

WISPPA
Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action
May 6, 2017 Minutes
Cavalry Presbyterian Church

Attendance:

Barbara Sinclair, Dollie Chapman, Ron Rosen, Evelyn Hubel, Marianne Reyes, Bianca Richards, Wayna Kato, Joe Potts, Clarice Knapp, Harry Knapp, Katrina Ferguson, Carrie Adrian, Jane Wright, Connie War, Kelly Koldus, Becky Thompson, Lela Bissner, Judith Harris, Diana Mahmud, Richard Helgeson , Marina Khubesrian, Michael Cacciotti, Kim Hughes

Welcome

Bianca Richards welcomed everyone at 9:07 a.m. She recognized visitors and new members that included Evelyn Hubel, Katrina Ferguson and Jane Wright.

WISPPA Cocktail Party-June 19, 2017

Brianca provided a reminder that the annual WISPA cocktail party is taking place on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 6PM at the home of Mary Urquhart. A list was circulated about signing up to bring food to the event. There is no need for hot foods or desserts.

4th of July Parade

There was also a discussion about the 4th of July Parade. The participation application needs to be completed. The consensus was that the organization would like to participate as its own entry and not as part of the "No on 710" Group.

City Council Liaison Report

At the April 19th City Council meeting there was a discussion about the concerns of the parking on the street, due to the new development that took the place of the Abbott Labs site.

There was a report and discussion about a home that had applied for a remodel permit and would be demolished. Approval was granted.

At the May 3rd meeting there was a reception and recognition of the service of leaving City Manager Sergio Gonzalez. There was also discussion about pocket parks on Caltrans properties. A RFP (request for proposal) for the lease and

operation of the equestrian stables was discussed, as well as the strategic plan for the library.

The City Council agreed to terminate the joint association for the fire department, as it was found that it is not working as desired. There were not enough benefits in the agreement. It also made it difficult to promote South Pasadena fire personnel.

The City Council also recognized the efforts that had been taking place in developing the new General Plan.

Public Safety Commission Report

There is an effort to “Map Your Neighborhood.” The fire association will change from three cities participating to two cities. We are currently down 4 paramedics in regards to staffing and down 3 engineers in the South Pasadena Fire Department. We are recruiting to fill the vacant positions.

Elaine Aguilar is acting as an interim City Manager for the City. She is retired and had worked for the City of Sierra Madre. A formal search will be conducted for a new, full-time City Manager.

Points of Interest

Compliments were extended to Betty Emirhanian for her efforts in the development and work on the weekly WISPPA calendar.

It was also shared that the City Council will be taking up the issue of the sale of live animals at the May 17, 2017 council meeting. This is to address the issue of puppies and cats that come from “Puppy Mills.”

Approval of Minutes

A motion for approval of the April 2017 minutes was made by Barbara Sinclair and seconded by Clarice Knapp. The membership voted in majority for approval.

Guest Brad Colernick and the May 6th South Pasadena Eclectic Music Festival

It was very timely to have as the special guest, Brad Colernick. As May 6th is also the day of the South Pasadena Eclectic Music Festival. Brad is a resident who is a successful musical composer and performer. He has lived in South Pasadena since 2001. He is the creator of the very popular “Wine and Song” events that take place on Wednesdays at the South Pasadena Golf Course former pro shop.

Brad shared how he believes in supporting local talent. Local talents are featured at the weekly events. Brad played some of his songs; including some from his new upcoming release "91030."

He also played a song "Paperboy," which he dedicated to local photographer and reporter Bill Glazier.

Future Meeting

There was a discussion about future speakers and Bianca shared that local Assemblyman Chris Holden will be a speaker at a future meeting.

It was also discussed that the City Clerk will also be a future speaker.

Announcements

The city is now taking applications and assisting with acquiring passports.

There will be a budget presentation on May 17, 2017.

The June 3, 2017 scheduled WISPPA meeting was cancelled, the next monthly meeting will be July 8, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Hughes