

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2009
NEW COMMUNITY CENTER**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiesling called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Assembly members in attendance were Ken Kiesling, Freda Donica, Tony Da Silva, Willy Ryan, and Linda Bradshaw.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Freda Donica moved for the approval of the agenda as presented.

It was seconded by Linda Bradshaw and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Willy Ryan moved for the approval of the minutes of April 29, 2009.

It was seconded by Tony Da Silva and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

II. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrator Reports

Administrator Mary Wheeler reported that we are 1/3 of the way through the Audit which has to be complete by December 1st. The Audit will be available for public viewing at the end of January or beginning of February. Financials are all under budget at this time. Property taxes are due. Security Patrol contract has ended. Administrator Mary Wheeler stated that we always need input from residents to keep the Town Directory up-to-date.

2. Art Guild

Marsha Mitchell, President of the Art Guild stated that in early June at the New Community Center there was an Artist Showcase with about 24 local artists participating and showing and selling their goods. Later that month there was a special talk hosted by Nacona Burdges and Danielle at their residence with about 20 Art Guild members showing up. Nacona demonstrated and gave a lecture on the history and process of his work. In August Christy Casey came from Rio Rancho and showcased her Jewelry. September was the Community Sale and the Art Fair and with the two combined there was \$6,200 raised. On behalf of the Art Guild, Marsha thanked everyone who participated and contributed. In October, Linda Manyon who is an Albuquerque Pastel Artist came to the Town and gave a program for the Art Guild. The Art Guild will have a meeting in November to plan on the disbursement of monies raised and to plan another Art Show for December. Marsha turned it over to Helen Kennedy who said that there were 41 registrations with some backing out but making donations to the Art Guild. Helen stated that they had brand new dividers made by Paul Mitchell, Glenn Holiday and Wally Kasl. There will be a Christmas Sale on December 5, 2009 from 10am to 3pm. Helen thanked everyone for all the support.

3. Beautification, Memorial Park

Barb Hinnenkamp stated that she be removed from the committee as she had no idea what it was or how she was put on the committee. Barb stated that the Park is doing well, thanks to the budget that has been given to them from the Assembly in the amount of \$1,500 to continue to develop. The stone wall and the dry creek bed have been finished, the Aspen are thriving, and they have mulched and moved Iris's from the front to the flowerbed in back. Barb asked for volunteers to help with the park and thanked everyone who does volunteer. Mayor Kiesling suggested that the committee be called Memorial Park Committee. Barb agreed and thanked him.

4. Cochiti Lake Redevelopment Planning Committee

Barb Hinnenkamp stated that the committee has not met for some time. Barb has turned everything over to the Assembly in terms of Kathy McCormick as a contact. Mayor Kiesling has communicated via email with Kathy McCormick from the State to get some questions answered about grants and bonds that the Town may be interested in. There has not been a response from Ms. McCormick; she will be on leave until the middle of next month.

5. Community Fund

Willy Ryan spoke on behalf of the committee stating that the Community Fund has a balance of \$34,000. Year to date the Community Fund has given \$700 in Memorial Funds, \$1,500 in Organizational Grants, and \$3,000 in personal grants. Willy stated that the Community Fund is there to help when needed, do not hesitate to apply for a grant, it will be held strictly confidential. Community Fund is considering becoming a repository for memorial donations.

6. Desert Paws

Raymond Sandor thanked the Community Fund who helped Desert Paws get started. Earlier in the month Desert Paws sponsored a Barkfest that was featured in the High Desert Dog magazine, it was well attended. Raymond stated that he was working at the Pueblo De Cochiti with Carloine Fletcher who organized the spay, neuter and vaccine clinic that was well attended. 4 dogs and 5 cats are up for adoption. 3 dogs were reunited with their owners and 1 dog that got lost at the campground and was reunited with its owner. Raymond stated that there is an issue about trapping in the Town. Desert Paws collected about 45 to 50 pet pictures for the 2010 calendar. Raymond stated that Desert Paws is very grateful for all the donations they have received. Each dog taken care of cost about \$300 to test, vaccinate and spay or neuter. A resident asked about microchips for the animals. Raymond said that they were in the process of acquiring a system for tagging pets.

