

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting, July 10, 2010

The meeting was **called to order** by President Paul McNamara at **10:31 AM** .

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

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

Candidates and Elected Officials:

City Councilman **Dick Daniels**, who is also a candidate for Mayor spoke to the membership defending his support of the Marriot Hotel project. He claimed that this was the only use of redevelopment money that would generate money for Escondido. Responding to a member's question, he explained that the proposed ball park for a minor league club would be an addition to, not instead of, a proposed high-tech. business park in the area around the current public works yard. He explained that the City Council had chosen to go with a "phasing in" of library expansion rather than replacing the existing main library with a new building.

Candidate for City Council (and V.P. for membership of the EDC,) **Jason Everitt** announced that his campaign had raised over \$10,000 and that he had been endorsed by the Escondido Fire Fighters Assn.

Candidate for City Council, **Carmen Miranda**, (and Community Outreach Chair for the EDC,) emphasized that she would represent everyone on the City Council, and that she would focus on public safety with a goal of ensuring the new Fire Department building be fully manned.

Jason Everitt moved that the **minutes of the May General Meeting** be approved. Dan Buse seconded the motion which was passed by the membership.

Report of Executive board Actions

Paul McNamara announced that **Jeff Griffith** would chair the **movie-night** committee. He said that we still needed a good projector for the events.

Paul stated that the Board had agreed to ask the membership for direction in the matter of **I.C.E. agents** working with the Escondido Police Department. The Board had felt this practice was a poor one, and that immigration was a national, not a city, problem.

The Board had also decided not to have any **Fund Raisers** this year, since the EDC was in reasonably good financial shape, and all candidates were asking for money. Paul hoped that the members would support their candidates with whatever contributions they were able to make.

Paul reminded the members of the **Big Blue BBQ** to be held on July 18. Rick Moore encouraged the members to attend--since the location of the North County office might be determined by how well Escondido was represented at the BBQ, and how desirable it is to have that office be in Escondido.

The Board had agreed to have a booth at the **Grape Day** celebration on Sept. 11. Paul noted that this was on a General Meeting Day, but that there were people who had volunteered to set up the booth and run it during the meeting.

Paul explained that the Board had decided to strengthen the voice of the EDC by forming **Coalitions** with like-minded groups such as Latino, labor, and educational organizations. Such coalitions could provide better support for candidates, and provide feedback (other than Chamber of Commerce voices) to local leaders. As a part of this effort, the EDC now had a Community Outreach Director, Carmen Miranda, and a Labor Outreach Director, Mike O'Connor.

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 the Resolution on Local Jobs and the approved Climate Change Resolution were still being worked on. He also reported that the Speak Out team had been successful under V.P. for Political Action, Chris Nova's guidance.

Report of the Vice President for Membership:

Paul reminded the members to pay their dues. Rick Moore reminded the members 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:

Paul reminded the members that the Tag Line for the EDC would be chosen at this meeting. He reported that several members' op-eds had been published in the North County Times and were also posted on our website. He informed the members that the Board had agreed to participate in "Cruzin' Grand" by having a poster in one of Jeff Griffith's vintage cars.

Report of Committee Chairs:

Community Outreach Director Carmen Miranda explained that she would be reaching out to Church groups and other organizations. She would like to see Escondido become a community that served all of its citizens

Labor Outreach Director Mike O'Connor expressed his desire to make sure the City leaders heard a different view of what was good for Escondido's future than that of the business community.

Report of the President.:

President Paul McNamara had gone to the Central Committee meeting.

Paul asked the members for ideas about how the EDC could participate in Labor Day activities.

Tag Line :

The proposed Tag Lines were projected on the screen, and the members voted for their preferences. After a series of elimination votes the tag line:

Escondido Democratic Club — Creating an Escondido for Everyone

Paul thanked Rick Moore, Olga Diaz, and Jason Everitt for all their hard work on the project.

Resolution Calling For Leadership From the Escondido City Council

Paul McNamara put this resolution on the screen. He noted that the resolution had been posted on the website for the past month. Nova Morgan moved that the resolution be adopted. Chris Nava seconded the motion which carried. A copy of this resolution is included with these minutes.

