

LOS BANOS COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 08/18/05

OPENING:

The meeting, held at the United Methodist Church on Iowa Street in Los Banos, CA, was called to order at 2:10 PM, by Chairman Dave Anderson.

ATTENDANCE:

Anderson, Berck, Donovan, Gerbi, Napolitano, Sumner and Weins.

READING OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 08/11/05 were read and approved as corrected

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

01. E-Mail was received from Dave Barboso from Patterson PEG, along with a copy of H.R. 3146 a proposed bill being introduced that would have a detrimental effect on Public Access Groups, and asked that everyone come to a meeting that he was going to try to set up with Congressman Cardoza and Senators Boxer and Feinstein.

UNFINISHED BUSINES:

01. Dave Anderson advised that the Bylaws had been updated with all suggested changes and need to be formally approved. Motion by Napolitano seconded by Sumner that the Bylaws dated 08/18/05 be accepted and approved. – **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**
Maybe we should include that these were signed also?
02. Policy and Procedures are being reviewed, a discussion was held on a portion of Article 23.1 on Page 38 and it was decided to leave it the way it was written. Members to continue to read and make any suggestions they feel necessary.
03. Sumner stated that he had been unable to contact Linda White of the United Way, but had checked out some possible grant writing groups, one group charges a flat fee of approximately \$395 and another charges 10% of the grant, and we need to check their resolution record. He also stated that he had other possibilities of obtaining some preliminary grants. He was authorized to explore the possibilities. Need to check local grant writers and sources.
(Our IRS ID No. is 47-0958951)
04. Dave stated that he had talked the Harford Insurance Group, Drivers Insurance in San Diego and Plaza Insurance and asked them for an estimate on our insurance.
05. Discussed meeting with the Mayor, we need to let him know where we are at and where we are going, and ask what kind of support we could expect from the city in terms of, Equipment, Space and Funding. Gerbi stated that Gene Lieb, editor of the Enterprise was also very interested in our group, and it was decided to have him come to a meeting and ask him to put an article in the paper. Gerbi will contact him and invite him to come next week.
06. Gerbi stated that he had a discussion with a couple of members of the Art Council about the use of the two car garage at their site, and they expressed an opinion that seemed to favor our using it, we also need to get the Mayor's feeling on this as the Arts Council and the city have a good working relationship and we don't want to expunge on it.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd):

07. Anderson appointed Dick Gerbi as the Space Acquisition Committee; he tabled any other appointments until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

01. Anderson stated that the IRS had informed him that it would take 120-250 days to obtain our 501(c) non-profit, but that it may be possible to get a provisional approval sooner.
02. Anderson asked what the members present thought about "lbcag.org" as the official name for our website when we are ready to start one; everyone was in agreement that it was OK.
03. Napolitano asked Weins, as a newcomer to our group, what she thought of our meeting. Weins stated that when we have guests we should keep the meeting a little more structured and we needed to have a "Mission Statement" as to who we are, where we are and where do we intend to go, with our goals listed. Everyone was in agreement and it is something we need to work on. Anderson stated that he had written "Mission Statements" before and would put one together and e-mail it to everyone, and if it was OK we would have Gene Lieb come to the next meeting, and the Mayor possibly to the meeting in two weeks.
04. Next meeting will be at the United Methodist Church on Thursday, 18 August 2005, at 2:00 PM.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

01. Logo
02. Meeting with Mayor and Council Member
03. Policies and Procedures.

CLOSING:

Upon completion of all business the meeting was closed 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

N. J. (Norm) Donovan
Secretary

Read and approved on ____08/25/05____