

RCPC ROCKRIDGE COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING -- Meeting Host – [Jon Gabel](#)

[Draft minutes](#) – December 3, 2009, 7:30 PM –

Rockridge Library

Present: Directors Stu [Flashman](#), Andy [Charman](#), Bill [Kaufner](#), Jon [Gabel](#), Katy [Taylor](#), Joan [Martin](#), Ronnie [Spitzer](#), Doug [Patton](#), Caesar [Angobaldo](#), Ann [Winterman](#), Michael [Kan](#); RR News Editor Don [Kinkead](#).

A) Item 1: Administrative [7:30]

- A) Approval of agenda
- B) Approval of Minutes [5 min]– All
 - a. Minutes of October Meeting
 - a. *Put off to Jan '10 meeting for lack of review*
 - b. Minutes of November Meeting
 - a. *Jon moves to approve*
 - b. *2nd*
 - i. *(4)approve*
 - ii. *(1)abstain*
 - c. Consent calendar [5 min] – All
 - a. Procedure for paying recurrent expenses
 - b. Status update on LUC members
 - i. *(1)Jennifer Renk, resigned for professional considerations*

Item 2: High Profile Items [7:40]

B) Appointment of Interim Secretary/Executive Committee member (5 min)

- a. *Michael Kan to serve until April, 2010*
 - i. *Ronnie moved to nominate*
 - ii. *2nd*
 - 1. *unanimous*

C) Discussion of draft 2010 budget (15 min) – Joan

- a. *Draft created from 2009/2010 actuals; consider as operating/basic budget; Kitchen Tour not included as it occurs every other year.*
- b. *Grants and scholarships are zero; consider contributions for 2010*
- c. *Consider litigation funds or “slush funds” for budget. Has not been considered in past; mentioned @ last Town Hall meeting litigation funds could be Trust fund. Contributors could be refunded if not used. Litigation possible next year (2010)*
 - i. *Further discussion on litigation fund; consider other funding parties, i.e. concerned neighbors*
- d. *Reviewed Balance sheet*
 - i. *Discussion on Assets and Liabilities Sheet; see Balance Sheet ;*
 - ii. *Review of Retreat Notes*
 - 1. *funding ideas: Sidewalks-trees, BART ivy plaza/ information kiosk*
 - 2. *Questions to consider*
 - a. *Self insurance fund? Probably not*
 - b. *Entry for appeals on LUC? about 1 yearly*
 - c. *Cost for e-news constant contact? Included in internet costs*

d. Budget Strategy Planning meeting was postponed; can be rescheduled – perhaps after Jan 2010. Budget can be amended after special projects are decided

i. folder will be created on Yahoo page

ii. Motion for 2010 Budget – Ronnie

iii. 2nd - pass unanimous

D) Land Use Committee (20 min)

a. Consideration of neighbors' appeal of College Preparatory School facilities master plan - board vote on oppose/not oppose letter (15 min) - Andrew/Bill Garcia

*i. Stu **recused**, due to conflict of interest*

ii. Andrew brought up confusion on minutes

- 1. Concerned Neighbors more focused with CPS upholding their promises. LUC recommended to BOD not enough substance to take a position some confusion on Concerned Neighbors desire for RCPC assistance.*
- 2. Ronnie states neighbors want traffic studied as part of EIR; neighbors' traffic estimates do not coincide with CPS projections (300 to 350 increase for student body). Grounds for neighbors' appeal? EIR may not be possible. Traffic consultant will not be hired. Ronnie also **recuses**.*
- 3. Jon – neighbors should come to an agreement with CPS, which if CPS violates said agreement RCPC can support neighbors' position*
- 4. Summation: BOD to direct LUC vice chair to encourage Concerned Neighbors to draft agreement with CPS on plans, document any grievances and write editor of RRNews for any sited violations.*

b. College Ave Safeway scoping update (5 min)

i. Disappointing results and will be covered in RR News

ii. Highlights covered from City Scoping Meeting (Planning Commission)

