

Minutes

Port Costa Conservation Society Board of Directors Meeting, June 19, 2017

Attending:

Ridge Greene, Chairman
Jeff Wilson, Vice Chairman
Michael Domagalski, Secretary
Anne Mann, Treasurer
Connie Cameron, Financial Secretary

Meeting: called to order at 6:55 pm

Last Meeting's Minutes: approved

This Week's Agenda: approved

1. Public Comments

- a. Irina summarized the results of the survey that she had taken. There was a wide variety of opinions on all subjects. The town population is constituted of both life-time residents and new people. She got 67 responses to the survey (39% response). The survey results will be made available in printed form.
- b. Nick Gaines who has been in town for 3 decades expressed his concern about drawing more people into town, with traffic and parking increasing. Feels we need to solve current problems before expanding and bringing in new businesses.
- c. Anthony Guarnier said that the parking problem is caused largely by the hostile owner of the warehouse in connection with the downtown parking lot. No leverage for compromise there. That is the problem more than expanding businesses.
- d. Ridge mentioned that there is a long history of parking lot problems which he can explain to anyone who wants to hear. There is the challenge of balancing preservation and development of downtown. Then there is the separate issue of the preservation of the school.
- e. Kenneth is suspicious of profit-seeking new business owners.
- f. Jeana wondered if we should charge people to come into town. (But that isn't feasible because the streets are public property.)
- g. Ridge said the PCCS Board wants what is best for the community, and wants people to come to meetings and become informed.
- h. Suzanne talked about the origins of the school. Also hoped town residents would support downtown businesses more. If they are neglected, it could easily go downhill.

- f. Anne is obtaining a debit card on the PCCS Mechanics bank account.
- g. Didn't bring financial statement but getting close to finishing the taxes for last year.
- h. Two sets of members renewing and paying dues and donating based on when they renew.

3. Chairman's Report

- a. The PCCS continues to face financial difficulties. It can't spend grant money freely due to the rule about matching funds. Regarding complaints about why don't we just use PCCS' existing money to pay for construction: PCCS has to maintain reserves for operations and maintenance through the next few years.
- b. Regarding CCF grant: paperwork is going through county government. Difficult to get contractors due to booming construction industry. A report on CCF is due in July.
- c. There was an attempted break-in at back door panel which set off the alarm. Strengthen panels on the door?
- d. Mitch had asked that the Board discuss the by-laws. Irina submitted a document with questions about PCCS operations and by-laws. Connie went through the document and made detailed responses and gave that to her. Have yet to look into the articles of incorporation and the status of the property deed.

4. Events Report

- a. The green clean-up was completed by 11:30 am on May 15. Sponsored by PCCS and it was successful.
- b. The Peripatetic Players rehearsal went well.
- c. Sonny Melendrez memorial on May 20 – comments that he had quite a life.
- d. The town-wide yard sale on May 27. We got some matching funds from CCF. We made \$1,600 plus the \$1,000 from CCF.
- e. CCF met here on June 1. We've had consistent support from them so it's good they come here and use the school, keep in touch.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. In addition to the two scheduled meetings there is also a third small wedding planned for September 15.
- b. We had the general membership meeting this evening and Louie's slide show on Port Costa history.
- c. Peripatetic Players performance scheduled for July 15 – posters are going up. Coming back later in the fall for another.
- d. The next meeting for the Car Show will happen on the hour before the Grant

- b. Jeff: they haven't gotten back regarding the Park District Agreement. It's a 20-year period.
- c. Knock box: delayed due to change of fire chief taking awhile.
- d. Jenavive has been working on the website. There's room for improvement but it has come a long way.
- e. No progress lately on fence repair.

7. New Business

- a. We may want just to have one email account linked to the PCCS web site, since most of the emails are about events.
- b. Michael agreed to regularly review incoming PCCS emails.
- c. Use of school parking. Should it be more organized? State nominal amount? But that depends on the nature of the event/usage. For town residents, leave it on a donation basis. This is the lawn only, not the school parking lot.

Attending this meeting: Dee Stewart, Suzanne Statler, Anthony Guarnier, Vicky Oswald, Mike Bloxham, Tom Cusack, Carol Palacio, Irina Dyatlovskaya, Jeana Brunscher, Nick Gaines, Anita Kennedy, Veronica Crane, Ashleigh LoBalbo.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.