

NORTH COASTAL PREVENTION COALITION
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8:00 AM

Minutes of the General Membership
Thursday, August 8, 2019

Tri-City Medical Center
4002 Vista Way, Oceanside 90256
Lower Level – Assembly Room #2

Attendance:

Ray Thomson, OHS/NCPC Board Vice President
Aaron Byzak, TCMC/NCPC Board Treasurer
Diane Strader, Oceanside Resident/NCPC Board Director
Dale Walton, McAlister Institute/NCPC Board Director
Erica Leary, VCC/NCPC Program Manager
Jennifer Martinez-Torres, City of Oceanside/Parks & Rec
Malcolm Warfield, Carlsbad Police Department
Lisa Archibald, VCC/Tobacco Control Programs Manager
Carmela Muñoz, VCC/NCPC Prevention Specialist
Kelly McCormick, San Dieguito Alliance
Cecilia Arias, VCC/Tobacco Control Programs
Fatima Ashaq, VCC/NCPC
Haley Guiffrida, VCC/Tobacco Control Programs
Nancy Rocha, VCC/Tobacco Control Programs
Riane Fletcher, VCC/NCPC Media Specialist
John Byrom, VCC/NCPC Prevention Specialist
Debbie Obregon, VCC/NCPC Admin. Asst.

I. Welcome and Introductions: *Craig Balben, President.*

The meeting was convened at 8:05 a.m. Craig Balben was absent; meeting was facilitated by Ray Thomson.

John Byrom noted that Marie Smith (adjutant of the North San Diego Young Marines) was not present, but he wanted to recognize her and congratulate the North San Diego Young Marines of Vista on being named “2019 National Unit of the year.”

II. Meeting Minutes Approval: *July 11, 2019.*

Meeting minutes were accepted into the record as presented.

III. Treasurer’s Report: *Aaron Byzak, Treasurer.*

Aaron presented the following report:

- General Account: \$1,851.68
- Youth Coalition: \$287.87
- GoFundMe Acct. #1: \$48.58 (Youth Coalition Activities)
- TCMC: \$1,4550
- SAMSHA Town Hall Stipend: \$750.00
- TCMC Foundation/Walmart Rx Prev Grant: \$3,746.78
- Eastside Neighborhood Assoc: \$1,464.51

2019 NCPC Membership Dues are still being accepted: \$25/individual and \$50/organization. Please make checks payable to “NCPC” or you can pay with a credit card via NCPC’s PayPal account using the “Donate” button on the NCPC website home page. Click link: <http://northcoastalpreventioncoalition.org/> Be sure to select the “**use this donation for**” tab and designate “**membership dues.**” Please contact Debbie Obregon, NCPC Admin. Asst., if you have any questions. NCPC thanks you for your ongoing support.

Fundraising Opportunity: NCPC is registered at “SmileAmazon.com” as a qualified charitable organization; SmileAmazon.com will donate 0.5% of the price of all eligible purchases to the designated charitable organization of the purchaser’s choice. Please let Debbie know if you have any questions (Yes, you can use your Amazon Prime Account). Website link: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

IV. Presentation/Discussion:

Erica Leary, NCPC Program Manager, reported that NCPC is concerned that Vista City Council members are considering to remove the current ban on marijuana deliveries and permitting the 11 dispensaries approved under Vista's Measure Z to also deliver. She shared an article from the *Coast News* summarizing the council meeting on June 25th and the council's directive to staff to bring back an ordinance allowing for medicinal marijuana deliveries. In addition, the council is discussing approval of other marijuana businesses such as manufacturing, distribution and testing facilities. This will most likely be re-addressed at the Aug. 27th council meeting.

Erica shared a PPT presentation including updates on the commercialization of marijuana in North County (billboards along Hwy 78 corridor publicizing marijuana delivery); included an undercover news story from NBC4 in Los Angeles highlighting difficulties with marijuana deliveries in the LA area; and discussed with members strategies to inform the public and prevent youth use.

Erica explained that NCPC is concerned with preventing youth access to marijuana and is doubtful that adequate systems are available to properly regulate deliveries. In an effort to keep the public informed about local marijuana policy issues in North County, an informational flyer was developed along with a survey to gather community input regarding this issue. The flyer and survey were passed around the group and members offered suggestions on flyer/survey distribution for best resident exposure. Some suggestions included reaching out to apartment complex managers, VCC's Mobile Dental Unit, library displays, and back to school nights.

Click on links below to view Erica's PPT presentation and the LA news story:

<http://northcoastalpreventioncoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019.08.08-NCPC-MJ-delivery-update.pdf>

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Marijuana-Delivery-Sales-Illegal-Recreational-ID-505696001.html>

Please visit the NCPC website (link below), take the survey and share with your contacts. Erica is hoping to have survey data entered/compiled for presentation at the Vista City Council meeting on 8/27.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityInput_MarijuanaBusinessInVista

V. Announcements:

NCPC (Erica Leary): Mark your calendars – Red Ribbon Week Luncheon, November 1, 2019. Alex Berenson (award winning author and former New York Times reporter) will be keynote speaker.

VCC Tobacco Control Programs-Multi-Unit Housing Project (Nancy Rocha): Program provides technical assistance to renters, property owners and/or managers with concerns/issues relative to second-hand smoke.

VCC Tobacco Control Programs-(TRL) Tobacco Retailer Licensing (Haley Guiffrida): Escondido city council members will discuss TRL/zoning changes at the August 21st council meeting.

Occupational Health Services (Ray Thomson): OHS provides Responsible Beverage Service Training on the first Friday of each month (curriculum includes a DUI/Marijuana component).

NCPC (John Byrom): Recommended members watch ESPN Documentary: "Chris Heren's FIRST DAY." Lots of good information, well done – must see. Crime Free Multi-Unit Housing training for apartment managers on Sept. 17 in Oceanside.

San Dieguito Alliance (Kelly McCormick): Encouraged members to attend city council meetings and speak during public comment sessions – good opportunity to voice concerns regarding local issues. Kelly would be happy to share talking points if needed.

Hazel's Army (Aaron Byzak): Aaron mentioned that his brief on mental health policy and practice reform has been published on the Hazel's Army website (links below).

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/1083ac_f6bb8fff468e4fa4aa88c6db72ee61ff.pdf

<https://www.hazelsarmy.com/#!>

VII. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. Next GM meeting date is **Thursday, September 12, 2019**, 8 to 9 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION: TCMC: 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside, 92056 - LOWER LEVEL, ASSEMBLY ROOM #2