

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting,
August 14, 2010

The meeting was **called to order** by President Paul McNamara at **10:30 AM** .

Enough members were present to form a **quorum**.

The membership recited the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Candidates and Elected Officials:

Mayoral Candidate Tom D'Agosta and Candidate for the Palomar College Board of Trustees, Paul McNamara, spoke to the members about their candidacy.

Report of Executive board Actions

Paul McNamara announced that two **Movie Night** series had been developed. The first was organized by member Joanna Welch, would be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church. The second, tentatively called "Underground Movie Nights" would be held in back yards. Paul told the members they would be able to vote for the first movie that would be shown, and whether to accept "Underground Movie Nights" as a title or suggest another title.

Paul reported that the EDC Board had decided to delay further action on the **ICE/Escondido Police Dept.** matter until city council and mayoral candidate had stated their positions on the matter.

Paul reminded the members that the EDC would participate in the Sept. 11, **Grape Day** celebration even though we would hold our usual general meeting on that date. He asked for volunteers to help staff the EDC booth.

Vice President for Membership, Jason Everitt described a resolution **on local jobs**, approved by the Board, to the membership. A copy of this resolution is included with these minutes. This resolution will be voted on at the September meeting.

Paul reported that the Board had approved presenting a few proposed **changes to the Standing Rules for Endorsement** regarding the process of rating candidates. The actual changes would be posted on the EDC website, and would be voted on at the September meeting. A copy of those changes is included with these minutes.

Report of communications received/acted upon: no communications were reported.

Reports of the Vice Presidents and Committee Chairs: (

Report of the Treasurer:

Paul McNamara presented the Treasurer's Report--a copy is included with these minutes.

Report of the Vice President for Political Action:

Paul reported that **Speak Out** team had been quite active, and members could see that action on our website.

Report of the Vice President for Membership:

Jason Everitt reminded the members to pay their dues, and that in order to vote to endorse a candidate (at our Sept. meeting,) a member must be a member in good standing (i.e. paid his dues) twenty-five days before that meeting.

Report of the Vice President for Communications:

Rick Moore reminded the members that the September meeting would be a forum for mayoral and city council candidates. He asked the members to send questions they would like to ask the candidates to him.

Report of Committee Chairs:

Community Outreach Committee Chair Carmen Miranda reported on her efforts to work with local churches.

Report of the President.:

President Paul McNamara reported that he had attended the Council of Clubs meeting. He felt the meetings were a good way to learn about what other clubs were doing as well as getting new ideas about how to make the EDC more successful.

Items brought forth by the membership for the good of the Order.

Carmen Miranda's daughters spoke briefly about their Escondido High School organization, Voice of Tomorrow in Action.

Charles Cleveland stated that it was vitally important to make sure that equality of access be maintained on the Internet.

The meeting was **adjourned** by Paul McNamara at 11:00 AM.

Following the Meeting, City Council Candidates, Richard Barron, Jason Everitt, and Carmen Miranda, and Candidate for Palomar College Trustee, Paul McNamara presented a brief description of, and pro and con arguments for November ballot initiatives.

ADDENDA

I Resolution Regarding a Proposed Local Employment Program

Whereas the City of Escondido (the City) has a compelling interest in reducing the level of unemployment among its residents; and

Whereas it is appropriate for the City to consider the well-being of its residents when it funds public works contracts, service contracts, and subsidized projects; and

Whereas the City has a special interest in seeing that the benefits of public works contracts, service contracts, and subsidized projects accrue to its residents; and
Whereas the land owned by the City belong to the citizens of the City; and

Whereas the City, when acting as a market participant in funding public works contracts, service contracts, and subsidized projects, should give City residents an employment preference to promote a more stable economy; and

Whereas the City has a duty of loyalty to its citizens and should fulfill this duty by giving residents preference for employment on public works contracts, service contracts, and subsidized projects; and

Whereas it should be the policy of the City to ensure full and equitable opportunities for Escondido residents to participate in the employment opportunities that arise from public works contracts, service contracts, and subsidized projects; and

Whereas it should also be the policy of the City to increase the number of employed persons living in the City in an attempt to counteract the grave economic and social ills associated with the high unemployment levels that exist within the City;

Be it resolved the Escondido Democratic Club urges the City of Escondido to establish a Local Employment Program to encourage hiring and retention of Escondido residents for the work to be performed under public works contracts, service contracts, and subsidized projects; and be it

Further resolved the Escondido Democratic Club urges the City Council to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that reflects the City's commitment to local job creation and retention; and be it

Finally resolved, the Escondido Democratic Club urges the City Council to express its preference to C.W. Clark, Inc. (the Developer) that in the construction of the Escondido Marriot hotel, the Developer hire local contractors and local workers.

