

May 2011 Meeting Minutes

LLARTC General Meeting May 24th 2011 at Vista San Gabriel School

1. Meeting called to order at 7pm by Jason Gonella
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Jason
3. Moment of silence called for by Jason
4. Chris Payne took roll call, Bruce Tillman absent
5. Having a booth at the Chili Cook Off was added to the agenda under new business Kathy Terrones motioned to add the Chili Cook Off, seconded by Robin, passes
6. Discussion
7. Kristi Kennedy brought up that in old business it should have 501 status and that the agenda should say vote on bylaws changes not election report in old business
8. Kathy motioned to accept agenda with changes, second by Chris. Passes. Agenda accepted with changes

Minutes:

1. Jason read March minutes
2. Jason read April minutes
3. Motion to accept by Earl, seconded by Kathy
4. Update March minutes to say 340.09 both times on treasurer report. Change Kristie on second page to be Kristi.
5. Update April minutes Treasurer's report should say 22nd not 22 and 23, add dollar sign for 72 as that is the amount for PO box, change last name for Lawrence, Byrdie not Brytie. Change deputy Mike Russ to Mike Rust on 2nd and 3rd page. Change to get certificate of occupancy instead of to open school. Add what Public hearing was about add date if it can be found.
6. Kathy motion to accept minutes with changes seconded by Earl, passes. Chris abstained.

Council Business:

1. Robin motioned to excuse Chris Payne's absence, Earl seconded, passes. Chris abstained, absent due to work.
2. Kathy mentioned Bruce was absent due to a death in the family. Chris moved to excuse Bruce's absence, Robert seconded. Discussion about Bruce needing to be present to give his own excuse
3. Robin moved to table until we hear from Bruce seconded by Bob, passes unanimously

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: \$268.09 as of May 24th. No deposits, no withdrawals. Moved by Robin to accept report, seconded by Kathy, passes. Bob abstained

Public Information: Meeting the 4th Monday of every month at 7pm at Burger Basket, had one meeting on May 23rd and the next is Mon June 27th and is combined with the planning meeting

Ways and Means: Bruce absent, no report

Planning Committee: Meeting is combined with public communication on the 4th Mon of every month at 7 pm at Burger Basket. They met in April and discussed putting in a bridge on Ave O. Discussed whether or not truck route was under the planning committee or not. Decided it will be separate as its own committee

CSD Committee: Meeting is making progress, they are getting close to finished. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at Burger Basket. June 6 and 20 at 7 pm are the meetings in June.

Bylaws Committee: Robin reported that Dominick asked Robin to take over chairing the bylaws committee as he had some personal things come up and couldn't make it to the meetings. Meeting is Held on second and fourth Monday of the month at M and G's at 7 pm. Kristi disagreed that chairing the committee can be passed off to someone like that. Jason said she was right and we will have to vote on a new chair. Kristi disagreed with the meeting being on the 4th Monday because planning and public info is at the same time. Robin agreed to change this, so no official time set for bylaws. It will be discussed at planning meeting.

Emergency Management Committee: Mike Gentry not present, no report

Town Status Committee: Jason talked to chamber commerce president about Littlerock being called a judicial township. Those were created in 1920's and were phased out in 1950's. Talked to Mitch from regional planning and Norm from the Supervisor's office. Both said they had judicial townships but they were phased out. So the options are unincorporated area of LA county or incorporate and become a city. Have looked into becoming a city before and it becomes very expensive. 30k just to pull the application and then we have to wean the county off our tax support and support ourselves at the same time. Also mentioned that someone said the only reason regional planning or county wants us to do standards is because they receive money from the feds to get standards. Jason said he asked Norm and Norm said that has never been the case, it actually costs money to the county and doesn't benefit them but it benefits our community. Also asked Mitch, he wasn't sure but hadn't heard that the county gets money. Meeting was May 5th at Burger Basket. Committee dissolved at that time as there is no more info to gather on this.

Truck Route Committee: Kristi Kennedy gave report, they discussed Stop signs at strategic places. Expanding roads and slowing speed limit. Or making a truck route, all

are options. Stop signs removed as an option based on discussion. This left truck route or slowing speeds. Surveyed business's in town because truckers provide business to our town. Only one business voted for truck route so slowing speeds and widening road for a turn lane is the best option. June 14th 10AM is next meeting and they will have CA highway patrol and the road division representative there as well as Norm to talk about slowing speeds and widening road. Earl said Trucks don't stop at business or provide patronage, Kristi said they do.

