

**MINUTES OF THE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015  
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 7:05 p.m.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chairperson Peggy Banas, Vice-Chairperson Hollis Judkins, Members Elizabeth Alba, Mary Fondario, Laurie Milhiser, Arturo Padilla, and City Council Liaison Bill Ruh

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Human Services Director Marcia Richter  
Senior Human Services Supervisor Michelle Castillo  
Administrative Technician Vanessa Tom

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Benjamin Wood, a resident of Montclair, stated that he was attending the meeting as an observer for the League of Women Voters. He invited committee members to a League of Women Voters meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Mt. San Antonio Gardens housing complex at 875 E. Bonita Ave., Bldg D (top floor lounge), Pomona, CA 91767. All league observers from different council meetings, commissions, and boards will report their observations at this meeting. Mr. Wood left a flyer with Ms. Richter to later copy and distribute to all committee members.

Chair Banas introduced Christopher Craig, a representative for Assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez. He stated that it was his third week serving as a representative, and his first Community Action Committee meeting. He said that he looks forward to assisting the community of Montclair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Member Padilla, seconded by Member Alba, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Community Action Committee meeting of April 1, 2015.

## **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Richter read aloud a thank you letter from Pomona Valley Workshop thanking the Committee for their support through the Community Benefits Program. The letter was distributed to be reviewed by committee members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***A. 2015 Volunteer of the Year Program***

CAC members agreed that the event was successful and that all volunteers and their families felt appreciated and honored to attend. Two volunteers tied for 'Volunteer of the Year' and there was one first runner-up. Ms. Richter mentioned that thank you letters had been sent out to all organizations and individuals who made donations to the volunteer gift bags.

### ***B. 2015 Memorial Day Program***

Chair Banas confirmed that the program would begin at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 25. Ms. Richter then reviewed the current program outline and confirmed that all staff would be present to assist with set-up at 4:00 p.m.

Member Fondario asked if the Daily Bulletin was going to send staff to photograph the event. Ms. Castillo replied that she would send a press release to the paper with information about the program. City Council Liaison Ruh stated that during a recent Council meeting City Manager Edward C. Starr spoke with a representative from the newspaper who stated that reporters would no longer be sent to events and council meetings. Instead reporters will cover events by press release, and will follow-up with city staff or the City Manager for additional details.

Ms. Castillo stated that a 4 x 6" color postcard was mailed to all Montclair residents notifying them about the Memorial Day Program and the upcoming Country Fair Jamboree on June 6. The postcards should reach all residents' mailboxes by next weekend.

Ms. Castillo mentioned that Facilities & Grounds Superintendent Mike McGehee attempted to remove plaques from the Veterans' Memorial Wall and it was more difficult than had been thought. After speaking to both the plaque vendor from Montclair Bronze and Superintendent McGehee, it was decided that the process of moving the plaques would cause too much damage to the wall. The plaques will not be moved this year.

Chair Banas stated that she would contact Mr. Wilbur Richardson from Chino Planes of Fame Museum as his presence has not yet been confirmed. Ms. Richter mentioned that an employee with the city's After-School Program, John Sio, would bring in a military display. City Council Liaison Ruh noted that the display includes a list of

every Medal of Honor winner from California with accompanying photos. Students at Mr. Sio's school site, Moreno Elementary, assisted him in putting the display together.

Vice-Chair Judkins and City Council Liaison Ruh read aloud the poem "The Noble and the Brave." City Council Liaison Ruh will introduce the poem, and he and Vice-Chair Judkins will alternate reading every other stanza.

Ms. Richter stated that refreshments have been confirmed. Flowers and a wreath will be ordered from Montclair Florist & Gifts, and Ms. Castillo will pick up cookies from Stater Bros.

### ***C. 2015 Home Beautification Program***

Ms. Castillo stated that nominations were due by May 25 and that homes that won in the past three years could not be re-nominated; Ms. Castillo distributed a document with past winners to all committee members. Ms. Richter confirmed that all members will meet at the Senior Center at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17 for the judging caravan. Ms. Richter mentioned that Ms. Tom had contacted Olive Garden in order to ask if the private room could be reserved. The room cannot be reserved and is available on only a first-come, first-served basis. The other option discussed was the bar area of Black Angus; this area can be reserved, is fairly private, and has power outlets. Member Padilla suggested that if the area at Black Angus cannot be reserved, the judging caravan can instead order out from Olive Garden and eat in the Senior Center Dining Room. Ms. Richter confirmed that the final decision was to attempt to make a reservation at Black Angus for June 17, and if the reservation cannot be made to follow Member Padilla's suggestion.

Ms. Richter suggested that members add the Home Beautification award presentation date, Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m., to their calendars. Ms. Richter stated that the winners will receive a framed certificate, a gift card from Target, and a plaque for their yard. The plaque can remain in the yard for one year, and will be removed by Public Works when the year has passed. Winners can keep the plaque as a memento, but after the year it can no longer be displayed. Ms. Castillo stated that she will be on vacation a week before the presentation, but the script would be completed. Ms. Richter and Ms. Tom will be available to assist Chair Banas the Thursday before the presentation, and Ms. Castillo will be available to assist in the Council Chambers on the presentation date.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST**

City Council Liaison Ruh mentioned that on Thursday, May 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Congresswoman Norma Torres is holding a 'Congress in your Corner' event in the Senior Center dining room. Congresswoman Torres will be available to listen to

residents' questions and concerns. Council Liaison Ruh also mentioned that Senator Connie Leyva will be holding a Mobile Home Owners and Renters Conference on Friday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The event will review health and safety codes, mobile home registration and titles, and free mobile home residency law books. It will take place at the Gonzales Community Center at 670 Colton Avenue, Colton, CA 92324. In addition to his role as a Councilmember for the City of Montclair, Council Liaison Ruh noted that he is also the Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board for Region 8 which covers Riverside, Orange, and San Bernardino counties. Council Liaison Ruh discussed the conference he attended in Sacramento two weeks ago in regard to the drought situation in California. Council Liaison Ruh reviewed current misconceptions regarding water use, current statistics regarding water use, incentives for drought-tolerant yards from the Metropolitan Water District, and other ways we can work to conserve water.

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

- The Mayor's Prayer Luncheon will be held in the Community Center on Thursday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m.; tickets are \$15.
- The Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual Police Officer Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, May 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Dolce Café in Montclair. Ms. Richter confirmed that Chair Banas, Vice-Chair Judkins, and Members Fondario and Milhiser would be present.
- Applications are being accepted for the CAC vacancy. Ms. Richter brought extra applications with her in case a member of the committee knows if anyone who may be interested. The applications are due on Monday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Applications are also being taken for the Planning Commission.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Banas adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vanessa Tom  
Administrative Technician/  
Human Services Department