

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting, March 13, 2010

The meeting was **called to order** by President Paul McNamara at **10:32 AM** .

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

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

Chris Nava moved that the **minutes of the February General Meeting** .be approved. Jason Everitt seconded the motion which was passed by the membership.

Report of Executive board Actions

Paul McNamara reported that the Board had approved the **Standing Rules for Campaign support**, and the **Standing Rules for Resolutions**. Copies of these Standing are on our website and available in hard copy. Paul asked the members to review the Rules, so they could vote on them at the April General Meeting.

Paul also noted that the club had been able to fill two tables at the upcoming **Roosevelt Dinner** on April 10. Any members that had not made reservation could do so by contacting Chris Nava.

Paul advised the membership that the Executive Board had still not been able to come up with a list of **tag lines** for the membership to choose from, but should have them to present to the membership at the April meeting.

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

Reports of the Vice Presidents and Committee Chair: (In order to save time for a long meeting, Paul McNamara made the reports.)

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 asked the members to look for the **Action Alerts** on the web that were constantly being updated. The Website also now had a **Background Page on jobs**.

Paul placed the **US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement** on the screen, that had been presented to the membership at the February 13, 2010 meeting. Rick Moore moved that the membership vote to ask Escondido's Mayor Pfeiler to sign the agreement. Chris Nava seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed with dissent. A copy of the agreement is included with these minutes.

Report of the Vice President for Membership:

Paul reported that 25% of the membership had responded to the **survey**, and that Vice President Jason Everitt would like more to respond, and had hard copies of the survey passed out to members who did not use the Internet. Paul mentioned that the Executive Board had made one error in the survey, in that they allowed members to respond anonymously to the survey, so that those members who had indicated that they would be willing to volunteer their time, were anonymous. Paul asked those members who had so volunteered to please let Jason know.

Paul also asked that those members who owed **dues** to please pay, as this was the club's major source of revenue

Report of the Vice President for Communications:

Paul noted that the Board was still tackling the selection of **Tag Lines**. He commended Vice President Rick Moore for adding Video successfully to our web site, and putting us on **You Tube**.

Report of the President.:

President Paul McNamara announced that the Council of Clubs had named the Escondido Democratic Club as the **Club of the Year** for San Diego County, and that **Rick Moore** had been named **Volunteer of the Year**--which meant that an EDC member had been named Volunteer of the Year twice in a row, since **Chris Nava** had been so named in 2009.

Paul reported the the Central Committee had voted to endorse the Term Limits for San Diego County Supervisors measure.

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

Dan Buse moved that the EDC push the San Diego County Democratic Party to open up a campaign office in Escondido again--to serve North County candidates. Michele Anne Mereck seconded the motion. Rick Moore noted that Jess Durfee was aware that Escondido held a strategic position, and suggested that it would be a good idea to ask other clubs to join in our efforts to open the office. Dan Buse amended his motion accordingly. and the motion was passed.

Judy Slane thanked all the members who had brought food for the meetings.

Next Meeting:

Paul McNamara announced that the next meeting would be on Sat. March 13, at 10:30 AM at the East Valley Community Center.

Paul McNamara **adjourned** the meeting at 10:55 AM.

The meeting was followed by a speaker program. Margaret Liles presented an overview of the proposed Stonegate/Merriam Mountains Project. A synopsis of her presentation, and copy of the power point is available on our web site.

City Councilman Dick Daniels presented a brief overview of the City of Escondido's budgetary problems, and the proposed solutions. He then responded to written questions from the membership. City Councilwoman Olga Diaz then gave a report on the same issue and answered the same questions. A video of these two speakers is available on our website.

2: The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (As endorsed by the 73rd Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, Chicago, 2005)

A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;

B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that 1) includes clear timetables and emissions limits and 2) a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and

C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:

1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂; and
12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution