

Democrats of Napa Valley ExCom Meeting

March 6, 2019, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
NapaSport Restaurant
Napa, CA

ExCom Members Present: Terry Beck, Buck Donnelly, Karen McNair – Vice President, Kim Richard, Johanna O’Kelley – President, Kelly Hurst – Treasurer, Richard Bruns – Secretary, Conchita Marusich, Chris Benz

Agenda

I. Call to Order & Introductory Remarks

5:55 p.m. –

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda by Karen McNair; Motion seconded by Buck; Motion carried

III. Discussion regarding March 18 2019 DONV Meeting: Climate Change and Impact on CA.

Maybe add additional speakers: Assistant City Attorney David Jones re: PG&E lawsuit filed because of lost revenue due to fires. PG&E went bankrupt shortly thereafter. Diane Dillon, as the local Board of Supervisors fire expert; she wanted to come and speak about what’s going on in Napa County. She’s been going to Sacramento and Washington and actively learning about a local focus.

The two speakers slated and confirmed for the March 18 DONV General & Public Meeting are Dana Nuccitelli, who is an Environmental Scientist and writes about climate change for The Guardian, Skeptical Science, and Yale's Climate Connection; Jerry Hinkle, who is an economist working in banking for the last 30 years. He holds Master’s degrees in Economics and in Climate Policy.

IV. April, May, etc. DONV Meeting Ideas

April and May are coming up. Brainstorm for prospective topics:

Earth Day:

Continue climate change?

Continue fire discussion?

Earth Day is April 22 [Monday following Easter] but community event is on April 28

Angwin

Water fight (waterfall in danger); aquifers; Deforestation

Burned forests being replaced by vineyards; Kim Richard cites plan and/or actions to “rip out entire conifer forest sections,” intertwined with Redwood

and Oak in a huge cluster of these trees. Conifer trees are valuable in preserving ground water. Ground moisture helps resist rapid spread of brush and forest fire.

Kim suggests getting David Morrison of the Planning Commission; Brian Bordona, Supervising Planner at Napa County Department of Planning to speak to the Linda Falls destruction planned by a South Dakota Part-time Napa resident.

Unidentified commenter: It's not just Angwin. They're taking trees out all the way down to Silverado Trail.

Guns

Mike Thompson talk about gun bill. It passed the House [finally]

Johanna: How about St. Helena High School's Larkin Dwyer

Richard: Jennifer Simi, friend of Larkin, Junior at Vintage

Buck suggested the Robby Poblete Foundation; "The Central Labor Council is really behind it...": On September 21, 2014, Robby Poblete was killed by gun violence in broad daylight at a busy intersection in Vallejo, Ca. He was 23 years old. At the time he was killed, Robby was working at a biotech company where he was also learning how to weld. He was on the verge of becoming a full-time employee and was already making plans to build his own weld shop.

They focus on gun buy-backs. Also turn guns into Art for Peace.

Terry suggested: Napa Valley Moms Demand Action – Ilana Adelson
Hunters in favor of background checks; ask info from M. Thompson's office

Buck: Get the new police chief to come.

Richard: Get Steve Potter as ex police chief maybe able to say more than before.

Kim: how mental illness is treated by local authorities. Jail protocols, hospital protocols not good. Connection with homelessness, and housing.

Lot of young people, many sleeping under bridges;

Kim... new apartments on Soscol have only 12; Karen amended to 10.

KAREN MCNAIR health care bill ; Federal only; McCarthy was going to do the California bill but he backed out. we can't do it without a sponsor here in California; nobody's willing to pick it up. Newsome may have something to do with it. I think he's going to bypass the bill.

Net Neutrality is raising its ugly head

Ro Khanna save the Internet Act

Bill Dodd on board

Cell Towers & 5G Mini

Doyle Markey Bill

Fund raisers Ice Cream Social, home made ice cream

More wine raffles; or other items

Visiting Chef's relating to climate change, lighter conversation. certified green restaurants; restaurants come to Napa and save 100s of 1000 \$ and the planet by certifying green. no more hotels / restaurants non-green.

Napa Waste come to talk

Karen McNair: Queen of Valley Operating room is recycling the plastics from all those devices. And the cardboard; Napa Waste came out and did a lecture and analysis: Landfill; compost; and recycle.

Kaiser is advanced in recycling; and they are starting their own medical school.

V. Climate Change Symposium

June 22 or September

VI. CADEM 2019 Endorsement Guidelines/Timelines-Pre Conference votes

One vote for every 20 members.

General Question at large: What is pre endorsement convention?

May 1 membership deadline. May 15 deadline to submit, central committee and democratic party.

October 5 & 6 conference state convention

Add: Bylaws discussion

Conchita about phone conference and state deadlines

Discussion about how vote counted;

VII. Next DONV ExCom April 1 2019

VIII. Adjournment

Moved, seconded and carried, 7:45 p.m.