II

Standing Rules for Endorsements Escondido Democratic Club

(Proposed changes are highlighted in yellow. Deletions are crossed out. Additions are underlined.)

1. Club endorsements of candidates for public office and club positions on ballot propositions may be determined at any properly noticed club meeting, provided that a quorum is present and that the notice of the meeting (normally contained in the Club newsletter) included notification of the races or ballot measures which are to be considered for endorsement or rating. (A quorum is 20 members in good standing at the time of the meeting.) To be eligible to vote for endorsement of a candidate or ballot

proposition, a member must have been a member in good standing at least 25 days prior to the meeting. Proxy voting and absentee voting is not permitted; however, a club member who attends a meeting where an endorsement vote is held may exercise the option to cast an endorsement ballot prior to the vote, pursuant to the procedures indicated in Section 17 below. (Note: Candidates and their staff members, who are otherwise eligible to vote, are also eligible to vote on all endorsements.)

2. Voting on any endorsement shall be by secret ballot when requested by any member eligible to vote.
3. The Executive Board shall recommend the selection of races and propositions to be included on the slate. The selection may be modified by a majority vote of those eligible members present and voting. Endorsements normally will be made as soon as is practical after candidates are certified.
4. In partisan and non-partisan elections, only Democratic candidates may be endorsed. This rule is not subject to suspension.
5. An affirmative vote of at least 60 percent of the club members present and eligible to vote shall be required to endorse a candidate, rate a candidate, or take a position on a ballot proposition. (Note: The vote required is measured by all those eligible members "present," not just those "present and voting".) The option of "No Endorsement" shall be included on the endorsement ballot for each race or ballot measure.
6. Only one candidate may be endorsed per seat. An endorsement implies that the club recommends that people vote for that candidate rather than any other candidates for that seat. It does not necessarily imply that the club supports all of the candidate's positions.
7. Candidate surveys shall be prepared and approved by the Executive Board and shall be reviewed periodically (at least every two years) to ensure that current issues are adequately reflected. Candidates for judicial office will be evaluated on a specifically tailored and limited survey and/or attendance at the appropriate meeting. The completed survey shall be assessed by the Political Action Committee chaired by the Vice President for Political Action.
- ~~8. Candidates wishing to be considered for an endorsement or acceptable rating must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. They are running for state-wide or national office
 - b. They are declared a friendly incumbent by the Executive Board
 - c. They complete a candidate survey~~
9. All candidates for non-partisan office and all Democrats for partisan office will be invited to appear at the endorsement meeting to answer questions.
10. Prior to voting on a candidate race, a Club member shall either make a motion that the Club consider an endorsement in the specified race or a motion that the Club forgo an endorsement and immediately consider rating candidates in the race. A single such motion may include more than one race; however, at the request of any member, a separate vote to consider an endorsement or to consider rating candidates shall be taken on a particular race. A simple majority vote is required for either motion to pass. If neither a motion to consider an endorsement or a motion to consider rating candidates in a race receives a majority vote, then the outcome shall be listed as "No Position" in that race.
11. If no candidate receives the required 60 percent vote for endorsement, sub-sequent ballots shall be taken deleting the candidate receiving the least number of votes and those receiving no votes on the previous ballot.
12. If after the completion of balloting, no candidate has received the 60 percent of the vote required for an endorsement, the chair may entertain motions to rate one or more of the candidates. If a candidate is endorsed, the remaining candidates shall not be rated. If a candidate is endorsed and the Club wishes to warn voters away from one or more

opponents, the Chair may respond to a motion that the „unacceptable“ rating be applied to those opponents. Otherwise, once a candidate is endorsed, no other ratings shall be made in that race.

