RLE Chamber of Commerce and Civic League

Minutes for August 8, 2024

Open Session: 6:30 P.M.

Call to order: 6:34

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Wendy Stirnaman, President (exp 2024)	X	
Cathy Scharf, Vice President (exp 2025)	X	
Tonia Silva, Treasurer (exp2024)	X	
Dan Welch, Director(exp2025)	X	
Stacey Bastian, Director (exp 2025)	X	
Anthony Silva, Director (exp 2024)	X	
Liliette Freeman, Director (exp 2025)	X	
John Todd, Director (exp 2025)	X	
Troy Golden, Director (exp 2025)		X

Quorum Present: Yes

Introductions:

LeeAnn, ViAnn, Stephan Freeman, Meg Schaefer, Jason Green, Maria Liverett and Herb Liverett and 2 associates.

President Opening Comments: No comments

Approval of the prior minutes: Tonia motioned to accept minutes with one correction, Wendy 2nd, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report and approval: Dan motioned, Liliette 2nd, motion carries.

Old Business

1. Mayor's Race- Cathy- With 6 candidates selling we need to purchase more tickets already. Tonia motioned to buy up to 10,000 tickets, starting with a 5,000-ticket purchase. Wendy 2nd, motion carries.
2. Cartoon Map- Tonia. Printing 5018x42 maps
3. Mixer- Committee- event for Sept 30th canceled.
4. Plaques- Troy- Table until Sept meeting.

New Business

1. Business of the Month- TNT
2. Community Champion- Form Committee, Awards-Committee Dan, Liliette, Tonia. Tonia motioned $299.85 for the Community Champion award, Dan 2nd. Motion carries
3. Mayor Dinner Committee- Committee- LeeAnn, Liliette, Tonia, Wendy.
4. Electronic meeting attendance- Tonia will be gone or the next 2 meetings, asked to join electronically, does not expect it to count for attendance, just wants to be able to be present for discussion.

5. Mayor's Events- Pie with Mayors scheduled for August 31st pending candidates' ability to attend. Event to take place at Rio Java at 5pm.
6. Letter to Sac County- The Neighborhood Association has drafted a letter about a cell tower and the aesthetic of it. John would like the Chamber to cosign. He believes it will negatively affect the business in our community. Anthony motioned to sign the letter, Wendy 2nd , Tonia and Dan abstained. Motion carries.

Other Comments or Concerns- Maria Liverett's associate #1 asked about agenda being posted beforehand. Recommendation received and she was thanked for bringing it to the attention of the board. She also asked about the recording of meetings, and LeeAnn responded all the minutes go out by email to every member and they are posted on the website once approved. She also asked why the strong opposition to the cell phone tower with connectivity complaints. The board responded it was not a direct complaint about the tower being put in, but against the planning department and the change to the aesthetics of the tower, as per the agreement to the CPAC.

Herb Liverett- Stated he came to meeting to discuss 6800 Rio Linda Blvd, which was not brought up. He then proceeded to point out that John had posted negative remarks against his wife on social media. He then spoke about issues with the county and the requirements for the building and the cost. John Todd agreed that the county can be difficult to work with in his experience. Dan also responded that the Chamber would be glad to help with navigating the issues, and another director mentioned that the Chamber had grant money in 2023 and had attempted to reach out a minimum of three times to aid to help beautify the front of building. The Liverett's stated they received no phone calls.

Other concerns raised by the Liverett's and Associates

1. They took the fence down and had windows broken, and concerned because of sideshows, so they put fence back up.
2. Their comments were that the Chamber is allowing a member to sit on the board that has attacked a community member on social media.(The Board responded collectively that what John posts on his personal social media is not reflective of the Chamber's opinions.)
3. Associate # 1 stated that John's business license was expired referring to Rio Linda Online. (The board responded that we as a board do not make a habit of verifying every person who joins the Chamber's business licenses.)

The discussion continued repetitively until Tonia pointed out that we have a time limit for comments that has been far exceeded.

Josh Gumacal- Service Academy, 9th Annual Brain Health Form, flyer coming, Cyber Security Workshop Sept 4th, more information available at berra.house.gov.

Director's Comments: Stacey- NNO was a success, and the beautification project at RLH is almost completed. August 20th is back to school for Rio Linda. Comedy show Sept 27th, doors open at 6, dinner at 6:30 ticket is cost is $25.

John- Zucchini Fest was a great day in Rio Linda, NNO was a great event regardless of the heat. Asked for closed session after the meeting.

Cathy- Backpack event was amazing, gave out over 1000 backpacks to the kids. Sandy from Sisters in Christ is running for Mayor through Lifepointe.

Liliette- Zucchini Festival was great, thanked LeeAnn for working with vendors.

Dan- Thank you to Ami Berra's office for presenting an award to grange and reiterated the Comedy Show.

Tonia- Talked about Tummy's Fishing competition and stated how she appreciates community.

Public Comments:

Adjourn: 7:57PM

Notes-

Future Agenda Items-

Next Meeting is September 9, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.
Location- Depot Building 6730 Front St, Rio Linda, C.A. 95673