.
4. The guest introduced himself and was recorded in the sign-in sheet. He is Tony Pellechio (TP).
5. Monthly Reports:
 - a. Treasurer's Report: SF was absent, DP presented the report. She reported that as of 1/31/18 ES-CA had a balance of \$24,549.01 after income from dues was \$816.55, and interest of \$1.04 for total income of \$817.59. Expenses included \$900.00 for contributions to the PCL, Placitas Volunteer Fire Brigade, and KUPR. LPT has a balance as of 1/31/18 of \$33,435.67 with no expenses for the month and an interest income of \$1.41. -CLOSED-
 - b. Membership: RR has no report for Membership. -OPEN-
 - c. IT: JH submitted minutes from the ES-CA IT meeting held 1/30/18, attached. He also reported that we are likely going to add Stripe as a credit card payment processor when the new membership system is running because PayPal wants an extra \$30/month for a "Pro" account. The MembershipWorks rep said it is OK for both people on a joint membership to use the same email address, but need to have separate passwords. We are making some changes to the horizontal top menu on the website. And, we do now have an SSL certificate for the website. This enhances security, especially for credit card and personal information typed in to forms. -OPEN-
 - d. Watchdog: LK reported that she was recruiting more members, including one just yesterday. She also reported that she would like to step down, she works her real-estate business very hard. She would welcome someone to pick up the Watchdog function - but is willing to stay on if no one steps up. She needs to update the Watchdog calendar. DU wondered if there was someone who always goes to the County meetings. CD said we have good relations with the Town of Bernalillo, but our priority should be the County Commission. LK has designated Jacque Moise to monitor County level issues but she can't monitor other watchdogs. LK has a viable network. If she could get someone to replace her, she would still contribute her network and information. How about members from the East side. ES-CA's Charter includes "...East of I-25 to include Algodones..." as the catchment area, and this includes some East Mountain communities. Someone from there could be a Member-at-Large since it's not in any district, although it could be included in District 4. This might require another change in the by-laws. -OPEN-
 - e. Political/Communications Report: CD's report is attached. Additionally, CD announced the passing of Ed Majka, a card was signed by the board to be sent. There will be a service, CD will be notified. Main points of the handout include the Signpost article, the SCC Meeting addressing the Sandoval

County Detention Center needs \$5.1M for infrastructure improvements and additional staffing SCDC is understaffed by 28%, it currently costs \$82 and will eventually cost \$95 to house one inmate for one day. They are considering a Gross Tax increase. There was also a presentation by LPA calling for relocations of the Placitas pipelines. CD has been in touch with Senator Martin Heinrich who is willing to support Jodilynn Ortiz' model legislation which would require pipelines over 40 years old to be replaced, but chances are small given the current political environment. SCC has no jurisdiction but will try to help, it's under Federal jurisdiction. GF says the exposed pipelines are dangerous, as are pipelines in a riverbed, a meeting of all stakeholders might be useful. A task force for the Oil and Gas Ordinance was not established. He also reported that a link to the Phillips video on fracking will be put out to the membership via email. He said the earthquake risk due to fracking is not due to the actually drilling, but to the injection of waste water back into the wells. An applications still requires a "Special Use" variance, but there is no real criterion on which to base a Special Use permit. DU reports that the P&Z has called for a "communications protocol" of questionable value. -OPEN-

- f. LPT Update: DU's report for LPT is attached. He reports that based on our experience with the gravel mines, the LPT might get experts involved in other similar issues: pipelines, mineral rights, etc, but they are expensive. DU reports that an on-line property title search to include mineral rights is about \$550 per property. GF wondered how the BLM would respond regarding ownership of the mineral rights for property they sold to local developers. -CLOSED-

6. Old Business:

Buffalo Tract Protection Act. GF reports that per Senator Martin Heinrich, the Buffalo Tract Protection Act is active. RR is on the Placitas Recreations Steering Committee, and has submitted a handout, attached. It has 12 members (by invitation) and meets weekly on Thursdays. RR intends to suggest opposition to commercial gas and oil development. The committee's agenda is: How can we use the tract for all our desired activities in a sustainable way? They might include trail hiking, biking, shooting, horseback riding, and the like. -CLOSED-

7. New Business:

- a. Business cards for ES-CA Board members: GF produced two samples he had made. LK brought cards that had been in use in the past, they had ES-CA logo on the front, leaving the back for labels containing specific individuals' contact info. A 2nd option was a two-sided glossy card, \$25 for 500 cards (or \$0.05/card). GF suggested each member could pay for his/her own cards. RR agrees, he wants a nice card with his name, title, and the ES-CA mission on the back. The cards do not need to be the same across the board membership. LK will email the format for printing labels for the back. GF will send the format for personal cards. -OPEN-

- b. Office Guidelines and Policy for ES-CA: GF suggests the following guidelines:

1. Board members need job descriptions on what they do.
2. Chairs of committees need job descriptions of what they do.
3. Policies need to be in writing.

These documents should be flexible, not concrete. They would provide a starting point for any new person stepping into the position. RR reports that he needs a job description, validating the point. Some members have a job description, SF as Treasurer, JH as IT Chair, etc. Could people send a draft by 2/23? DP reports she will be away and not back before that. The overall goal is to have such documents in place by mid-summer. A policy about Rules of Engagement developed in 2011 is attached. -OPEN-

c. Types of materials that can be emailed to member. A draft policy on this is attached, to be discussed further. -OPEN-

8. OPEN DISCUSSION: There was some discussion of having an audit. We've never had an audit by a professional, outside disinterested party. We've had audits by members of the board, technically these are called "financial reviews" or "internal audits." We will address this as New Business at a future meeting. -OPEN-

9. Next Meeting: Monday March 5, 2018 at the Placitas Public Library, 6:00pm.-CLOSED-

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:00pm. -CLOSED-

Respectfully submitted,
John McNerney, Secretary