

Ocotillo Community Park
266 Imperial Hwy.
Ocotillo, CA 92259
Monday, May, 6 2024
6:00 P.M.



Committee Members:
Darren A. Apedaile, Chair
Vacant, Vice Chair
Ava M. Mead, Secretary
Frank Vrettas
Patricia Thompson

April 8, 2024, meeting minutes

Ocotillo Area Community Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order by Darren Apedaile, Chair, at 6:03pm.

Roll call, members present: Darren Apedaile, Ava Mead, Frank Vrettas, quorum was met.

Darren Apedaile led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting open for public comment: 3 minutes per speaker

Andy Renfro – received an abatement notice to move his vehicle for expired registration. He noted that on the notice it had the incorrect address and stated the notices should be sent out as certified mail.

He also noted the excessive brush and overgrown weeds around the fire hydrants. He also noted that there are leaking hydrants.

Darren Apedaile asked Andy Renfro “waterboard director”, for approval to attend a water board meeting. Andy Renfro extended the invitation.

Approval of the order of the agenda.

Ava Mead made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Frank Vrettas seconded; we will continue with the agenda as presented.

Approval of the March 4, 2024, meeting minutes.

Ava Mead made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Frank Vrettas seconded, the motion passes. Minutes will be filed as presented.

Discussion and Action items

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We discussed the vacancy and not having a current Chair.

Darren Apedaile made a motion to approve him be the new Chair, Frank Vrettas seconded the motion. Voted and approved. Darren Apedaile will be the new Chair.

Carmen Zamora, MAcc Interim Deputy Director Facilities Services & Capital Facilities Imperial county Department of Public Works was introduced.

Carmen Zamora oversees the Parks and Receptions as well as Roads. She was very interested in helping us with the issues we have here at the park as well as the current condition of our roads and bridges. She conducted a walk through.

Suggestions made by the OCAC as well as items Carmen Zamora noted:

- The handicapped parking spaces need to be remarked and signage improved.
- Restrooms need to be open for public use.
- Status on the slide, “on order” was last we heard.
- boundaries for the bark area are broken.
- We need improved or replaced lighting.
- Suggest a doggie waste station be put in.

Member reports

- I. The Imperial Valley Desert Museum continues to ask for volunteers. Contact the IVDM for more information. ***Reminder to local kids; volunteer hours at the museum count towards your graduation incentive.***
- II. The Ocotillo Coffee and Creamery, “The Rock House”, is being designated as a historical building on April 20, 2024.

Next Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm

Recorded and submitted by: Ava Mead, Secretary

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