



OAK VIEW TASK FORCE Meeting Summary Notes

Thursday, March 16, 2017

4:00PM

OAK VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY

17251 Oak Lane

Huntington Beach, CA 926487

City Staff Liaison:

Chris Slama, Manager, Community Services Dept.

Council Liaison:

Patrick Brenden, Council Member

City Department Attendees:

Lt. Kenton Ferrin, Police Dept.

Charlene Gomez, Community Services Dept.

Kathy Schooley, Code Enforcement

Simone Slifman, Business Development

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chris Slama called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. reminding those in attendance of the meeting format. Slama called for public speakers.

2. **PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

Mary Urashima, Chair of Historic Wintersburg Task Force provided an update of upcoming events and an overview of the Wintersburg restoration project.

Virginia Clark gave an update on the town hall meeting held between the community and the Police Chief, saying that with the change in federal administration, residents are nervous about immigration. The Police Chief was able to calm nerves. She also provided an update on an upcoming event.

3. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

- a. Council Liaison Brenden has nothing to report at this time; however, he has questions regarding discussions at the last meeting:

Liaison Brenden asked Ms. Urashima where the film, "Allegiance" can be viewed. She responded that she did not know at this time. It may go to DVD or have another premiere; however, she will keep the Task Force apprised.

Liaison Brenden directed a question to Victor Valladares regarding his request for a Community Committee. Mr. Valladares said there are different needs in separate parts of the Oak View Community and he would like to see “quadrant style” committees developed.

Liaison Brenden asked about Marin Mavia question from the last meeting about more signs and double parking in the area. Discussion on this issue ensued. Mr. Valladares recommended that the City allow residential parking permits for night parking.

Liaison Brenden asked Schooley about the hiring of a bilingual Code Enforcement officer. She responded that it has gone through the posting process and they are currently in the interviewing.

Liaison Brenden asked if there have been any changes in the trash situation that was reported at the December meeting. Mr. Valladares said it has not changed. Schooley gave an example of how she has worked with the property owners. Liaison Brenden asked how the public can contact Schooley. She said to contact her directly. Schooley said she will work with the Public Works Dept. regarding bins that are too small or inadequate.

4. CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- a. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Schooley said she has received several code enforcement calls in the last three months. She feels this is an improvement and that tenants don't seem as fearful to report issues. She also stated that she has noticed a lot of graffiti over the last week. Schooley is working with property owners to address maintenance and repair issues in a timelier manner and she has seen improvement. There was discussion of retaliation by property owners against tenants – she is working to eliminate that situation.
- b. **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Chris Slama reported on the status of the CDBG for the Boys and Girls Club. Grant applications have been submitted.
- c. **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:** Simone Slifman said that there is a correction for the December meeting notes. She will have Fair Housing do a presentation in the future. She provided an update on other Fair Housing processes and assistance. Slifman also reported that 14 applications were received for the CDBG and the deadline is April 15. She said that the CDBG is slated to be cut due to federal changes. Council Liaison Brenden asked if there is a list of who received grants last year. Slifman said she could send it to him or it is listed on the City's website.
- d. **LIBRARY SERVICES:** Slama thanked Amy Crepeau and Claudia Locke for allowing the OVTF to meet at the library. Crepeau distributed a flyer on digital storytelling. She reported that homework club has 166 registered with 35

average attendees per day. She also provided information on other upcoming events.

- e. **POLICE:** Lt. Kenton Ferrin reported that Virginia was accepted to USC for a Masters program. He also reported that there may be an uptake in crime, such as gang and criminal activities, due to recent changes in laws. Lt. Ferrin said that the town hall meeting was successful. Citizens are reporting crimes and gang activity in the area. He also reported that the Spanish Academy is going strong. He is including other Police Dept. personnel in the Oak View Collaborative, and is looking for grants for the academy.

- f. **PUBLIC WORKS:** No report available.

- 5. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
See the agenda for location.