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(to be approved at June meeting)

VWC MINUTES FOR May 13, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE: All current members, with the exception of Michele, Beth and Donna.

Reflection and Appreciation – Hilary noted that she has been a member of the Valley Women’s Club since its beginning. She appreciates Sheila for always being willing to make copies, send faxes and accept documents to be picked up.

Additions to Agenda – (1) Regional Transportation Commission; (2) zoning changes

Context (from last meeting)

April Minutes corrected to read that the Recycling Centers 2007 year-end Profit and Loss Report (not the Budget) was approved as presented.

Content

Moth spraying in SLV and county has been postponed indefinitely. Alternatives to moth spraying have been drafted.

Bus Shelters discussion postpone until June meeting.

Zoning Changes – Kevin Collins, member of the VWC Environmental Committee and representing the Sierra Club, attended to discuss changes the Board of Supervisors has made to County Code which will allow the number of potentially habitable units on a parcel in the SLV and throughout the County to be codified to up to four per parcel. Because of time constraints, the Sierra Club has requested, and, after discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to approve, in concept, that the Valley Women’s Club would be the initial plaintiff in the Sierra Club’s lawsuit to compel the County to fulfill its obligation under CEQA regulations regarding the recently adopted zoning regulations, pending approval by legal counsel. (NOTE: Lawyer advised against lawsuit due to procedural weaknesses undermining ability to succeed, so Sierra Club and VWC decided not to file.)

VWC Values Statement draft prepared by Sheila and Sanda presented for discussion. Statement will be discussed at June meeting.

Candidates’ forum was well-attended after good publicity.

VWC will not take a stand on Proposition S regarding Ten Million Dollar Bond for Ben Lomond Fire Department.

Committee Reports

Membership – Welcoming letters mailed to 13 new members. Attempts to contact delinquent members via email are resulting in many being unaccepted. It was suggested that a request appear in the newsletter to add VWC to email recipients list.

Recycling Centers 2008 budget presented and discussed; it was moved, seconded and carried to approve.

Newsletter Editor Job Description prepared by Nancy Macy and presented. She will prepare the Environmental Committee chair job description to be presented at June meeting

Scholarship Committee – will award 4 scholarships: 2 for \$600 and 2 for \$400. Scholarships Awards Night will be May 29, and Dusty will be the presenter.

Scholarship Rummage sale will be on June 14 at Highway 9 and Flat Street. Goods can be dropped off at Hilary’s house after June 1.

Women's Issues – Santa Cruz County Women's Commission is accepting nominations for its annual Trailblazer Awards. Awards will be announced in August; awards ceremony will be September 20.

California Commission on the Status of Women will hold public hearings on issues facing California women and girls. Sheila and Donna will submit written testimony for the hearing in San Francisco on June 19.

Community Connections – Proposition R campaign going great!

Eco Website can be checked out at Ecocruz.com

Shed Workday – Nancy M. will propose dates via email.

BC Art and Wine Festival – Volunteers requested to fill in open slots at booth.

Announcements

Reel Work 2008 Film Festival documentary about activist, Tillie Olsen: A Heart in Action – Women's Committee will purchase DVD and donate to BC library.

20-year nonprofit organization, Young at Heart, provides professional musicians to entertain at senior centers and convalescent care homes. It will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, May 17, at 7 pm. at the Digital Media Factory..

Regional Transportation Commission – A representative from the RTC has asked to present to the Board in July.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, at MCR in Felton.

Respectfully presented,

Pat Armstrong, Secretary