

WESTVIEW RESIDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

PREPARED ON: May 17, 2023

BY: Katherine Simonson

Meeting call to order

The meeting was called to order by Celia Zavala on the 19th day of April, 2023 at 6:10 pm.

Roll Call

Celia Zavala, Katherine Simonson, Diana Holt, Griselda Vasquez, Imelda Hinojosa

We have a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Reading adoption of today's agenda April 19th 2023 meeting were motioned for approval by Kate. The motion seconded by Diana.

Approval of the minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on the 19th day of January and the 16th day of February are motioned for approval by Celia. The motion seconded by Diana.

Report of officers

Sergeant-at-arms:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Total annual budget \$4,100.00.

Expenses for the month of February were \$160 for stipends and 85.88 for RAC planning. Spent to date \$1,395.53.

Remaining balance \$2,704.37.

Vice-President:

President:

Committee Reports

Garden Committee- Soil was distributed into the garden but there was not enough for everybody. We will let you know when we get more.

Event Committee- Nothing for now.

Unfinished business

Solar Panels

Edison

New Business

Ricardo Torres- Edison update- Solar panels update- There is residents and common areas. The common areas receive most of the energy retrieved from the solar panels and we will receive a credit on your bill. Some people are having a higher energy bill. Edison has changed to the tier system making the price of energy to go up. That has affected many people and the offices. If you do not like the tier system, you can change back call Edison. A few years back the city mentioned they wanted to change to clean energy throughout the city and it is going to cost a little more. I want to congratulate the RAC and all the residents who advocated for what they felt was unfair not being billed for a long time. Southern California Edison has requested an invite to the next resident council meeting. Is the RAC willing to have SCE at the meeting? Edison says everyone of you will only be charged for the last 3 months. They will answer your questions at the next RAC meeting. They offer to work with residents to set up a 12-month payment plan. Also, there are programs out there that can help you with your bill. We have the resources if you need them. Every resident has already received your letter with the bill changed to the current billing. If you have not received your bill, please call the SCE customer service line.

Celia- This meeting is very important. We will give them the whole meeting. What is the difference between the electricity? Several years ago we received a presentation for this. Ventura is a green city and green California is in a contract with Edison to purchase 100% recyclable energy. I do not know all the costs. You can go online and check your account it will tell you what power you are receiving through Edison. Let me know soon what the RAC wants to do. Why doesn't the power stay on like other properties with solar panels? We do not make enough energy to sustain power when it is out. Griselda is frustrated trying to call Edison

customer service. Bring your frustrations to the meeting. Write it down so you do not forget.

Katherine- Amend the agenda to make a motion to vote on the bylaws. Changes include addresses on bylaws, 5 yes. Changes to address of office, 5yes. We were changing bylaws to originally change the term limit. The term is 3 years. You can serve multiple terms; each term is 3 years. There are 2 typos in the bylaws can we motion to approve corrected typos, yes 5. We are done with that moving on.

Gabriela Zayas Del Rio- I am a planner consultant with Focus group Raimi + associates. We are the lead consultant to Ventura for the new update to a general plan. The long-term vision and policy of the city for the next 20-30 years. All the different aspects of what people care about in their city all in one place. We have spoken one on one with members of the community as well as some focus groups with people on the Westside particularly on environmental injustice. Now we are working with Maria and Kyler to engage you all in this process. Is anyone interested in joining a focus group discussion with us? What is the most convenient for all to join the general plan and what not. Wednesday March 30 at 6pm. Please come down and have a conversation with us.

Kate EPIC update- EPIC is opening the weekend of the 28th. Monday begins our parent support group. It is every other week at 530pm in the community room. We have Teen Night Tuesdays every Tuesday from 6-8. Wednesdays is Girl scouts from 530- 630. Right now, we meet in the demo garden we are building a garden together. Thursdays we have story telling at 3 to 4 and art from 4 to 5 for elementary age students. Fridays we are introducing something new. We have physical Fridays, its warming up so lets get outside. We have a skateboard club coming soon, reel fishing, surf club, of course bike club! So far that's what we got. Thank you so much Housing Authority for supporting your local troop. Stephanie and the community services team really got our girls exposed and we sold a lot of cookies. We are developing a self-care parent support group. Taking care of yourself so you can better take care of your children. Everyone is invited. We will be recruiting Friday and will stop by your house.

Maria Martinez- Community Services Update- We encourage housing authority residents to wear a mask when in common areas. We are opening the community room to programming again look for EPIC classes. We have virtual programming a

credit workshop financial workshop coming up. We have jeopardy with kaiser for the residents. It is so fun when we get together and play, please join us. If you know anyone who wants to join us Tuesday at 11am through zoom. Thank you all who came out to the food distribution last week. We will let you know when we have a date confirmed. Maybe the 23rd. Thank you Maria.

Public Comment

What happened with the translation subtitles for the zoom meetings are we having translation when we meet in person? Stephanie has been working on this and will not let it go. We need to find out more information about it like the costs and where to get the service. Now that we have gone through a pandemic, we need to be more accessible.

There are some kids running in front of the cars by the little park. They jump in front of your car on their skateboards, and it is dangerous. What can we do? Sometimes they are down on their knees or laying down in the street when there are cars driving by.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm by Celia Zavala. The next meeting is May 17, 2023 at 6pm

Katherine Simonson

May 17th 2023

Secretary

Date of approval