

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting, June 12, 2010

The meeting was **called to order** by President Paul McNamara at **10:35 AM** .

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

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

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

Report of Executive board Actions

Paul McNamara noted that the **Movie Night** proposal was still something that the club should pursue, what was needed was someone to take the lead in securing venues, advertising, etc.

Paul reported that the Candidates for City Council or Mayor would be sent a **questionnaire** (based on a model from the SDCDP,) to be completed. The questionnaire would be placed on the EDC website for approval by the membership.

The **Climate Protection Resolution** that the Club had voted to request the Mayor of Escondido to sign, was not yet presented to the Mayor, as it was hoped that other organizations would join with the EDC in asking the Mayor to sign the Resolution.

The EDC Board had long wished to increase its outreach to our community, so Paul was pleased to announce that **Carmen Miranda Griffith**, had agreed to be the **Community Outreach Director** for the EDC. Carmen than gave a short address to the membership. She noted that she had lived in Escondido for 28 years, had served on a citizens advisory group to the Chief of Police, now worked as an office manager for the Escondido School District, was married, and had two beautiful daughters. She mentioned that she had become "fed up" with the current City Council's actions that divided the community.

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 EDC Board had recommended that a "**Speak Out Group**" be formed to give feedback to the City Council on their actions-- he added that really two groups, one to write letters to the editors of local papers, another to speak out at council meetings, were needed.

Report of the Vice President for Membership:

Paul reminded the members to pay their dues.

Report of the Vice President for Communications:

Rick Moore reported that website visits (to www.escondidodems.org) were up!

Report of Committee Chairs:

Paul noted that the Street Faire had gone very well, the volunteer coordinator, Grace Sloan, had done an outstanding job.

Report of the President.:

President Paul McNamara had gone to the **Council of Clubs** meeting, which had been short, but still informative. .

Martha Sullivan, Vice Chair for the SDCDC North Area, spoke to the members. She encouraged them to come to the North County San Diego Big Blue BBQ, that would be on July 18 from noon to 4:0 PM, at the San Dieguito County Park in Del Mar. There will be live music as well as good food. Proceeds from the BBQ will go towards the opening of a North County 2010 Election Headquarters.

Paul recommended the documentary "**9500 Liberty**" which is about how the Chief of Police in Manassas, Virginia was able to bring that community together on the immigration issue. He hoped this documentary could be shown at one of the club's Movie Nights.

Paul noted that the **City Council** issues were being followed on the EDC website--including EDC member op.ed.s. and LTE's.

He also stated that the EDC hoped to engage more and more will City Council and Mayoral candidates.

Paul had attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the Oak Hill Cemetery, and found it very moving.

Tag Line :

Rick Moore reminded the members that the proposed tag lines were posted on the web site. He noted that Olga Diaz had helped the Board in choosing the best tag lines. He said the membership would vote on the best tag line at the July General Meeting.

Police Check Point Resolution.

Paul McNamara noted that this resolution had been on the website, for a month, and that he would now entertain a motion to pass the resolution. Chris Nava moved to do so, Dan Buse seconded the motion, which passed.

Resolution Calling For Leadership From the Escondido City Council

Paul McNamara put this resolution (copy included with these minutes,) approved by the Board at their last meeting before the members. He noted that the resolution would be posted on the website and would be voted on at the July meeting.

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

Noel Steiner spoke briefly about the activities of **Organizing For America** and the **Go Teams**.

Paul McNamara invited the members to attend a fundraiser for Richard Barron.

Paul noted that the **next meeting** would be at 10:30 AM on Saturday July 12, 10:30 AM, at the East Valley Community Center. The topic would be Labor Issues.

Andrea Seavey encourage the members to help in fighting the **Gregary Canyon Land Fill** project, that was now being reviewed by the Army Corp of Engineers. The Corp would accept comments from the public until June 18, 2010. Andrea praised Supervisor Pam Slater Price's argument against this land fill. Price had argued that increased recycling had made another land fill unnecessary, and, if built, would probably receive garbage from other counties.

The meeting was **adjourned** by Paul McNamara at 11:14 AM.

Following the Meeting, Andrea Guerrero, Field and Policy Director for the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, spoke to the members about immigration issues.

ADDENDA

1.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Month Cash Flow Statement and Account Balances

Opening Account Balances (4/30/2010): \$5,067.27

Receipts

Donations	\$3.00	
EDC Fund Raising	\$7.00	
Membership	\$120.00	
Total Receipts		\$130.00

Expenses

EDC Operating Expenses	\$190.00	
Education and Outreach	\$0.00	
Political Action	\$0.00	
Membership	\$0.00	
EDC Fundraising	\$0.00	
Total Expenses		\$190.00

Net Cash Flow (60.00)

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



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

	5/31/2010 YTD	5/31/2010 Plan	Variance
Receipts			
Donations	\$171.00	\$0.00	\$171.00
EDC Fund Raising	\$72.00	\$149.35	(\$77.35)
Membership	\$850.00	\$941.65	(\$91.65)
Total Receipts	\$1,093.00	\$1,091.00	\$2.00
Expenses			
EDC Operating Expenses	(\$452.51)	(\$387.50)	(\$65.01)
Education and Outreach	(\$267.00)	(\$387.19)	\$120.19
Political Action	\$0.00		\$0.00
Membership	\$0.00		\$0.00
EDC Fundraising	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Expenses	(\$719.51)	(\$774.69)	\$55.18
Net Cash Flow	\$373.49	\$316.31	\$57.18



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2. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR LEADERSHIP FROM THE ESCONDIDO CITY COUNCIL

Presented to members June 12, 2010 for review. Final vote scheduled July 10, 2010.

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 (date).