

January 7, 2007

Attending

Tim Hanser, Pete de la Rosa, Tom Cornick, Bud McAllister, Art Costa, Bob Stuller (recorder), Ronna Stuller, Jason Ortiz, Andy Derr, Kenric Hanson (facilitator)

Meeting was brought to order at 6:40.

The agenda items on fundraising and local bylaws were tabled until the next meeting.

There was a discussion of Thornton campaign manager Ken Krayske's arrest while taking pictures at Gov. Rell's inaugural parade. No action was deemed necessary at this time; however, we will follow the issue and lend support if needed.

State Central Committee

Andy, along with Chris Nelson our longtime representative to SCC, will be unable to attend meetings consistently in the future. Since we are allowed up to 1 rep per 5 registered NLGP members, we held an election to increase our number to 4 people willing to share the responsibility. Bud & Pete were elected to be our new representatives.

Andy distributed copies of the draft State Party bylaws.

Charter Revision

Tim walked us through the proposed changes to the New London city charter in anticipation of the special election that will be held in March. The proposed changes provide for a Mayor elected to a 4-year term, with the power to appoint (with Council approval) department heads. The City Council remains unchanged, 7 members elected at-large to a 2-year term. Our preference would have been adoption of district representation, since the north side of town is chronically under-represented in Council; however, the changes must be approved as a whole. No vote was taken at this time on whether the NL Greens will take an official stand supporting or opposing the changes.

Broadwater

A Public Hearing on the Broadwater Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be held at Mitchell College this Tuesday. A motion was raised and passed to oppose Broadwater as a group and to bring that opposition to the hearing. Ronna volunteered to present testimony on behalf of the NL Greens. Bob plans to videotape the proceedings.

Riverside Park

The ongoing task of preserving Riverside Park was discussed. We know that there have been on-going discussions between the Coast Guard & the City Manager, and that Council has discussed the fate of the park in Executive Session. We are seeking support and collaboration with other groups that would like to see the park improved and utilized, not sold off for development.

Thinking Green

Thinking Green has moved to Tuesday @ 7 for January-March 2007. Tomorrow is the MetroCast producers meeting to determine the April-June schedule. Ronna plans to attend and would like input as to preferred day/time.

We need hosts for some upcoming shows, including January 30 and most of February. Support is available for new hosts, and it can be a fun, informative experience.

MLK Day

New London's annual Martin Luther King March will be held on Monday, January 15, 10 am. The march will start at City Hall and end at Shiloh Baptist Church. CURE members are congregating at 9:30 to march as a group. Greens are encouraged to participate.

Meeting location

We are considering moving our monthly meetings to a more public venue. Ideas welcome. February's meeting will still be at Bob and Ronna's house.

Next meeting will be February 4th, at 6:30. Andy will facilitate. Potluck meal will precede the meeting.