

CORONADO DEMOCRATIC CLUB
General Meeting
November 11th, 2023

AGENDA

Call to Order @ 4:03pm

Marely acknowledged and thanked our Veterans.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: Elected Officials: Alexia Palacios Peters, Coronado Unified School Board.

Guests: Tim Bilash candidate for 50th Congressional District

San Diego County Supervisor District 3 - Terra Lawson-Remer provided an update and took a few questions from the audience. She reminded us that she represents us: we are mostly a new coastal district, District 3 (formerly district 1) this is from Carlsbad to Coronado. Should help us focus and advocate for issues impacting our coastal communities. County Board declared a County wide state of emergency for the sewage issue. So far no traction at the state level; they don't think the federal gov will declare, and if just state emergency CA would have to pay for it. Ms. L-R thinks then we as a State need to do so, but not much agreement now. Progress made in the Tijuana River Basin to repair the sewage treatment plant already there but not enough to fix the problem and plant is too small for population. But other pollution coming from Punta Bindero, Rosarito's outdated treatment plant and we have no control over this. We are now meeting with those government leaders to advocate for them to get funding which comes up for a vote. But we have no control if it will actually help get money to fix the problem. Ms. L-R is asking us to focus on large Biden donors to send our donations to his campaign with notes to remind Biden's team to bring the issue to the Federal level. Scott Peters and Juan Vargas are supporting our efforts. Ms. L-R took many questions.

Approval of the Agenda Moved, 2nd, approved.

Approval of Minutes : for September 9th 2023 Moved, 2nd. Approved.

for October 14th 2023: Moved, 2nd. Approved

Treasurer's report: Edry Goot gave update: current balance \$2837 much needed for Blue Wave lunch. Made reminder for us to be sure to renew our membership so we can fund Blue Wave.

Committee Reports:

1. Programs – Chair needed. No general meeting in December, next meeting, as per Carol: Saturday, January 13th in the Winn Room and Feb 10, 3:30 to 5:30 Goal is to have the 2nd Saturday of each month
2. Membership: Luan Troxel. Marely Reported for Luan that we have 240 members.

3. PPC: Susan Marrinan : group focused on environment as it was #1 interest of our club members, including public policy. Stop the Sewage was started as a result. Some focused on School Board and attend every meeting. Amy Steward asks us(via Susan) to sign petition to encourage our City Council to put a ban on single use plastic. Some of our members are in the film The Big Dump showed at C.Film Festival covering the sewage and trash at our border. Please see Emerald Keepers website after Tuesday re: Plastic ban.
4. Hospitality: Jenna McIntosh, Dec 6 Holiday Happy Hour (via invitation only). Can bring food to share or donate money to cover cost of food. Contact Jenna via her email in current newsletter.
5. CHS Young Dems club update via Jack : will focus on social media, Coronado issues, such as sewage issue, homelessness and potential solutions. They will try to help recruit to canvas to upcoming elections.

Program Speaker

Laura Wilkinson introduced our speaker Sandy Naranjo, Port Authority Commissioner, to present updates on Cottages at the Cays and the New Convention Center. Ms. Wilkinson gave us an uplifting and encouraging update on the work Ms. Naranjo does and advocates for on the Port Commission. Ms. Naranjo reports Barrio Logan and National City are the two SD communities most impacted by air quality issues and the Port is trying to address ways to help. On the Cottages at the Cays: assured us the Port is listening and she intends to listen to those who live in the communities. Shared that she's experienced censure from the port commission without details of why. But no details on the actual Cays land use issues. She took some questions. Advocated for us to get involved by following the port commissions agendas closely.

There is no oversight of the Port Commission other than the State Legislature, which doesn't actually provide oversight.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcements

STOP THE SEWAGE: report from Jean Seager

Invited Republican Women's' Club and 7 attended and are willing to partner with us on this topic and others impacting our community.

If anyone has donations; see email as to where to bring.

Tara's campaign signs ; please take them home.

January 13 topic: (ask Susan for details)

from Michelle: thank you from Monica Steppe who will be inducted to the Board of Supervisors on Dec 5. Cal Dem convention delegation coming up soon.

New volunteers: Thank you to all who responded to Marely's request for 30 min/month to help the club:

Elizabeth Kennard - Volunteered 30 min a month to prepare the General Meeting Notice and Meeting reminder. Thank you!!

Stephanie Kaupp - Will help Carol Standford with 30 min a month to prepare a monthly press release. Thank you!!

Johnny Cushing - Will share 30 min a month of his time to help the Programs Committee. Thank you!

Adjourn @ 5:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Doyle