

March County Council Meeting Minutes
Green Party County Council
Minutes of March, 9th, 2006

In attendance:

Council members: David Wass (Facilitating), Sandy Stites, Patricia Hiles, Nancy Broyles, Bud Boothe, and Dorothy Boothe.
Guest: Suzanne Welsh.

Sandy Stites gave the Treasurer's report, which was read and approved by the council.

Guest, Suzanne Welsh, was elected Secretary.

Minutes were approved, with one correction; the spelling of Bud Boothe's last name is "Boothe," as opposed to "Booth".

Announcements:

The Vandenberg protests, held on the first Tuesday of the month, will now take place from 3-5 pm. Bud Boothe also announced that a civil suit against the Air Force regarding anti-war protests is in the works.

The Living Wage Ordinance passed.

Coming Events:

David Wass agreed to call or email Adrian about the Ventura Plenary.

Earth Day is on April 23rd. The council approved the use of treasury funds to pay for the \$75 tabling fee. Sandy Stites and David Wass agreed to organize the payment of the fee and set up a table and 2-3 chairs. Bud Boothe volunteered to staff the table from 9 am to 11 am. Dave Wass volunteered to be there from 9 am until noon. Suzanne Welsh signed up for an 11 am to 2 pm shift, and, Patricia Hiles and Sandy Stites volunteered to be there from 1 pm to 3 pm.

A Public Service Forum is going to be held on March 29th. Per David Wass: the Mayor's assistant, Hackett, and Santa Barbara City Council member, Grant House, will be speaking on behalf of the city, and David Wass will speak about activism.

Campaign Finance Ordinance/Planning – (Thank you Patricia for writing the ordinance, and for writing letters to the city council.) We agreed that this will be one of the topics to be addressed at the May, 10th forum.

Sanderson Beck is running for the congressional seat currently occupied by Lois Capps, as a Green candidate, but has not been endorsed by the Green Party.

Current Projects

The Issue of a County Split – the Council remains split on the issue of the proposed "County Split." It

has been withdrawn as an issue for the May 10th Forum.

May, 10th Forum – We discussed possible topics for forum on May, 10th and decided the title of the Forum will be:

“Broadening Democracy at the Local Level”.

Topics will include:

- 1) Instant Run Off Voting
- 2) Mail-in-ballots, and
- 3) The possibility of synchronizing the city elections with the national elections. (Thank you Patricia for your research on topic number 3.) Patricia has agreed to seek out additional information and speakers to address this issue at the May, 10th forum and will serve as the contact person.

Website Reform – Sandy Stites and Suzanne Welsh will work with Sri to update the website.

Newspaper Ad – use of funds approved. “Local Greens Want You.” Looking for people to table, participate in public education and outreach, speakers, activists, writers, and people with ideas and the willingness to put them into action.

AB 583 – Clean Money Act – Does it keep out third parties? (Possible additional issue to discuss at our upcoming forum.)

The Progressive Coalition – meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Franklin Center at 7pm.

We discussed the possibility of having a monthly social non-business meeting open to Green Party members as a place to network and discuss concerns. We agreed that the first general meeting should probably wait until after Earth Day however, and proposed May, 27th as a tentative date.

The next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 08, 2006. Bud Boothe will be the meeting facilitator.