

# CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the CMRCC was held at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library on January 14, 2009. John Giltner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Official business was conducted as reported below.

Members Present	Members Absent	Members Excused
Judy Hertzberg Walter Burenin John Giltner Cyndie Bradley Barbara Finn Dave Booher Andy Cos-Y-Leon Sam Rasoul Deva Edelman Laurie Marcus Anne Chang	Kurt Carlson Phil Bell	

- I. Call to order and welcome by Chairman – John Giltner
- II. Introduction of Board Members.
- III. Approval of minutes – August 2008 (11 approved, 0 disapprovals, 0 abstentions)
- IV. CMRCC business.
  - a. Public Comment
    - i. Gwen Leslie (via Barbara Finn) noted that what used to be the Corridor News that covered Carmel Mountain Ranch and Sabre Springs is now the News Journal that covers Rancho Bernardo and 4S Ranch. Laurie Marcus **stated that** the Corridor News stopped publication and subscription holders would receive the News Journal instead.
  - b. Neighborhood Police Report - Officer Paul Lennon
    - i. A “failure to yield” on 24<sup>th</sup> December resulted in a chase (running red lights at 80 miles/hr.)
    - ii. There are kids (high school age) preparing “pressure bombs” (1-2 liter plastic Coke bottles filled with materials (e.g., pieces of metal) in addition to liquids (e.g., toilet bowl cleaner) to blow up mail boxes. Several have been set in Rancho Bernardo and Mira Mesa, so if you see this be very careful.
    - iii. A shooting took place at 12700 Rancho Penasquitos Drive. The resident came out on the balcony (perhaps to get better reception on a cell phone) and got shot in the face with a 22 rifle. It is not clear what the motivation was for the shooting, but it is felt it could have been simply a compulsive action.
    - iv. The Pizza Hut on Carmel Mountain Road was robbed on Dec 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:25 PM (black male 20-25 years old).
    - v. In Rancho Bernardo and also in Mira Mesa, there have been a few isolated incidents of individual males practicing self-gratification while looking through a window at women (e.g., at the gym). It is recommended that drapes are closed and that the police are notified if a suspicious person is in your neighborhood (484-3154 toll free non-emergency number; if caught in the act, call 911).
    - vi. A question was asked if mail pilfering was a common occurrence. It was explained that this is a federal postal inspector issue as opposed to police issue; and it was suggested to not leave the flag up if you have outgoing mail.
  - c. Senator Hollingsworth – Ellen Malin, (refer to Attachment 1 for a summary of 2008 sponsored bills) – budget deficit – budget reform: looking at a 22 billion deficit for 2008; need to be sure to support ongoing state programs; currently preparing the legislative package for this year and welcoming input from the public. It was asked whether or not the money approved for Proposition 10, intended for children ages 0-5, and which has been used for activities not associated with that age group, could be

deferred to the deficit or other under-funded programs. Ms. Malin explained that Senator Hollingsworth is proposing decreasing the funding for Proposition 10 for this year, but that the un-used portion cannot legally be applied to other areas without voter approval.

d. Supervisor Pam Slater-Price – Marc Olson (See Attachment 2 for the newsletter from December)

- i. Sworn in to her 5<sup>th</sup> term last week; she continues to work on balancing the budget, enhanced and expanded library services; seeking opportunities in the county to preserve open space; wants to maintain a high level of public protection. It is noted that if you live in San Diego, you are less likely to be a victim of violent crime today than 25 years ago. She is proud to be associated with the community groups; she has an open door policy. She met with the French Ambassador and fire officials from France to compare and contrast fire-fighting strategy. The south of France has a fire fighting air base. The county department of agriculture weights and measures examined price scanners: in 50% of stores there was either an overcharge or undercharge so be sure to look at the receipts); if a price discrepancy is found and confirmed, a store must hang a sign in their window. The San Elijo lagoon is opening a nature center built from recyclables (See Attachment 3).

e. Councilman Carl DeMaio - Kelly Batten (representative); she is a native of Rancho Bernardo; worked for a Riverside County state senator for 8 years. During this past week: a new business tax was proposed which targets independent contractors and which would be retroactive from 2005 - DeMaio does not agree; a proposal was also made which would force small business to outsource trash collection - DeMaio is against; against citizens having to pay for trash removal; he believes the city should take a hard look at what can be cut and then look at new taxes/fees; he also has a Facebook site for communication; When asked about the budget and the libraries and recreation centers, it was explained that DeMaio wants to see other cuts first before these. It was also noted that libraries were privatized in Riverside, but then it was noted that the council would not have funds to pay for a meeting space that the CMR library provides. Ms. Batten stated that the council was looking to the community for input on language for the plaque commemorating Joetta McNamara Mihalovich. However, it was noted that previous reports from the council said that **the tree had been planted and the plaque would be ordered.** Ms. Batten stated she would follow-up.

f. San Diego Planning Dept. – not present

g. CMR Fire Station – not present

h. Mayor Sanders – Stephen Lew – not present

i. Chair's Report:

Shoal Creek Bridge presentation

- i. Nobody has contacted anyone on the subcommittee (post-meeting note: contact from the bridge group has been made.)

k. Old Business - none

l. New Business -

Anne Chang noted that the council needed to engage the community more. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be done in a combination of the homeowners' newsletter and enhancing the website.

V. Adjournment at 7:31PM

**Next meeting February 11th, 6:30PM**

**Carmel Mountain Ranch Public Library**

(Meeting Minutes to be completed and then emailed to:

[SDplanninggroups@sandiego.gov](mailto:SDplanninggroups@sandiego.gov) and [gfairley@waltersmanagement.com](mailto:gfairley@waltersmanagement.com) along with the other Council members.