



Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance  
Riverside, California

## **Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance** Meeting Minutes

Izaak Walton Club, Fairmount Park  
Monday, July 16, 2007  
7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

**Attendees (per sign-in sheet):**

Melissa Brown, Rhonda Chatham, Scott Richardson, Pete Kallinger, Rebecca Kallinger, Dave McNeil, Molly Dougherty, Chani Beeman, Susanne Cesari, Norm Gritton, Dick Wing, Donna Wing, Jim Talcott, Jerry Crouch, Janice Penner, Lisa Diggs, Keith Alex, Rod Wolfe, Gerry Douglas, Nancy Castillo, Rick Thomas.

**1. Meeting called to order by DANA Chair Chani Beeman at 7:00 p.m.**

Welcome and Introductions

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2007.**

✓ Motion to approve minutes

M/S/V: Kallinger/Wolf/Carried

**3. Ralph Nunez, reporting for Dom Betro**

The Tequesquite and Fairmount Park task forces will convene on July 30 and July 31 respectively at Stewart's Boathouse. The Fairmount Task Force will focus on development of the frontage land parcel, improvements to the park, traffic calming, and other issues.

Dredging of Lake Evans will begin in the next 30 to 60 days. The process is called a "wet dredge" with water remaining in the lake. Ralph says most sediment is concentrated at the front of the lake.

Rick asked if any thought was being given to permeable paving, grass berms, and other measures to reduce runoff into the river and capture pollutants before they're

dumped into the river. Ralph said these ideas would be taken into consideration during planning.

Chani asked if DANA would be allowed to have a representative on the Tequesquite Task Force. Ralph said yes, and it was agreed that the group would choose a representative and asked for a volunteer. Rick Thomas volunteered to serve on the task force on behalf of DANA.

The recommendations of the Mt. Rubidoux Task Force were approved in their entirety by city council.

**4. Riverside Police Department Report—Nanci Castillo**

Nanci reminded the group about National Night Out, held this year on the first Tuesday in August. A kickoff event will be held the Saturday before at the Municipal Airport.

Dave McNiel had some concerns about local halfway houses and problems with animal control; Pete Kallinger asked how if there was a way to pull crime figures from the city's website, as well as a way to help understand them. Nanci said she would ask representatives from animal control, the transitional housing task force, and RPD's crime analysis department to give presentations at the September meeting.

**5. Treasurer's Report—Heather Troxel**

Heather reported that DANA's bank account has a balance of \$2400.96, including the \$250 sponsorship for the Evergreen Cemetery fundraiser.

**6. Chair's Report—Chani Beeman**

Chani discussed some of the issues regarding the development of a DANA website, and offered to investigate potential costs, vendors, etc., if the group agreed.

- ✓ Motion to go forward with idea of developing a DANA website, and investigating costs, logistics.  
M/S/V: McNiel/Gritton/Carried

**7. Guest: Craig Fiegenger, InstantRiverside.com**

Craig Fiegenger gave the group an overview on InstantRiverside.com, which provides nearly 24 hour coverage of news and issues such as the Riverside Renaissance plan and this November's city council runoff election. He encouraged anyone with news or information to contact him at [craig@instantriverside.com](mailto:craig@instantriverside.com).

**8. Guest: Scott Richardson, Riverside Transit Agency**

Scott is marketing director for RTA, and discussed the Trolley program, including fares, routes, and plans to increase ridership downtown. He also fielded questions from the group and heard suggestions on ways to increase visibility for the Trolley program.

## **9. Project Updates/News**

- Community Walks: Keith said there was great participation in the last walk; 20-25 people showed up, and they found lots of issues with drugs and crime in the area.
- Evergreen Cemetery restoration: Progress continues with the fence, a trail made of decomposed granite will be laid down, and grass re-seeding is scheduled for late fall/early winter.
- Future agenda items: Damon suggested a presentation on Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful's anti-littering campaign.
- Mt. Rubidoux Task Force: As Ralph reported at the top of the meeting, city council approved all the task force's recommendations.
- Riverside Downtown Partnership: Janice reported that two T3 scooters, one of which was donated by RDP have arrived and are being used on patrols.
- Holiday Party planning: Norm suggested that we act now if we want Santa to appear at DANA's annual holiday party. The Holiday Party committee will be made up of Keith, Molly, and Heather.

**Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 17, 2007.  
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**Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Molly Dougherty, DANA Secretary**