



-Minutes

February 21, 2021

Conducted online via Zoom

Any Questions: MarshCreekDems@gmail.com

<p>New 2021 Members: Mimi Gerhardt-Roth, Susannah Meyer, Tamela Hawley</p> <p>2021 Renewing Members: Mark Foley, Jovita Mendoza, Maria Perrone, John Hall, Cindy Blitz, David Blitz, Diane Burgis, Barbara Chambers, Gary Chambers, Doug McClelland, Lynn Champion, Nancy Borjon, Terry Eldridge, Joe Ely, Kathy Ely, Lucie Flynn, Sue Higgins, Barbara Wozniak, Greg Wozniak, Brian Bannerman, Linda Soliven, Carol Main, Michael Dupray</p>

I Call to Order and Introductions (New members, Dignitaries) (3 minutes)

- A. All Attendees have been muted.
- B. Please rename your Zoom to your first and last name.
- C. At the end of the presentation, our speaker will take questions.
 - 1. Use Chat or click Reactions and Raise hand

II Approve Minutes from January 17th meeting

Motion CV 2nd HT (2 minutes) Approved

III Agenda Review (3 minutes)

- A. Any changes to the Agenda
- B. Motion to Adopt Agenda: Motion CV 2nd RC

IV Announcements: Shannon Skinner, MCDC President (3 minutes)

A. Committee Chairs

- 1. Membership – Linda Smith and Doug McClelland
- 2. Issues – Bill Nusbaum
- 3. Voter Outreach – Linda Smith
- 4. Precinct Captains – Carolina Villaseca
- 5. Publicity – Carolina Villaseca
- 6. Diversity Outreach TBD

Daphne Muse, Marsh Creek Dem Member is celebrated for her accomplishments as Elder-in-Residence for the Black Studies Collaboratory at UC Berkeley's Department of African American Studies.

Colin Coffey: Message – Park District holding public meeting March 11 on Roddy Ranch Golf Course – opening up the future park – 3500 acres – for information go to [EB parks.org](http://EBparks.org) and put Roddy Ranch in the search.

Harry Thurston shared that the NAACP is sponsoring a zoom forum – Covid 19 Facts vs. Fiction on February 27th @ 10:00 a.m.

V Harry Thurston – Vice President (3 minutes)

- A. DPCCC -Elections Summary
 - 1. DPCCC – Central Committee Elections
 - 2. CaDems ADEMS 11 Delegate Elections

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VI Voter Outreach – Linda Smith (3 minutes)

VII Guest Speakers: 2:30- 3:05

**Jaime Jenett, Community Engagement Specialist,
Health, Housing and Homeless Services Contra Costa Health Services.
Topic: The Impact and Solutions to Homelessness in Contra Costa County**

Jamie Jenett, informed us on the state of homelessness in Contra Costa County. On any given night: there are 2,277 people experiencing homeless in Contra Costa County, Shelter capacity meets only 28% of the need for single adults in 2019, and there was a 25% increase in homelessness from 2014-2018. She informed us of the available services in Contra Costa County. COVID has had a significant impact on homelessness and the ability to aid individuals. In response to COVID, Project Roomkey Hotel Program has been established. Jamie will send us a copy of our presentation and it will be posted to the website. It includes information on how to volunteer and how to get aid to someone who needs assistance

Mark Foley, Bart Director

Update on Bart's Homelessness Issues

Bart is implementing Pilot Crisis Intervention teams consisting of a Supervisor of Crisis Intervention and Outreach Programs, a Crisis Intervention Specialist and Plain clothes officer (security). Bart is adding 20 New Crisis Intervention Specialists and 2 additional Sergeants and 10 additional officers (existing) The program will be evaluated for an 18 mo. period. Core Team (Coordinated Outreach, Referral & Engagement) – 2 workers every night on BART system from 4pm to midnight – They focus on End of Line and End of Revenue -Workers identify, engage and connect persons experiencing homelessness to services – health care, social services, housing.

VIII Issues Committee – Bill Nusbaum (15 minutes)

- A. **Next meeting:** Sat. March 6th at 10:30 via Zoom
- B. Results of Issues and Priorities Survey: Nationally- Health Care, Climate Change, Economic Recovery from the Pandemic (jobs, employment, businesses), systemic racism and domestic and national –terrorism. Locally – Fire and emergency services, homelessness, social justice: racial and law enforcement, and zoning (city growth and urban limits) The issues committee will be looking at how we will focus our efforts in these areas. A was asked whether we were going to do anything about the possible recall of Gavin Newsom. Will we take a position? Should we post a pro and con of support. We will look at this in the future. It will be placed on next issues committee meeting agenda.

