

**MINUTES OF THE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014
MEETING OF THE
MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Absent: Chairperson Pat Wooton

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Judkins welcomed back guest Fabian Naranjo Gonzalez with Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez office who represents the 52nd District. Mr. Gonzalez was introduced at the February 5, 2014 meeting and Members were pleased to see him attend another meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Member Fondario, seconded by Member Padilla, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Community Action Committee meeting of February 5, 2014.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Richter informed Members that Chairperson Wooton was unable to attend the meeting and Member Judkins graciously volunteered to Chair this evening's meeting in her place.

Ms. Richter distributed four thank you letters from: Foothill Family Shelter, Inland Hospice, OPARC, and VNA Hospice, all thanking the Committee for their support through the Community Benefits Program.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Military Banner Programs

Ms. Castillo stated that the fourteen new banners that were expected to be hung by February 21, 2014 are still awaiting placement on the banded poles and she anticipates they will be up in the next two weeks.

B. 2014 Volunteer of the Year Program

Member Judkins opened the discussion and stated that she distributed her donation request letters to Stater Bros. and Costco, and that she will check back with them in the next few weeks. Member Banas received donations from Los Portales and Starbucks. Member Banas also contacted Montclair Florist, and they agreed to provide the centerpiece. Montclair Florist requested the details on color scheme and how many boutonnieres and corsages will be needed. Ms. Richter stated that staff will contact Montclair Florist and provide the details when they are available. Member Fondario received a donation from the Elephant Bar restaurant and she is following up with Olive Garden as they indicated they will donate as well. Member Padilla distributed his request letters and will follow up with them in the next few weeks.

Ms. Richter stated that the nomination deadline has passed and that there were eight nominations received. Ms. Richter inquired if Members had any names to submit for the remaining two judges. Member Padilla provided the name of a judge that has volunteer experience with the Boy Scouts. Member Padilla will provide Ms. Smiderly with the contact's information at the end of the meeting. Member Banas stated she will try to secure a third judge and she will contact Ms. Smiderly by the end of tomorrow, Thursday, March 6, 2014 with the information.

C. 2014 Memorial Day Program

Ms. Castillo informed Members that for the first time since the inception of this Program she did not receive any Memorial Wall plaque applications, and she is extending the deadline for another three weeks. In the event the City does not receive any new applications by the end of March, the ceremony will take place as usual but will not include a new plaque unveiling or a flower presentation to family members.

Ms. Richter inquired if Members brought suggestions for the patriotic poem to the meeting. There were no new suggestions and Members commented that last year's poem was well received and could be used again this year. Members requested another two weeks to search for a new poem and will email Ms. Smiderly with any suggestions by March 21, 2014. Ms. Richter stated that staff will also bring a few suggestions and copies of poems that have been used in the past to the next meeting.

Ms. Richter stated that staff contacted John Paul Jackson and it is likely he will perform TAPS live during the ceremony. Ms. Smiderly will follow up for confirmation. Member Padilla stated he plans to contact two Vietnam veterans that might be available to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and he will contact Ms. Castillo in the next few days with more information. Member Banas will contact Kyle with the

Chino Planes of Fame Museum by the end of the week to confirm that they are available to participate again this year. Members agreed to wait until the next meeting to assign individual tasks to Members.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Vacated Vice-Chairperson position

Moved by Member Fondario, seconded by Member Banas, and carried unanimously to table this item until the April 2, 2014 meeting.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Ms. Richter informed Members that Chairperson Wooton was back in the hospital to have a second surgery on her leg, as the original surgery was unsuccessful. Ms. Richter will keep Members informed of Chairperson Wooton's progress.

Ms. Richter stated that the Montclair-Ontario Junior Women's Club is holding a fundraiser on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Montclair Youth Center. The fundraiser is open to the community and tickets are \$5 for a taco plate, drink and dessert. There will be games and activities for youth and adults. All proceeds benefit the Montclair Youth Center. Ms. Castillo is finalizing a flyer and will email the flyer to Members when it is complete.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated that he attended a townhall meeting at the Montclair Police Department, hosted by Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez office, regarding the recent gas and water pipe issues that affected neighborhoods west of Central Avenue in Montclair. Mayor Pro Tem Ruh reiterated that the City does not own the utilities and that the City's role in this situation was to help coordinate efforts by ensuring that police, fire and public safety personnel were on-site and available throughout the incident. Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated that the cause of the gas and water leak issues is still under investigation.

Member Padilla requested that the Committee invite the Montclair-Ontario Boy Scouts Troop to the next meeting and allow them to open the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Members agreed that would be fine. Ms. Richter requested that Member Padilla confirm with Ms. Richter or Ms. Smiderly by March 21, 2014 if the Boy Scouts plan to attend the meeting so the item can be added to the April 2, 2014 CAC meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Judkins adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Smiderly
Office Specialist