Election Committee: Meeting June 24th Friday at 7 pm at burger basket

Community Comments:

Kristi Kennedy: Asked council to talk about a new chair for emergency planning committee and it is under Earl so if Mike will not do meetings then Earl needs to get new chair or hold meetings. On the Website the link to chamber is wrong she has a new one. Still need contact info and Spanish CSD's on the site. Suggests we make sure links work. Need to call about postal placards again they are still not on the cars of postal carriers. Needs date of when questions and answers were sent in to county for csd's. Kathy said she will get that. Also asked about when Council approved sending in CSDs. Nothing in minutes about that. Never approved.

Earl said Greg Johnson has been going around cleaning up trash with a trailer and has volunteered to go to illegal dumping task force meetings. Greg Johnson will go as LLARTC representative. Will add to agenda for us

Old Business:

Robin Nute investigation: Chris motioned to reopen and investigate the investigating committee to see if they did their due diligence. Earl seconds. Open for discussion. Bob said last investigation was very incomplete. He abstained from voting for that reason. Said it seemed that the investigative committee was under the impression they were told to keep investigation narrow. Jason mentioned Robin could ask for the details to be in an executive session. Robin asked for executive session. Kristi said investigative committee is under investigation, not Robin, so it doesn't go to executive session. Jason agreed. If old committee missed something then Robin could be reinvestigated if there were new evidence or details uncovered and if new committee recommends new investigation of Robin Nute Investigators pick one person. Council picks one. And they together they pick a third. Moved to vote on motion, Bob Robert Earl Chris said for. Kathy and Robin against. Passes

Moved by Earl that Greg Johnson attend illegal dumping meetings for us. Seconded by Bob. Passes unanimously.

Bylaws changes: Motion by robin to accept number 7 seconded by Kathy. Moved to accept all changes by Robin. Second by Bob. Earl against Robert abstain, passes.

Chris motion to accept attending chili cook off and having a booth to sell stuff. Church will let us borrow their popcorn machine free per Kathy. Seconded by Robin. Kristi said it will be free for us to have a table. Passes. Bob abstain

Robin motion to do popcorn and sodas or popcorn and to fund it, no more than 100 dollars. Greg Johnson offers to donate \$200 for us to fund it. Funding no longer needed and removed from motion Kathy Terrones will go get all the materials. Vote with amendments of no funding needed. Passes, Earl abstain Chili cook off June 4th at park.

Guest Speaker: Juan Ibario, shelter manager for Lancaster animal shelter.

940 4191 is animal control 24 hr hotline.

Talked about dog attacks. People say they got attacked but don't tell where the incident occurred or what the dog looked like and animal control usually doesn't find out until days after the attack. Asks us to spread the word that you avoid dog packs, stay out of their way. Don't pet injured dogs. They can be overly aggressive. If dog is coming at you try to get away, suggests use an umbrella. It startles them. Staff is good too. Don't get in the middle of dog fights Try to get their attention broken so they can stop their tunnel vision and stop attacking. If you meet an aggressive dog try to remember the street you're on and description of house or address so they can find the dog. Recent case a pit bull which mauled a child. The owner was convicted of a felony for harboring a mischievous animal. Animal shelter keeps each dog 5 days and then they are evaluated for temperament and either adoption or euthanasia. They do go after actual dog packs and dogs with no owners as well. Work with numerous nonprofits to try to adopt them out. The longest they keep them is aprox 4 months. \$120 to adopt, \$107.50 for seniors. About 50 percent of dogs are micro chipped. Shelter is still in the works for this end of the valley. Environmental tests for the possible location will be done by second week of June. Should be located on Sierra Hwy between Q and Palmdale Blvd. If dogs are picked up there is a \$20 impound fee and \$18 for every day it's at shelter if it is licensed and spayed or neutered. They want to return to owner. If someone can't pay the fee to register their dog they will be cited and will have to pay fee. They do not have a practice of taking the dog for lack of a current license. They go to house and give citation. Bail amount will be license fee and they can pay at courthouse.

Misc:

VFW does tribute at 10 am on memorial day at the park. They would like a representative from LLARTC to come. Robin will go.

Earl motioned to table everything else. Robin seconded, all in favor. Passed.

Next planning meeting June 1st at park at 7pm.

Next General meeting June 28th at Twin Lakes church

Motioned to adjourn by Earl, second by Robin, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:32PM.