

OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETINGS,May, 2016

Oh, my! Each meeting is supposed to start at 9:30 a.m. However, there's a new addition to the schedule. Beginning at 9 a.m., the Supervisors have a slew of 'recognitions', with photo ops and framed plaques for all. (Good luck finding a seat at 9:30, even if the required safety check before entering is speeded up.) Usually Supervisor Nelson does not participate and it is a wise choice, I think! The official May 10 meeting started at 10:45 a.m. instead of 9:30. For the two meetings in May, there were two county water districts provide 'informative' slide presentations, the OC Veterans Advisory Council presented their year end review, the OC Public Works received an award from the Publics Works Assoc., World Elder Abuse Day was pronounced, the protector of order in the Brd. Room retired, Foster Care Month was recognized, and a little eleven yr. old girl was praised for getting 40 dogs adopted. But the frosting on the cake was when Supervisor Steel asked the family of John Wayne to come and get a plaque, since she declared it "John Wayne Day". You might like to know that the CA legislature refused to give him a day when it was proposed, but some in OC tried!

OC will have a pilot program for the Parks Summer Concert Series. At Supervisor Spitzer's request, alcohol may now be on the premises.

The plan for the year-round homeless bldg. on Kramer in Anaheim was again discussed. Supervisor Nelson strongly reminded all that once this building was built, the Fullerton Armory would NOT be used. He reminded the Board that Fullerton and Anaheim had each given

\$500,000 for this to be built and that the rest of the county needs to start helping solve the homeless problem.

Dr. Eric Handler and his nationally praised program, "Waste Not, OC", was praised by Supervisor Nelson. The Health Care Agency was directed to inform food facilities and operators in OC regarding safe donations of excess food to food banks and nonprofit organizations. They will distribute the written brochure, "The Facts to Know When Donating Food." PLEASE CONSIDER FINDING OUT ABOUT THIS AND SPREAD THE WORD. It is believed that this program could solve the problem of hunger in our county!

The month of June will find the struggles of many budget-planning meetings for the BOS. All of the Supervisors agree that there is a definite need to know the efficacy of the million dollar programs, a matrix of sorts, so they can more thoroughly understand and manage the budget. The May 10 BOS mtg. okayed \$39,329,104 in contracts for the upcoming year. The May 24 BOS mtg. okayed \$410,881,635 more. That's close to ½ billion dollars! If you're interested in this, please consider attending the public meeting on June 10, 9 a.m. in the Hall of Administration in Santa Ana. You can also express your thoughts there. The two formal BOS meetings are planned for June 14 and 15 budget hearings. Information is found online at ocgov.com. You can also phone your supervisor, the contact info is at the same online address.

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