



LOS BANOS
COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP
150 "f" street
Los banos, ca 93635

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, 09/29/05

OPENING:

The meeting, held at the Bethel Community Church on 415 "I" Street in Los Banos, CA, was called to order at 2:05 PM, by Chairman Dave Anderson.

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS: Anderson, Donovan, Gerbi, Hammond, Menefee, S. Napolitano and Sumner
Absent:

MEMBERS: Berck, Croker, Gronigna, Smith, Wiens

GUESTS: Mayor Amabile

READING OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 09/22/05 were read and approved.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

- 01.
- 02.

UNFINISHED BUSINES:

01. **Funding:** Sumner reported that he had not been able to get in touch with the Director of the United Way, so tomorrow Croker is going to go to Merced and try to see if she can get in touch with him.
02. **Insurance:** Nothing new to report at this time.
03. **Visit by Mayor Amabile:** The Mayor thanked the group for inviting him, he state that he was in favor of the group attempting to start this Public Access Group for the city. He said that the City was in the process of purchasing all new digital equipment; it would also have High Definition capabilities. The City is contacting with MCOE out of Merced to do all of their programming. He seemed to be impressed that we had made the progress that we have and asked what we expected from the City.

The areas we asked for help in were as follows:

- Assistance in negotiation with Comcast.
- Use of City equipment.
- Space made available for our use.

There were discussions on a variety of items, and the Group explained to the Mayor that we had our By-Laws, Policy & Procedures, and he was given copies. We also have our Incorporation papers from the State, and were in the process of obtaining our Tax Exempt ID from the IRS. We also needed to know who would control our programming.

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Unfinished business (Cont'd):

At the conclusion of the meeting the Mayor stated that he would do the following:

- Tell our story to the City Council
- Check on the availability of equipment
- Check situation with Comcast and help in negotiations
- Check on the availability of office space for the group
- Try to get us included in the City's Grant Writing Program
- Will possibly create a Commission if the group wanted it.

The Mayor stated that he would be glad to send us a letter about the use of equipment, etc., if we would send him a letter with what we actually needed.

- 04. Space in Arts Council:** This is on hold until after the meeting with them on October 11.
- 05. Tax Exempt ID:** Form is filled out we will wait for letter from City before filing.
- 08. Information Sheets:** Filled out by Keith Groninga

NEW BUSINESS:

- 01.** Dave explained that he was working on the web site, but there were moving the servers to Phoenix and he was having a little difficulty.
- 02.** Some additional logos were presented by Smith, and after a motion by Napolitano, the new one was adopted.
- 03.** Anderson passed around a couple of ideas for business cards, with the new logo that was just approved he will do some more work on the card.
- 03.** Next meeting will be at the Bethel Community Church, 415 "I" Street, on Thursday, 6 October 2005, at 2:00 PM.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- 01.** None at this time.

CLOSING:

Upon completion of all business the meeting was closed 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

N. J. (Norm) Donovan
Secretary

Read and approved on ____10/06/05____