



LOS BANOS  
COMMUNITY ACCESS GROUP, INC.  
150 "F" STREET  
LOS BANOS, CA 93635

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, 01/16/05**

**OPENING:**

The meeting, held at the Bethel Community Church on 415 "I" Street in Los Banos, CA, was called to order at 12:50 PM, by Chairman Dave Anderson.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**DIRECTORS:** Anderson, Donovan, Gerbi, Menefee, S. Napolitano  
**Absent:** Hammond (E), Sumner,

**MEMBERS:** Berck, Smith

**GUESTS:** Mayor Amabile

**READING OF MINUTES:**

No minutes were read at this special meeting

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

**01.** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINES:**

- 01.** Chairman Anderson advised that this was a special meeting Mayor Amabile. The Mayor was advised as to where we stand on our tax exempt status, and this special meeting was to have general discussion as to what support we could expect from the city on items such as:
1. Equipment – He was working with the city attorney as to how best to handle the sale of used equipment and what kind of value to be put on it.
  2. Office Space at Arts Council – He suggested that we send him a proposal asking for funding to pay the rent on office space, and would need to be approved by the City Council.
  3. Grant Writing – He suggested that maybe he could start a city commission and appoint members of our group to it, we could then possibly have access to this activity.
  4. Insurance Costs – Nothing could be done until we got our tax exempt status, and then could be looked into, as a grant possibly, on a yearly basis funded quarterly.

The mayor also suggested that we think about conducting interviews of some of the prominent contractors in town and get their view of where they want to be in Los Banos in the future, then they would possibly make a donation: Anderson Homes, Ranchwood, KB Homes, Malachi Sanchez, Olin's Floor Covering, etc.

Also suggested that he may be able to find space at city hall for us to conduct the interviews, and said he would cover cost of 1<sup>st</sup> production tape.

UNFINISHED BUSINESSs (Cont'd:

Gerbi inquired as to whether or not we could get help from Comcast, Mayor said many things have changed since the contract was signed, suggested we contact Carlos at the local Comcast office.

The Mayor also suggested that we needed to sell ourselves to the other City Council Members and the city in general, need to let them know who we are and what we are, and what we intend to do for the town.

He was asked about possible representative from the City to sit on our Board, Carey Reed had been suggested and he said that would be a good choice. Also suggested that we should ask Ken Hubler to attend a meeting and get him involved as he has the ear of the proper people in the city government, and he could also possibly assist in how to write a grant request.

Anderson reported that the tax exempt information, along with a request to expedite, was put in the mail to the Kentucky Office; hope to have an answer in the next 15 to 45 days. He had also been advised that any donation made prior to our receipt of the exempt status could be claimed for up to 5 months retroactive to the date of issue for tax purposes.

- 13. Meeting Reminder:** To be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month and Thursdays when required.

CLOSING:

Upon completion of all business the meeting was closed 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

**N. J. (Norm) Donovan**

**Secretary**

**Read and approved on \_\_02/13/06\_\_NJD\_\_\_\_\_**