

**DRAFT MINUTES OF
IMPERIAL BEACH DEMOCRATIC CLUB
JULY 6, 2023**

The Imperial Beach Democratic Club held a meet and greet, social meeting at the Seaside Candy establishment, 150 Palm Avenue, IB, at 6:00 p.m. on July 6, 2023. The attendance is reflected on the sign in sheet.

1. The meeting was called to order by Anna W at 6:23 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Anna W.
3. Anna W spoke regarding the history of the Club and highlighted activities of the IBDC. She introduced the EBoard members present as well as those unable to attend. She also introduced the visitors present and member who joined from our post card mailing.
4. Scott Stuzman, IBDC member, gave a brief talk of his work regarding the international border sewage pollution.
5. County Board of Supervisors Chair, Nora Vargas, arrived with an aide, Griselda Ramirez, and spoke to the Club regarding the County budget, the unsheltered, and no cost public transportation approved for 18 and under. The majority of her time and comments centered on the cross border pollution issues, her efforts to emphasize the importance of the region on many levels, and engaging other boards and

elected officials to recognize the gravity of the issues. Supv. Vargas also spoke of her interaction with Mexican officials, and in general, her efforts to keep pushing towards solution. Supv. Vargas also noted that she most likely would not be attending the August 3rd endorsement meeting of IBDC. Following her address, there was a Q&A session.

6. Ed Spriggs, former City Councilmember, spoke. He thanked Supv. Vargas for her efforts and stature as a leader on behalf of Imperial Beach and the region. Mr. Spriggs also commented on the seriousness of the cross border pollution citing the sparse attendance here for the 4th of July. Ed Spriggs was recognized for his third appointment to the IBWC (International Border Water Commission). He spoke of his position there as well as his new volunteer work with a scholarship program at UCSD. Although Mr. Spriggs expressed his support for the new leadership of the IBWC, he also emphasized that little had been done to this point and would have more to report in coming months. He was invited to attend IBDC meetings on a regular basis to provide updates.

7. Announcements: Anne P reminded the Club of her talks and walks at the Estuary on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Anna W reminded the Club of the Farmers Market on the 3rd Saturday of the month.,

Pat F reminded the Club of the ongoing meetings of the Friends of IBNC on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Anna W announced the San Diego Gay Pride Parade on the 15th of the month.

Sandy B announced the next meeting of the Finance Reform Committee at the Dempsey Holder building on August 28 at 10:00 a.m. Thereafter a discussion followed with various members expressing issues for discussion at the meeting or to be submitted prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes by Win Heiskala, Secretary

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