- 1. alternative to driveway on College Ave to be studied*
- 2. was deemed consistent to C31 zoning*
- 3. lobbying with City Council may be more beneficial*
- 4. Current EIR violates CEQA and zoning laws*
- 5. Stu reviewed EIR/comments timeline which could lead up to litigation as presented at last Town Hall meeting*
- 6. Part of litigation fund could be hiring a consultant to review EIR*
 - a. EIR review lays ground work for litigation*

Item 3: Financial [8:20]

A) Financial statements (November) (10 min) – Joan

1. Review of Notes from Treasurer and accompanying financial documents

i. Questions on some issues, i.e. insurance on Kitchen Tour Oct/Nov event

*ii. Balance Sheet – previous year or month? previous **month***

Item 4: General [8:30]

A) Update on board candidates for April election (5 min)

a. Consulted with other Board Chairs; no candidates as of yet

b. Candidates from last Town Hall? Rockridge Days booth?

c. Deadline for candidates filing 2/15/2010

B) Updating hosting schedule for Town Hall & Board meetings (5 min)

a. Review of Hosting list

i. BOD Host duties – opening Library and refreshments

ii. Town Hall Host duties – opening Library, arranging speakers, set up

1. Ronnie has Hosts' procedures which should be added to Red Book

C) Status report on updating **Redbook** (5 min)

a. Committee setup??

b. Suggestions from Retreat to add to Red Book

c. See notes from Retreat in Dec BOD packet

d. Schedule meeting in Jan? Jan 5, 2010 @ BarClays

i. Roster updates – fax number is useful

Item 5: Committee Reports [8:45]

- A) FROG Committee – Ronnie (??)
- B) Schools Committee – Bill (??)
 - a. *Bill will interview Principal of Oakland Tech for RR News*
 - b. *Bill is thinking of interviewing Principal of CPS, then maybe Chabot Elementary*
- C) Land Use Committee (15 min) – Stu
 - a. Proposed zoning ordinance amendment on signage (10 min)
 - 1. *change in sign ordinance will allow 300 sqft sign; (1)sq ft for each linear ft of store frontage; Safeway, Dreyers and Trade Joe's has qualifying store frontage*
 - 2. *Zoning committee not as concerned with signage issues*
 - 1. *Network with other city organizations for leverage on issue to influence other Council Members; possibly use Safeway issue for networking advantages*
 - b. Update on sign ordinance issues (5 min)
- D) Communication Committee – ??
 - a. Naming new chair for committee
 - 1. *Don Kinkead submits as Communications Chair*
 - 1. *Katy motions to nominate Don*
 - 2. *2nd*
 - 3. *Unanimously passes*
 - b. Town Hall Meeting Schedule
 - 1. Jan – Annual RCPC committee reports & “open mike”
 - 1. *Katy will be Jan. 2010 Town Hall Host*
 - 2. Feb –
 - 1. *Andrew will be Feb Town Hall Host*
 - 2. *Will possibly have LBL Experts speak on energy*
 - 3. March –
 - 1. *Town Hall meeting could schedule Board candidates to speak*
 - 2. *Will have write up in RR News on candidates; April RR News will have candidates statements published*
 - 3. *Doug will check on California Water Program for speakers or speakers from Habitat for Humanity*
 - 4. April – Board Elections
 - 1. *Possibly schedule new Police Chief to speak*
 - c. Articles for January issue of Rockridge News [10 min] – Don
 - 1. *article on “Gates” project and photo of presented check considered*
 - 1. *Check should be presented at PTA meeting*
 - 2. *Katy will check with Ron Kriss for “Gate” project status*
 - 2. *12/21 submission date for RR News articles*
- E) Transportation Committee – Andrew (??)
 - a. *Will start search for traffic consultant to review and interpret EIR on Safeway project*
 - b. *Will FANS collaborate on EIR consultant? Not yet*
 - c. *Suggestion to look at repaving Chabot Rd or repairing pot holes*
- F) Fourth Bore Coalition Update – Ronnie (??)

Item 6: January agenda items: (??)

- 1. standard agenda items
- 2. Budget meeting results
- 3. Establishing a standing “Events” committee

Item 7: Adjourn: 9:44PM

Minutes submitted by M.R.Kan