ICE Agents:

Paul McNamara called for a motion directing the Board to investigate the best way of opposing ICE agents working with the Escondido Police Department. He reiterated the Board's position that the City of Escondido was not responsible for immigration issue. Dan Buse moved that the Board should go forward on the matter. Rick Moore seconded the motion. A member stated that no one should be afraid to contact the Police Department to report a crime or request assistance, because such contact might result in their deportation. City Council Member Olga Diaz noted that she had not been informed of the ICE activities, and had been unable to gain any information about those activities. Members seemed to agree that more information was needed before a course of action was determined. Ed Bradley called the question. The motion was passed.

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

Carmen Miranda announced a Blood Drive by the CLA, asking members to contact her for more information.

Paul McNamara noted that there would be several Go Team training sessions, and the information was posted on our website. He also reminded the members of the Big Blue BBQ.

Joanna Welch of Organizing for America (OFA) said that OFA was gearing up for the November elections. She noted that there had been 2,000 first time voters in Escondido in the 2008 election, and 1700 new voters in San Marcos. OFA would make an effort to contact those new voters before the mid-term election.

The meeting was **adjourned** by Paul McNamara at 11:28 AM.

Following the Meeting, Jen Badgley of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers gave a presentation. She stressed the value of Unions, citing their apprenticeship programs. Jason Everitt, whose day job is with the Center for Policy Initiatives spoke of the importance of a living wage.

ADDENDA

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Treasurer's Report: Current Month Cash Flow Statement and Account Balances

Opening Account Balances (5/31/2010): \$5,007.27

Receipts

Donations	\$25.00	
EDC Fund Raising	\$31.00	
Membership	\$60.00	
Total Receipts		\$116.00

Expenses

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

Net Cash Flow \$116.00

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



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Treasurer's Report: Year To Date Cash Flow vs. Plan

	6/30/2010 YTD	6/30/2010 Plan	Variance
Receipts			
Donations	\$196.00	\$0.00	\$196.00
EDC Fund Raising	\$103.00	\$199.02	(\$96.02)
Membership	\$910.00	\$1,074.98	(\$164.98)
Total Receipts	<u>\$1,209.00</u>	<u>\$1,274.00</u>	<u>(\$65.00)</u>
Expenses			
EDC Operating Expenses	(\$452.51)	(\$505.00)	\$52.49
Education and Outreach	(\$267.00)	(\$470.02)	\$203.02
Political Action	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$500.00
Membership	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	\$100.00
EDC Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	<u>(\$719.51)</u>	<u>(\$1,575.02)</u>	<u>\$855.51</u>
Net Cash Flow	<u>\$489.49</u>	<u>(\$301.02)</u>	<u>\$790.51</u>



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II RESOLUTION CALLING FOR LEADERSHIP FROM THE ESCONDIDO CITY COUNCIL

Whereas the City of Escondido has declared (in resolution 2007-16) that it “wishes to address the public nuisances of illegal immigration by aggressively working to prohibit and address acts, policies, people and businesses that aid and abet illegal aliens,” and

Whereas implementation of this policy resulted in an expensive and futile effort to require landlords not to rent to undocumented persons, and

Whereas, the Council further attempted to implement this policy by seeking to limit overnight parking in some areas of the City, and

Whereas, the Escondido Police Department has conducted a series of drivers license checkpoints that have resulted in charges of discrimination against some members of the Escondido community, and

Whereas, the public outcry regarding these efforts to implement the 2007 policy have resulted in reactions from supporters and opponents that have divided the community and caused damage to its image as a welcoming place to live, play and conduct business,

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Escondido Democratic Club direct Club officers to call upon the Escondido City Council, those persons elected to represent ALL of the residents of Escondido and to work to advance the economic and cultural interests of the City, to honor their commitment to leadership and to take steps to address the dissention and unhappiness that is dividing our city, and to report those steps to City residents.

Be it further resolved that this resolution shall be presented to the Escondido City Council at a public meeting and distributed to the media.

Approved by members of the Escondido Democratic Club July 10, 2010.