

**MINUTES OF THE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014
MEETING OF THE
MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE**

**MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5111 BENITO STREET
MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Banas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Member Fondario led those present in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairperson Peggy Banas, Members Mary Fondario, Hollis Judkins, Arturo Padilla, and Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Human Services Director Marcia Richter
Senior Human Services Supervisor Michelle Castillo
Office Specialist Christine Smiderly

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Banas introduced Will McCance, a seventh grade student from Claremont, California. He is attending this meeting to earn his merit badge with Boy Scout Troop 623 based out of Upland, California. Mr. McCance described the many activities and traditions held by Troop 623. He is particularly proud of the fact that there is a room dedicated to his Troop at Cable Airport in Upland that contains Troop 623 history dating back to the 1960s.

Mr. McCance attends El Roble Intermediate School in Claremont, and he is a member of the Debate team. He has already attended three or four debates and it has taught him a great deal about public speaking. Mr. McCance talked briefly about his family and introduced his mother, who was in attendance. Mr. McCance commented on the many accomplishments of his mother and his father, and he described in detail the pride he has for them and for their accomplishments. Mr. McCance informed the Committee of his future goals and of his plans to attend Claremont High School, or possibly Damien Catholic High School. He then plans to attend either The Claremont Colleges or UCLA, and obtain a degree in Science. He would like to major in Biochemistry. Members asked Mr. McCance a few questions about his family and goals, and offered contact information if he was interested in learning more about the City and the functions of the Committee.

Mr. McCance thanked the Committee for allowing him to speak and discuss his ideas and goals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Member Padilla, seconded by Member Judkins, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Community Action Committee meeting of April 2, 2014.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Richter informed Members that Pat Wooton formally resigned her position as Chairperson effective between the April 2 and May 7, 2014 CAC meetings as she is moving out of the City to live with relatives in northern California. Ms. Richter stated that Vice-Chairperson Banas now moves into the position of Chairperson beginning with today's May 7, 2014 meeting. The Vice-Chairperson position is now open and will be discussed during this meeting under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Military Banner Programs

Ms. Castillo stated that the new banners that were expected to be hung by the end of February 2014, are still awaiting placement on the banded poles and she anticipates they will be up in the near future.

B. 2014 Volunteer of the Year Program

Chairperson Banas stated that the actual event was very organized and well attended, and she thought that the program handout and the decorations were wonderful. Member Padilla stated that he was disappointed that there were not many donations this year and that many organizations that have previously donated, did not respond this year.

C. 2014 Memorial Day Program

Chairperson Banas confirmed that the Chino Planes of Fame Museum will participate in the event again this year. Ms. Richter briefly reviewed the Memorial Day Program Outline and confirmed the following staff assignments:

- Elmer Judkins and Lou Fondario volunteered to assist Member Fondario at the welcome table.
- Member Fondario will serve at the welcome table and distribute flag pins.
- Chairperson Banas will present the opening, welcome and introduce Mayor Eaton.
- Member Padilla will welcome and seat the dignitaries.
- Member Judkins will unveil and dedicate the new names to the Veterans' Memorial Wall.
- Member Fondario will present the flowers to family representatives (2 flowers).

- Chairperson Banas and Member Padilla will read the names on the Remembrance Wall.
- Mayor Pro Tem Ruh and Member Judkins will read the patriotic poem.
- All Members should arrive at 4:00 p.m. to help with set up (the program begins at 6:00 p.m.), and Members should plan to stay after the program ends to help with clean up.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh and Member Judkins practiced reading the selected patriotic poem aloud. Mayor Pro Tem Ruh read the first, third, and fifth stanzas, and Member Judkins read the second, fourth, and sixth stanzas.

D. 2014 Home Beautification Program

Chairperson Banas reminded Members that maps were distributed at the April 2, 2014 meeting. The deadline to submit a maximum of four nominations each is on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2014. Member Judkins stated that she viewed many homes with dead landscaping and she had a difficult time finding any homes to nominate. Members agreed this is a tough year with drought conditions and water use restrictions affecting Montclair residents.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Vacated Vice-Chairperson position

Moved by Member Fondario, seconded by Member Padilla, and carried unanimously to elect Member Judkins as the new Vice-Chairperson for the remainder of 2014.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- Mayor Pro Tem Ruh reminded Members that the Grand Opening of the Montclair Certified Farmers Market is taking place this evening and looks to be a great success.
- Mayor Pro Tem Ruh provided a brief update regarding the controversy surrounding plans for the Goldline to run through Montclair.
- Member Fondario commented that she had a fantastic time at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner held in late April, and she thanked staff for holding this event. Members that attended agreed it was a great event.

Ms. Richter informed the Committee of the following upcoming events:

- The Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual Police Officer Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Dolce Café in Montclair. Vice-Chairperson Judkins and Member Fondario confirmed they will attend this event. Chairperson Banas will contact Ms. Richter no later than May 15, 2014 to confirm if she can attend this event.
- The CAC Member recruitment application and advertisement is currently available for those Members who are at the end of their four year term, and for vacant positions. The deadline to apply is on May 19, 2014.

- The CAC is dark in August and the next formal CAC meeting will be held on September 3, 2014.

Chairperson Banas invited Mr. McCance back to the podium where he offered the following suggestions for possible solutions to the issues surrounding the Home Beautification Program:

- Mr. McCance suggested researching the idea of purchasing water conservation equipment from a company called UgMO that measures the amount and salinity of water in the ground; the water savings can be up to 60%.
- Mr. McCance also suggested encouraging the use of landscaping that does not require water such as pea gravel and dark bark, which will improve landscaping appearance and conserve water.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Banas adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Smiderly
Office Specialist