13. The club may choose any of the following options for rating candidates:
 - a. “Acceptable”—Circumstances justifying this rating include, but are not limited to: (i) the candidate does not qualify for an endorsement, however the club feels the person is supportable, (ii) the candidate has a good record and/or good position statements, however the club disagrees with the candidate on one or more significant issues, (iii) there are more than one good candidates, and the club prefers to rate them each as acceptable rather than endorse a single candidate.
 - b. “Unacceptable”—Circumstances justifying this rating include, but are not limited to: (i) the candidate has a poor position or record on one or more critical issues, (ii) the candidate has demonstrated a lack of responsiveness.
 - c. “No Position”—Circumstances justifying this rating include, but are not limited to the following: (i) not enough information is known about the candidate, (ii) the candidate appears to be between the ratings of “Acceptable” and “Unacceptable,” (iii) it would not be politically expedient to take a position.
14. The club may rate any ballot proposition as “Support,” “Oppose,” or “No Position.”
15. In the event that the club entertains a motion to rate a candidate or ballot proposition, and 60% of those voting cannot agree on the assignment of any of the rating options listed above, then that candidate or proposition shall be assigned the rating of “No Consensus.”
16. No candidates, including candidates who are also club members, may be present for debate on the office for which that candidate is contending.
17. A club member who attends a meeting where an endorsement vote is held may exercise the option to cast an endorsement ballot prior to the vote. The Teller shall hold such ballots until the vote is called for that particular race or ballot measure. In the event that the motion to consider an endorsement in a candidate race fails, the ballots submitted in advance shall be discarded. Ballots submitted in advance are considered only in the first round of balloting; they are not included in runoffs.
18. Club funds may only be contributed to the campaigns of those candidates endorsed by the club and those ballot propositions earning a rating of “Support.” The club by a 60% vote may designate certain races/issues as “priority campaigns” to indicate that those campaigns should be given priority in terms of funding or club-coordinated volunteer efforts.
19. These rules may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting, provided that a quorum is present. These rules may be amended by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at any properly called club meeting, provided that a quorum is present, and provided that notice of the proposed amendment was included with the notice of the meeting.

Friendly Incumbent Endorsement Guidelines

- A. Friendly incumbent endorsements may be considered for all incumbents who have a supportive voting record on appropriate issues, as determined by the Executive Board. The friendly incumbent endorsement is intended to reward incumbents for their support and should be completed early so the candidate has a greater opportunity to use the Club’s endorsement to discourage challengers.
- B. A friendly incumbent endorsement does not require the completion of a questionnaire or attendance at an endorsement meeting.

- C. The Executive Board may determine eligibility for a friendly incumbent endorsement for an incumbent who has no voting record by virtue of holding an administrative, executive or other non-legislative office.
- D. Friendly incumbent endorsements may be approved on a consent calendar. Any member may remove a candidate from the consent calendar for separate consideration.
- E. Where an incumbent does not receive a friendly incumbent endorsement, the office will be treated as open. All candidates that office (including the incumbent) will then be required to follow the standard endorsement procedure.

III Treasurer's Report:

Current Month Cash Flow Statement and Account Balances

Opening Account Balances (6/30/2010): \$5,123.27

Receipts

Donations	\$0.00	
EDC Fund Raising	\$7.00	
Membership	\$70.00	
Total Receipts		\$77.00

Expenses

EDC Operating Expenses	\$0.00	
Education and Outreach	\$35.00	
Political Action	\$0.00	
Membership	\$0.00	
EDC Fundraising	\$0.00	
Total Expenses		\$35.00

Net Cash Flow \$42.00

Closing Account Balances (7/31/2010): \$5,165.27



Treasurer's Report:

Year To Date Cash Flow vs. Plan

	7/31/2010 YTD	7/31/2010 Plan	Variance
Receipts			
Donations	\$196.00	\$0.00	\$196.00
EDC Fund Raising	\$110.00	\$215.69	(\$105.69)
Membership	\$980.00	\$1,133.31	(\$153.31)
Total Receipts	\$1,286.00	\$1,349.00	(\$63.00)
Expenses			
EDC Operating Expenses	(\$452.51)	(\$552.50)	\$99.99
Education and Outreach	(\$302.00)	(\$490.85)	\$188.85
Political Action	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EDC Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	(\$754.51)	(\$1,043.35)	\$288.84
Net Cash Flow	<u>\$531.49</u>	<u>\$305.65</u>	<u>\$225.84</u>