7. Election Board

Jacque Cooper represented the Board stating that there are a few issues that need to be worked out. Jacque Cooper, Bill Riker and Russell Kifer will be meeting to address some of the issues. Jacque stated that if anyone has a legitimate complaint about the Board now is a good time to bring it forward to a member of the Election Board.

8. Fire Department

Mary Wheeler represented the Fire Department stating that so far in 2009 have had 340 runs. ½ canceled, ½ transports (or signed refusals.) 47 fire calls. New radios for the vehicles were mandated, new SCBAs and new ladders. State Fire Marshall did an inspection, there were no violations. Fire Department has a CO monitor for furnace checks. Mary stated that the flu shots have been impossible to come by. Possibly Nov/Dec. Fire Department is trying to buy a new ambulance. Fire Department will not be getting the Rural Fire House Grant. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

9. Friends of Cochiti Lake

Nancy Hart, President of Friends of Cochiti Lake stated that Friends has finished what is likely to be their last season. Friends of Cochiti Lake have to meet a final time to dissolve according to their bylaws. Friends is 501c3 designated that has evaporated due to non payment of annual dues that were to be paid through Friends Financial Attorneys. Friends have a balance of \$3,000 to turn over to Community Fund, the initial fee to establish a 501c3 designation.

10. Hospitality

No report was given.

11. Joint Commission

No report was given

12. Library

For the last four years the State Library has had a 100% turnover. State Library visited the Irene Sweetkind Public Library who was very impressed. Library is always in need of volunteers to tend to the front desk and other duties of a library.

13. Recycling

Jim Hamilton stated the Recycling center has become very successful and continuing to grow. Recycling took a survey of people recycling and received 90 responses. Jim acknowledged all the people who help with the recycling. (Drivers) Ben Kahalekulu, Paul Mitchell, Frank Hart and Hal Closson. (Depot) David Craig, Pat Peterson, Colleen Jones, Sharon Jordan, Jeff Hill, Claralyn Howard, Andy Metal, Bill Riker, Paddy Mogan, Tom Kauley, Harry Garcia, Carol Tharnish, Alan Pace and Susan Stanke. Jim thanked everyone for volunteering and recycling. Volunteers and drivers are needed and appreciated.

14. Zoning

Jim Hamilton stated that 2 years ago the Zoning Board started a process of revising the Town Ordinances written in 1982 and about 80 pages. Zoning Board has reduced the documents to at least 30 pages. Zoning Board voted to pass the documents on to the Assembly for their approval, changes, deletions, etc. 2 public hearings were suggested to the Assembly. Jim thanked the Zoning Board, Ad Hoc Committee and the Assembly.

III. TOWN HALL REPORTS

Freda Donica – No report was given

Willy Ryan – Thanked all volunteers. Spoke on the issue of Verizon that has been getting very bad reception in the area.

Linda Bradshaw – No report was given.

Tony Da Silva – Animal Control has been the forefront of a lot of discussions. Animal Control is a very sensitive issue. Tony has had discussions with Under Sheriff Tim Lucero. Based on some of those discussions, Tim Lucero suggested that we have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Animals barking would fall under the category of Animal Control. Animal Control will patrol the Town of Cochiti Lake and if an animal is found unleashed or barking etc. Animal Control will take the animal and call the owners. If owners cannot be reached they will then call Town Hall. Tony suggested to Tim Lucero that Desert Paws would take the responsibility of the animal until the owner can be located. Tim was delighted with the idea. He stated that every time an animal is taken to Watermelon Ranch the cost to retrieve the animal is over \$100. If an animal has a microchip Animal Control can read it and then notify Desert Paws. Removing tags from animals is illegal and shouldn't be done. Tony stated that he does volunteer work for Municipal Court as Mediator for animal control issues. Sandoval County can help enforce the laws of animal control in the Town. Linda Bradshaw stated that there is an Ordinance stating that cats are not to run loose, which would eliminate the trapping issue.

Ken Kiesling – Reported that the Town has an Emergency Plan that was drawn up by Andre Reynolds. Assembly is reviewing the plan to simplify and update it. Secondly on the same subject, for example some type of phone network will need to be initiated to include a block captain to phone everyone in their network. Ken mentioned that there is a posting for a Town Treasurer, if anyone is qualified and interested in the position apply at Town Hall.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Town meeting, January 28, 2010 at the New Community Center.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Bradshaw moved to adjourn the meeting.

It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Kenneth Kiesling, Mayor

Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk

