

MEETING SUMMARY

Auburn Boulevard Business Association (ABBA) Meeting

Tuesday, March 14,, 2017

6:00 p.m., Held at Fireside Lanes, 7901 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights

Minutes by Kimberly Berg

ATTENDEES:

	NAME	BUSINESS	EMAIL ADDRESS
1	Gary Albert	Capitol Mechanical	capmech@surewest.net
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3	Kimberly Berg	Citrus Heights Car Wash	kimberly.berg@comcast.net
4	Allen Lee	Citrus Heights Neighborhood Area #2	ruschna2ch@gmail.com
5	Laura Lee	Citrus Heights Neighborhood Area #2	ruschna2ch@gmail.com
6	Officer James Garing	Citrus Heights Police	jgaring@citrusheights.net
7	Regina Cave	City of Citrus Heights	rcave@citrusheights.net
8	Rhonda Sherman	City of Citrus Heights	rsherman@citrusheights.net
9	Jeff Slowey	City of Citrus Heights	jslowey@citrusheights.net
10	Gari Giri	Lart Valero Gas Station	Uddhav14@yahoo.com
11	Brian Poll	PCH Property Management	bpoll@pchpm.com
12	Glenn McGill	Property at 7250 Auburn Blvd.	gmcgill@farmersagent.com
13	Monte Singh	Towne Mart	towne.singh@gmail.com
14	Rich Hale	Walt's Auto Service	hale2@surewest.net

ABBA CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was opened by Rich Hale, and member introductions were made. Rich thanked everyone for attending the social event at Crepes and Burgers on Wednesday February 15th. Rich said that he is considering holding business meetings every other month, with a social event on the other months. To build our business membership, and increase enthusiasm for our meetings, Rich has plans to invite guest speakers.

Newest ABBA member is Jeff with Gold Rush Getaways. They are a travel agency located on the corner of Auburn Blvd & Twin Oaks.

SECRETARY REPORT – MEETING MINUTES

Kimberly asked if there were any corrections to the meeting minutes from January 10, 2017. No corrections recommended. Board members present approved the meeting minutes.

CITRUS HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jason Garing gave the update. They are starting the homeless transient survey on April 1st. The Citizen Police Academy starts in the fall, and runs for 10 weeks. It is an opportunity for citizens to see first-hand what types of duties and responsibilities a police officer has. Learn about the justice system, patrol procedures, criminal investigations, narcotics, firearms, defensive tactics, hostage units, emergency vehicle operations, community oriented policing, ride along with officers on patrol, and much more! If interested, please contact CSO Larissa Wasilevsky at (916)727-5879. (See attached flier)

Brian Poll from PCH Property Managements said he noticed a homeless camp on Whyte Avenue, and recently found a woman sleeping in front of their business gate. Officer Garing recommended they call the police immediately for assistance. Officer Garing is currently working with CalTrans, to have the homeless camp removed from Whyte Avenue. This property is located in the city of Roseville, which has a more tolerant illegal camping policy. Since Citrus Heights has a stricter no camping policy, they are

working together with Roseville's city attorney to strengthen their policy. Brian Poll also reported growing weeds at the empty lot on the corner of Auburn & Twin Oaks. Officer Garing said he would refer his complaint to their Code Enforcement.

Officer Garing announced that a new law was passed, that if someone steals over \$950 within a 12 month period, it becomes a felony.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Rich Hale gave the financial report. We currently have \$2300 in the bank. Board members present approved the financial reports.

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

Rhonda Sherman gave the city update. This year the city is celebrating their 20th anniversary!

- Saturday June 3rd, 3pm – 8pm, there will be a Block Party at Van Maren Park (6601 Thalia Way, north-end of Fountain Square). They are anticipating as many as 5000 people, and need volunteers and supplies! Details can be found at - www.citrusheightsblockparty.net. (See attached documents)
- The old Kmart store on Auburn Boulevard might be the new location for a Big Lots store and indoor trampoline arena, called Rebounderz.
- Townhomes have been proposed to be built behind the Bearpaw Village (on the south-east corner of Old Auburn & Sylvan Avenue)
- Gary Albert with Capitol Mechanical asked about the status of the vacant Hollywood Blockbuster, on the corner of Sunrise Blvd. and Antelope Road. Rhonda wasn't aware of any proposals.

For additional updates, check out the Citrus Heights Sentinel! It is a community news website that provides updates on local business and city news, police logs and shopping coupons! Subscribe to receive FREE weekend updates at - <http://citrusheightssentinel.com/>

Rich expressed interest in having an ABBA booth at the City's Block Party on June 3rd. The city will provide a "Community Corner" for individual vendors, community associations and non-profit organizations.

Regina Cave gave the update on Phase 2 of Auburn Blvd. construction. The city is still working on walk-through for field appraisals. They expect to have the right-of-way done by Spring 2018. They still want the gateway over Auburn Blvd. to include a traffic light. They will continue to work with ABBA for feedback and ideas. Estimates are \$20 million for right of way, infrastructure, underground, surface improvements. They expect to start construction in early 2019 or 2020.

Rich expressed his appreciation that we have city officials who attend our association meetings, and are accessible to answer our questions.

GUEST SPEAKER – MAYOR OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

Jeff Slowey gave the update. He'll be mayor for the next 3-1/2 years

- Sylvan school. They are in the process of tearing down the old school because it had asbestos, and repairs would be too costly. The city is forming a citizens committee, who will make recommendations to the school board on future uses. The land is made up of 2 parcels. The school board will provide a value amount, and the city has expressed interest in possibly purchasing the land so they can control what is built there. Currently, the city agrees that they don't want a strip mall, big box store or Winco store to be built there. The cemetery may purchase the parcel closest to the old basketball area, for expansion. While individuals have suggested a sports complex, the land and development costs may be too expensive.

- A 48-acre housing development and open-space park, called “Mitchell Farms” has been proposed to replace the golf course on Arcadia Drive in Citrus Heights, located near Sunrise Boulevard and Greenback Lane. The sub-division would include 261 homes and condominiums, with 25 acres of open space. There will be no apartments. The builder is Watt Communities, who builds good quality housing.
- Dignity Health on the corner of Fountain Square and Greenback Lane. The city signed a contract with them on 2/14/17, and they paid an initial deposit. Jeff said construction has been delayed as they are working through issues with their builder.

When asked about his immediate goals for the city, Jeff responded that he would like the city to purchase the old Sylvan school location and would like to see the site for Sunrise Mall better utilized. He appreciates what ABBA is doing and the business opportunities it presents. Jeff supports the gateway over Auburn Blvd, and looks forward to working with ABBA.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Allen and Laura Lee invited members to attend their Neighborhood Area #2 (Rusch Park) meetings, held the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 7pm. They meet at the Ascension Lutheran Church, 7607 Garden Gate Drive in Citrus Heights.

Gari Giri expressed concern about the closing of Arco Gas at 7500 Auburn Blvd. Rich reminded everyone that with the upcoming road construction, it’s critical that business get involved with the city and stay informed with construction updates. Gary Giri says there’s a tight margin on Arco gas, and believes that they simply ran out of money.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Rich Hale announced that due to logistics, Jerry McCall would be stepping down from our board of directors, but would continue to attend meetings as his work schedule allows. After the meeting, the board members present at the meeting voted in Monte Singh with Towne Mart to replace Jerry on the board of directors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3rd - Citrus Heights 20th Anniversary Block Party at Van Maren park.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 11th 6pm (3rd Tuesday of the month). Please plan to attend as everyone’s participation is needed! We’ll be meeting at the Fireside Lanes Bowling Alley, 7901 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights. They are located on the west-side of Auburn Blvd. (next to Rusch Park).

We hope you can make it! 😊