

North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee
May 14, 2015
Oval Service Center

Committee Members Present: Rick Hernandez, Michael Kreps, Paul Orosco, Vincent Salinas, Bill Huott, Maria Gonzales, Esther Mirador, Ryan Stillwater, Bob Ludekens, Franklin Romine

Committee Members Not Present: Cary Winslow

Police Staff: Lt. Candido Alvarez, Officer Dale Rush, Teresa Angel

Guests: Emanuel Mendoza, Juan Guerrero, Paul Jaramillo, Cynthia Dixon

AGENDA

1. Introductions
 2. Approval of Minutes
 3. Citizen's Requests
 4. Discussion
 5. Solid Waste/Mattress Recycling/Trash Clean-up Discussion
 6. Pedestrian/Bicycle Grant Opportunity
 7. Vacant Buildings/Speeding Issues
 8. Serve Visalia
 9. Good of the Order
 10. Upcoming Events
 11. Next Meeting Date
 12. Adjournment
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I. Introductions

Guest and committee members introduced themselves

II. Approval of Minutes

April 9, 2015 – Vincent Salinas moved to approve the minutes. Paul Orosco seconds the motion. No oppositions.

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III. Citizen's Requests

The North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee requests that a 3 minute time limit be observed for requests. Please note that issues raised under Citizen's Requests are informal only and the North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee will not take action at this time.

IV. Discussion

Emanuel Mendoza presented a letter to the committee.

Paul Jaramillo discussed the speeding problem on NW 3rd, also the fence that was damaged on the empty lot on NW 3rd.

V. Solid Waste /Mattress Recycling / Trash Clean-up Discussion

Adam Ennis –City of Visalia, Engineering Department

Adam handed out some information regarding illegal dumping, neighborhood clean-ups and private property clean-ups.

Bill Huott commended Adam for all the help he has received with neighborhood clean-ups.

VI. Pedestrian / Bicycle Grant Opportunity

Chris Tavares – City of Visalia, Vice-Mayor

Chris provided a map and information with regards to bicycle lanes and improved sidewalks.

VII. Vacant Buildings / Speeding Issues

Ryan Stillwater – NVAC Member

Ryan discussed the possibility of the City of Visalia working towards purchasing, refurbishing, and /or working with various groups to address vacant building that are contributing to blight conditions within the Committees' boundaries, particularly near the Oval Park area neighborhoods. The speeding issues / concerns were discussed during the Public Comment's portions. Lt. Alvarez stated that the Department's Traffic Unit has been impacted by the large amount of Fatal Collisions city-wide; therefore, they have been unable to provide as much speeding enforcement as desired. However, the request will be made to the Traffic Unit and to former Traffic Officers who are now assigned to District 1 who are radar trained to attempt to conduct the necessary enforcement.

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VIII. Serve Visalia

Bill Huott – HVAC Member

Bill discussed the huge success of the Serve Visalia initiative conducted by the Neighborhood Church in Visalia. Neighborhood Church has been instrumental not only in working in developing a much needed park at Houston Elementary School, but was also hugely successful in large clean-ups within the Committee’s boundaries. Member Huott mentioned that one of the homes that had been conglomerated with trash and debris was successfully cleaned-up during this very well attended event. He is appreciative that other groups are helping him in working towards keeping parts of Visalia clean of trash and blight. He commends these efforts and would like to see more of these types of collaborative efforts.

IX. Good of the Order

No good of the order comments.

X. Upcoming Events

(These events are not NVNAC sponsored events):

May 15, 2015 – Open House Manuel Hernandez Center

May 15, 2015 – Downtown Expo

May 16, 2015 – Downtown Car Show

XI. Next Meeting

June 11, 2015

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808 N. Court Street

Visalia, CA

XII. Meeting Adjournment

6:40 p.m.