IXVIII Membership – Linda Smith and Doug McClelland (3 minutes)

- A. For 2021, we have 47 members In Feb of 2020 we had 36 members :)
- B. 2021 Dues should be paid now. \$20 for 2021 membership from February 21, 2021 to Feb 19, 2022
Ways to join — Credit Card at <https://www.marshcreekdems.org/all-products> or Venmo MarshCreekDems or Check (Write MarshCreekDems@gmail.com for mailing address)
- C. Strategies to increase membership
- E.D. In progress , the Committee is looking at membership committee responsibilities (i.e., how to do business) The committee has formulated a new membership form and a membership renewal form. Asks: Why you are interested in joining. We also have an interest form that we send to ask what they would like to do, etc. They will reach out to our list of over 200 people who have attended to see if they would like to join.

XIX Communications – Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)

A. Posting on Facebook important news and call to action. Send any call to action to Carolina at marshcreekdems@gmail.com For Black History Month, Carolina has been posting persons who are not usually highlighted that have been involved in civil rights for Black History Month. She asked for some help.

B. Third Wed at 10 AM is the meetings.

B.C. Update as District Director: District 3 has Diane Burgess, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Annette Williams, Chair of Contra Costa County Board of Education, and Mark Foley, President of Board of Directors at BART.

XIX Secretary – Barbara Coffman (3 minutes)

A. Zoom chat will now be held the 4th Saturday of each month at 10am

XI Swing Left Director – Doug McClelland (3 minutes)

XHA. Swing Left is still trying to figure out what they will be doing. They are meeting again in March. They will be working again with Vote Forward. Reclaim Our Vote, postcards focused on groups that are historically under represented. Phone banking, text banking and writing postcards/letters are areas where we can contribute.

XXXII Precinct Task Force –Carolina Villaseca (3 minutes)

A. **Next meeting** Thursday March 11th at 1:00

B. Precinct Captains – Carolina Villaseca, Linda Soliven, Linda Smith, Shannon Skinner, Michael Dupray and Gary Chambers

C. Precinct Captains are needed for all of our cities.

D. Update Activity will be a little quiet until midterms next year. We will be sending out information relevant to our precincts. We still need precinct Captains.

XIVXIII Treasurer’s Report – Thuy DaoJensen (5 minutes)

XVXIV Membership Comments/Suggestions (3 minutes) Jovita Mendoza, City Council Meeting important items on Tuesday night, Brentwood. Interview for commission live. Shannon closed the meeting in honor of our member, Susan Heuer

XVIXV Adjournment – 3:50 pm

Marsh Creek Dems Treasurer's Financial Statement
January 4 - February 7, 2021

Date	Description of INCOME	Amount
	BALANCE as of January 4, 2021:	\$ 2,478.75
4-Jan-2021	CHECK Membership dues (2)	\$40.00
11-Jan-2021	SQUARE Membership dues (1)	\$19.12
12-Jan-2021	SQUARE Membership dues (2)	\$38.54
14-Jan-2021	CHECK Membership dues (3)	\$19.12
15-Jan-2021	SQUARE Membership dues (1)	\$19.12
19-Jan-2021	SQUARE Membership dues (1)	\$19.12
19-Jan-2021	SQUARE Membership dues (1)	\$19.12
19-Jan-2021	CHECK Membership dues (5)	\$100.00
19-Jan-2021	CHECK Membership dues (3)	\$60.00
25-Jan-2021	SQUARE Membership dues (2)	\$38.54
25-Jan-2021	CHECK Membership dues (2)	\$40.00
26-Jan-2021	VENMO Membership dues	\$350.00
1-Feb-2021	SQUARE Membership dues (1)	\$19.12
	Total INCOME	\$ 3,260.55

Check #	Description of EXPENSES	Amount
1038	Zoom (Oct - Jan), postage stamps, alternate to DPCCC, WIX, Dropbox	\$487.84
1039	Annual discounted cost for zoom	\$114.12

BALANCE as of February 7, 2021: **\$ 2,658.59**