

Minutes
Escondido Democratic Club
General Meeting,
October 9, 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**.

Announcements:

President Paul McNamara announced that the **Resolution Regarding a Proposed Local Employment Program** had been presented to the City. He also noted that members were needed to volunteer for the upcoming Escondido Street Fair.

Candidate/Elected Official Statements:

City Councilwoman, **Olga Diaz**, asked members to support local business, City Councilman and candidate for Mayor, **Sam Abed**, complemented the Club's sponsoring of the Ball Park Forum and noted it was good that we all could work together. Candidate from the 75th Assembly District, **Paul Garver**, encouraged members to vote yes on Proposition 25, which would allow a simple majority rule on proposed state budgets. City Council candidate, **Carmen Miranda** noted that she would focus on local issues and be a Council member for all the citizens, not just business interests. City Council candidate, **Jason Everitt**, reiterated the need for a local jobs policy that would give priority to local contractors for all projects that the City initiated. City Council candidate, **Jim Crone** noted that during his 30 years as a developer in Escondido, he always hired local contractors, but that restricting the City's use to Escondido contractors might result in other cities adopting similar rules which could hurt those same Escondido contractors. Mayoral candidate, **Tom D'Agosta**, complained about the secrecy surrounding the Ball Park negotiations, noting that this was typical of Lori Pfeiler's projects. He would insist that all such negotiations be open. Mayoral candidate, **Joe Bologna**, said he was a big fan of baseball, but would want to really look at the financial situation before making a decision. City Council candidate **Ed Gallo**, noted that the ball park was a big issue, but perhaps the money could be better spent.

Program: Ballpark Forum:

Former Lake Elsinore Mayor, **Gary Washburn**, described the experience that he and his City had with their minor league ballpark. Former Democratic State Senator, **Steve Peace**, explained why he felt Escondido would be a great choice for the location of a Triple-A ballpark. JMI Sports representative, **Erik Judson**, presented a Power Point Presentation outlining the proposed ballpark project, and the positive things that it could bring to Escondido. **Randy Ortlieb**, representing a citizens group formed to support the ballpark also noted the positive points, and pointed out that the response of visitors to the organizations website, www.ballparkforescondido.org, had been overwhelmingly positive about having a ballpark in Escondido. Citizen **Bill Stephenson**,

was the only speaker against the ballpark project. He noted that there was no guarantee that the ballpark would be successful, or that the owners of the Triple A team would be loyal to Escondido. He noted that the overall record of such ballparks to communities was not a positive one.

Election of Officers:

After non-members had left, the members assembled for the election of officers. It was determined that there were enough members present to comprise a quorum. Grace Sloan moved that the slate of officers be voted in by acclamation. Dan Buse seconded the motion, and the slate was voted in. The EDC officers for the 2010-2011 year are:

Paul McNamara	President
Jason Everitt	Vice-President Membership
Chris Nava	Vice President Political Action
Rick Moore	Vice President Communications
Jeff Griffith	Treasurer
Margaret Liles	Secretary