

# EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Aug 12th, 2019

4:30 PM

Placitas Community Library HWY 165

1. Call to order The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm
2. Roll Call All Directors were present. Those present were George Franzen (GF), Dick Ulmer (DU), John McNerney (JM), Richard Reif (RR), Wayne Gaede (WG), Scott Gullett (SG), Jacques Ramsey (JR), Peter Adang (PA), and Jim Harre (JH). A quorum was present.
3. Acceptance of Minutes Minutes were accepted.
4. Introduction of Guests Two guests were present. They were Mark Brown (MB) and Robert Wilkins (RW). This introduction was made late in the meeting, under open discussion.
5. MONTHLY REPORT –ISSUES - UPDATES
  - a. Treasurer's Report 2018. WG reported that as of 6/30/19 ESCA balance was \$26,835.68. Income include a \$25.00 donation from Wilbern, dues from 9 members for \$375.00 and interest of \$1.14 for a total of \$401.14. Expenses include MembershipWorks fee for June \$29.00, for July \$29.00, and annual fee for 8/2019 through 7/2020 \$348.00, domain name renewal from Fat Cow \$19.13, and bank fees \$10.21 for a total of \$435.43. Ending ESCA balance on 7/31/19 is \$26,801.48. Note: There were two monthly payments to MembershipWorks for June and July as the June payment was not credited before the end of the month, and an annual fee was paid to MembershipWorks, there will be no monthly payments for the next 12 months. This does not reflect any savings. As of 6/30/19 LPT balance was \$31,893.82. Income was \$1.34 interest. Expenses were \$131.59 to DU for materials relevant to the Buffalo Tract briefing. The LPT balance on 7/31/19 is \$31,763.57. Accepted.
  - b. Membership Chair & HOA. SG reports later in this meeting. He has new items related to the membership drive.
  - c. IT Report. JH reports that we had tried survey hero free advanced program designed for business use. Essentially it's free because we are non-profit and a small user. We had one new member, David Miller on July 28. We had four past

- due. We have 113 + 42 joint members for 155 votes. JH reports some features on the website that might be confusing. The website needs some minor updating.
- d. LPT Report: DU introduces RW, the Sundance LPT representative. RW provided an update on the existing Vulcan mine. All photographic renderings completed by Vulcan have been provided to the respective homeowners. The 3 properties for which renderings were not prepared due to next door similarity, were provided of renderings of at least 2 neighboring properties. Vulcan advises that it will not be mining along the ridge abutting Sundance Mesa in 2019. We expect several months notice from Vulcan before mining begins in the area. We also expect to have a community meeting with Vulcan after it develops a specific plan for mining the area. Once mining does begin in the area, Vulcan anticipates starting in the west (with the exposed side of the slope) and moving the pit to the east as mining progresses; this could change as Vulcan gets closer to mining the area and develops a specific plan. The distance of the berm from property lines will vary, depending on ground elevation, from 30' to 70'. The ground elevation in the area varies in the 100' zone so the berm at the base may be as close as 30' to a property line or as far as 70'. Mining will occur outside the 100' offset from the property line and the area where the berm is located. Our "Buffalo Tract Team" [GF, Sandy Johnson (LPA President), Mary Rose Szoka (LPA, ESCA member) and DU (ESCA LPT Chair)] are actively working to cut off BLM at Federal Level. Letters have been drafted and are being sent to Governor Grisham (via Caroline Buerkle, staff member designated by the Governor to work with us) for mailing to Chairman Grijalva, House Natural Resources Committee and to our congressional delegation sponsors formalizing her support of the pending legislation. We are now working to assure the votes from our County Commission for them to send a letter stating their support of these bills—we are pushing for a resolution at their 8/22 meeting. The House Committee hearing is expected in September. We are concerned that the BLM might move forward w/o waiting for the RMP to be published—mining permitted under old RMP. GF reports that the RMP has been delayed for years. The BLM is cutting red tape, now instead of Governor getting 60 days for comment and the public getting 30, now the Governor only gets 30 and public 15. There is pressure to get things moving. GF is in touch with Carolyn, Director of Cabinet Affairs, GF and she will get together and the letters will go forward.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Membership Drive Plans Committee chair, Facebook, Proposed Budget. SG reports that he has sent Directors a draft of the Signpost ad for comment. It still needs some revision. He wants another look. There was discussion about changes, once the text is done, it can be finished and submitted quickly. SG is asking the Signpost for financials, so those will be in. The points are membership drive, accomplishments, join us. SG is also asking for financials. SG will submit a budget when he gets accurate numbers from the Signpost. SG will be working on another project with strict deadlines, then he is going to Paintsville KY. His month is going to be busy, and he won't be able to meet until next month. SG reports

that Facebook is up and running. SG thinks the Signpost will have a big impact on the public. We want the ads to run Sept and Oct to include the Annual Meeting. GF asks for a motion to provide a budget that will definitely cover the ad plus \$1,000 or \$2,000 for the membership drive. RR moves \$1,000 to cover the ads, 2nded and unanimously approved, more to come if/when necessary.

-OPEN-

- b. Annual Meeting Planning including Speakers. US Representative Deb Haaland has confirmed. DU has asked Greg Schmedes, our State Representative. He has not responded. The State email system is down this week. He has also sent a letter in the US Mail. Stoddard was to encourage Schmedes but this has not happened. GF has spoken to Ty of the Winery who has put us on the calendar for the annual meeting. They have applied for a winegrowers' license so that they can serve without a special permit. So. The discussion was about who do we invite, and how? Just the membership? Or open it up to the entire community to enhance our membership drive? (someone) suggests to open it up, combine it with the membership drive. There is no real prohibition for liability or other reasons to invite the community. There are ways to serve wine. If we pay for wine and refreshments, we will need a budget to pay for the facility \$300 and \$200 security deposit, then have the wine and any food catered. JH moved and JM 2nded to open it to the community, approved unanimously. Put it in the Signpost and email the members. What will be the annual budget for the meeting? Under \$1500 will be enough for the facility and the catering. Last year it was about 45, Rep Haaland will be a draw and so will refreshments. If we budget \$1500 and don't spend it all, we can return it to the treasury. WG moved and JM 2nded, approved unanimously. We have a Plan B if Ty doesn't get the approval. The backup plan is snacks and ice water. Meeting on 19th of October. A 30 day 'save the date' notice, then follow up emails on 10-09 and 10-16 to the members, with flyers. -OPEN-

- c. Photos of Board on Website. JH has the pictures, will post them on the website. -CLOSED-

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Membership Committee proposal. Discussed under OLD BUSINESS item 6. a. -CLOSED-

## 8. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. Article for 1 Sept Signpost. For October, need speakers confirmed before submitting an article. For September, save the day and mention who is confirmed. Meeting with the County Commissioners is dated for 9/22 so won't get mention in the Signpost until October. We could mention the names of those we

have invited to balance. If we get a positive response from Schmedes this week, we can say that. SG will also put the points that we intend to get into the ad into the article. Signpost has said our ad can be on the back, color if no further cost. SG has also written 2 articles about the brine wells. Not ESCA business but of interest. DU asks PA if there is a replacement for Michael. GF reports there are 3 candidates but no one named. DU wants to know who to contact with respect to Nexstar discontinuing Ch 13 and Fox news. Guests were introduced.

9. Adjournment. Adjournment moved and 2nded, approved unanimously. Next meeting Sept 16, at the PLACITAS COMMUNITY LIBRARY, AT 4:30 PM