

**DRAFT Minutes of Meeting
Imperial Beach Democratic Club
April 6, 2023**

The General Meeting of the Imperial Beach Democratic Club (IBDC) was held at 710 Seacoast Drive, IB, 2nd floor (Tepik Grill) on April 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Intended Zoom attendance was not available.

1. Anna W called the meeting to Order at 6:15 p.m.
2. Anna W lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Win H moved to approve the Agenda, duly 2nd, and hearing no opposition, the Agenda was approved
4. Ben S moved to approve the Minutes of the Club Meeting held March 2, 2023, duly 2nd, and hearing no opposition the Minutes were approved.
5. Anna W introduced the Resolution from the SD County Democratic Party (SDDP) re the objection to the destruction/reconfiguration of the binational Friendship Park and distributed copies of the Resolution provided by the SDDP. Discussion from the floor followed and a Motion by Pat F was made to adopt the Resolution with the following changes, duly 2nd, and hearing no opposition the Resolution, as amended was approved, as follows:

See attachment - incorporated by reference.

6. Anna W announced amendments to the By-Laws that will be presented at the next Club meeting for approval. She announced the following proposed changes:
 - *. The elimination of the EBoard Officer Community Outreach;
 - *. The addition of the President as a signatory on the Club bank account;
 - *. The elimination of the Chartering Committee;

*. The correction of any errors such as typos in the By-Laws.

7. There were no candidates present to speak to the Club.

8. Anna W informed the Club that Tony Rolfe, Housing Program Specialist, City of IB, will not be a speaker due to a medical emergency;

- Prior to the introduction and presentations of the remaining 2 speakers, Anna W requested Club Member, Brenda McGrath, to inform the Club of her activity in providing food to the community. She reported that she gathers food from Von's in La Jolla on Saturdays and delivers it to the Refinery Church in Chula Vista for distribution to families in need. And, on Tuesday evenings food is cooked at the Home Depot for distribution of hot meals to those in need.

- Regina T. Gamboa, Executive Director and Founder of the Project 1.1 in 2008, and more recently the Founder and Executive Director of the Magnolia Project in IB, both for the purpose of providing food and direction to and assistance with resources as available, including the homeless. She commended the City of IB as being very helpful to the Magnolia Project in its facilitation of permits and inspections. Regina described activities at the Project as including local chefs to assist with the presentation and teaching of cooking with affordable food, and her own ability to gather foods from several local supermarkets and big box stores. She stressed that no one is turned away but appointments are necessary for "shopping" free in the store. The appointment number is _____. Her main message is that there is no competition with other groups or individuals - everyone working together and it works well. Good quality food is provided and all in need are welcome, stressing that no questions are asked or assumptions made about anyone requesting assistance.

Anna W added praise based on personal experience with making appointments for others and stressed that it is necessary to leave pride at the door.

- John Griffin-Atil, Executive Director and Founder of the Imperial Beach Neighborhood Center (IBNC), provided the history and background of the preset IBNC, and his desire to reach and include the entire neighborhood without specific membership or particular religious denomination. John also discussed the project to rebuild the IBNC with housing, offices, meeting room and recruitment of young people to interact with the community: above all - service and inclusion to the community, including the expansion of the existing food pantry. All were encouraged to bring food items for distribution through the Pantry, to the IBNC,

Monday through Thursday from 9 to noon (depending on staff/volunteer available).

Debra Benson also discussed her work with the Food Pantry at IBNC during the same hours and how people bring food and also those that receive. She also discussed the Saturday morning program for the homeless that provides a shower, clean used clothing, coffee/breakfast and a take out lunch. If a need arises, assistance may also be provided for direction to other services.

John stressed that the IBNC is a place where people meet and share resources, and gave the example of 20 homeless eligible people having criminal records expunged to assist them in obtaining employment. John stressed that poverty that is the issue in IB that leads to food insecurity - the people may have a roof and a car but not enough to adequately provide sufficient food.

Lyle Pavuk, Volunteer at IBDC, initiated a discussion about Friends of IBNC, stressing it as fulfilling his shared ideology and values, and as a place to live those values. He announced the upcoming fundraising Brunch "Swing into Spring" for the IBNC on Saturday, May 13, 11a.m. - 3 p.m. Tickets of \$25 each may be reserved at IBNeighborhoodCtr@yahoo.com.

Jose Griffin-Atil discussed the "mass" food distributions the 3rd Thursday of each month, and the ongoing need for volunteers by contacting the IBNC. Jose reminded everyone that there are a lot of people looking for food. The Club was reminded about the Farmers Market on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

John reminded everyone that the "self-intent" of IBNC is working with and uplifting other neighborhood organizations.

A Q&A session followed each presentation.

9. Cynara Kidwell, Director of SDCDP, Council of Clubs, spoke extemporaneously about the thrust of the SDCDP and the State party to promote candidates for state, county and local offices, and eventually to an endorsement process. Also the SDCDP adopts Resolutions on issues.

Anna W stressed the Club can push any issue through its representatives to the Council of Clubs.

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10. Announcements:

Anna W provided an update on the Roosevelt Dinner, and her efforts to obtain co-sponsorship of other Clubs which did not result in a Table. Our Club will not be purchasing a Table, but individuals are encouraged to purchase a ticket and attend.

Anna W stressed that we are always welcoming new members and are in the process of re-building the IBDC, reminding everyone that this was the top Club in the County in voter turn-out for the Recall Election against Governor Newsom.

Cynara K announced a Save the Date for the International Workers Day of Action at Chicano Park May 1, 2023, and that the Friends of the Border Friendship Park will also be supporting the event.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Win Heiskala, Secretary

Approved: _____