

NORTH COASTAL PREVENTION COALITION
Serving the Communities of Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista
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Minutes of the General Membership

Thursday, November 14, 2013

8:00 a.m.

Community Room
HHS North Coastal Region
1701 Mission Ave., Oceanside

Attendance:

Aaron Byzak, UCSD/NCPC Board President
Fred Becker, Becker Institute/NCPC Board Vice President
Ray Pearson, Carlsbad Resident/NCPC Board Secretary
Ray Thomson, OHS/NCPC Board Director
Dale Walton, McAlister Institute/NCPC Board Director
Maria Yanez, City of Oceanside/NCPC Board Director
Erica Leary, VCC/NCPC Program Manager
Blair Perez, US Attorney's Office
Chase Chiappino, Vista Sheriff's Dept.
Jim Provenza, Oceanside Police & Fire Commission
Kari Moya, VCC/NCPC & Tobacco Control Programs
Kathy Valdez, City of Vista
Nannette Stamm, VCC/HPC
Nancy Logan, San Dieguito Alliance
Hope Diaz, Oceanside Boys & Girls Club
Linda Ledesma, Carlsbad Police Department
Maria Russell, Eastside Neighborhood Association
Melissa Roberts, SDCounty HHS
Capt. Tom Aguigui, Oceanside Police Department
Melissa Ryan, ABC
Rhonda Guaderrama, Oceanside Boys & Girls Club
Rosalina Herrera, San Diego County Office of Education
Carmela Muñoz, VCC/NCPC AOD Programs
Craig Balben, Oceanside Resident
John Byrom, NCPC/VCC Community Collaborating Specialist
Debbie Obregon, NCPC/VCC Administrative Assistant

I. Welcome and Introductions – Aaron Byzak, President:

Meeting was brought to order at 8:00a.m. Self-introductions were made, giving names and organizations represented and new attendees/guests welcomed.

2014/2015 Board of Directors Election: Board members (acting Ad-Hoc Nominations Committee) will continue to develop slate for membership approval and official vote at the December GM. There are six regular and two alternate slots open for the 2014/2015 term. Following individuals have agreed to accept nominations: Aaron Byzak, Craig Balben, Margie O'Hern, Ray Pearson, Nicole Pappas, Maria Yanez, and Nannette Stamm. Staying on the board to complete 2-year terms in 2014: Fred Becker, Ray Thomson, Leonard Mata, and Dale Walton. If you are interested and available to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Aaron.

II. Approval Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2013:

Approved as presented.

III. Treasurer's Report – Margie O'Hern, Treasurer:

Margie was absent; Debbie Obregon reported the following update:
General Account Balance: **\$648.74**
420 Remix Carryover Balance: **\$616.22**
Youth Coalition Account Balance: **\$998.17**
Eastside Neighborhood Association Account Balance: **\$1802.04**

IV. Guest Speaker: Blair C. Perez, Executive Asst., United States Attorney's Office .

NCPC was very pleased to have Blair C. Perez, Executive Assistant, United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of California, as the featured guest speaker. Ms. Perez discussed the US Attorney's role in enforcing marijuana laws; collaboration with federal, state, and local agencies; and the impacts of recent federal announcements regarding marijuana law enforcement priorities.

V. Program Updates:

Carlsbad Activity Grant –Youth PSA Training November 16:

NCPC was awarded a Carlsbad Activity Grant for \$3900 to host a PSA youth training (ATOD prevention focus) for Carlsbad middle and high school students. Trainers, Aaron Byzak and Erica Holloway (NCPC Media Specialist), will present the training on Saturday, November 16, 10am-3pm, at the Carlsbad Boys & Girls Club, 2730 Bressi Ranch Way. Please contact John Byrom for additional information or to RSVP interested youth.

NCTD Coaster Alcohol Policy:

Erica reported that the North County Transit District pulled its' proposal to prohibit the consumption of alcohol on Coaster trains. NCTD said it withdrew the proposal after receiving "robust public feedback." The agency has scheduled a public hearing on the topic for November 21; program staff will attend on behalf of NCPC and present a letter stating NCPC's position and support for the proposed "no alcohol" policy.

Oceanside Walmart Neighborhood Market alcohol license application:

Members discussed the City of Oceanside's approval of alcohol license application for the Walmart Neighborhood Market at 1046 Mission Avenue (old Office Depot location), directly across from Oceanside High School (500 feet). NCPC is very concerned with the close proximity to the high school and the negative impacts of selling alcohol in an already over-concentrated alcohol outlet and high crime area.

Erica Leary shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the timeline to this point of Walmart's alcohol license application process. Unfortunately NCPC was not aware of the application as it moved through the steps ("slipping under the radar"), and the period of public protest has passed. Erica noted the following opportunities to further address this issue:

- Councilmember Sanchez has requested item on November 20 City Council agenda to classify alcohol retail sales near sensitive uses as 'regulated uses' that would require a CUP;
- OPD has indicated that the department would support a comprehensive CUP process for all alcohol license applications;
- The Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) is waiting for additional input from OPD before issuing the actual license type;
- Store management is meeting with OPD and ABC on November 14 to discuss resident concerns and possible conditions;
- Public pressure on Walmart - NCPC youth coalition members have suggested a petition and/or letter writing campaign;
- NCPC members suggested a community meeting with public input from area residents.

VII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20a.m. Next meeting will be held Thursday, December 12, 2013, 8-9am.

Don't forget NCPC's Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange/Extravaganza - Bring your favorite holiday treat to the December general meeting; sample some at the meeting, take some home, or back to the office to share!

Happy Holidays!!

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Obregon on behalf of Ray Pearson, Secretary