

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
JULY 17, 2006**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Painter, Welling. Others present: Johnstone and Uhazy. Lacking a quorum, no policy decisions were made.

ECA Project Status

Land Use Compatibility- James Welling briefed on an effort to establish a buffer zone on the southern boundary of Edwards and a potential encroachment problem at China Lake with new development.

Education-The Master Planning effort is moving forward. Some of the sub-committees have already met and others have meetings planned in the next couple of weeks. The interest level is still very high. The City of Victorville has expressed a strong interest in becoming part of the effort and has been invited to participate.

The Lancaster University Center has had some construction delays but is now back on track to complete the mechanical engineering building. The lab building should be available for occupancy in August.

Director appointments

President Deaver has discussed a Director position with a potential representative from California City and will also check with a Rosamond representative. He also asked if Les Uhazy could represent Rosamond. Les is a member of the Advisory Committee and would probably have to resign from that committee to accept a Directors position.

Financial Report

James Welling provided a treasurers report (attached)

President Deaver will ask Tom Wardlaw to work on a budget for FY07 since he prepared the previous budget.

**ACTION: PRESIDENT DEVER CONTACT TOM WARDLAW ABOUT
PREPARING A NEW ECA BUDGET**

Johnstone said he has an action item to convene a meeting of ECA members to discuss scholarships and/ or summer camp for students. He has not received a response from the Math and Science Odyssey planners for possible inclusion in that program so this action item will remain open.

**ACTION: JOHNSTONE CONVENE A COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND A
COURSE OF ACTION TO THE BOD ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR SUMMER
CAMP .**

There was also a discussion of establishing a Space Camp program in the local area. This idea will be explored with other groups.

Johnstone said he received an article from the Southwest Defense Alliance explaining that the Governor of South Carolina has reinstated the South Carolina Military Base Task Force. The Task Force will assist communities with value enhancement, address incentives for military assigned in the state, and coordinate efforts among the public and private sectors to maintain the significant DoD presence in South Carolina. The Governor's basis for this was: military installations and facilities are essential to national defense, military activities are vital components of the state's economy, the state is committed to create a business climate favorable to military installations and activities and to enhance the quality of life for military personnel assigned in the state.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in Tehachapi at the Apple Shed on August 21st.

Respectively Submitted

Robert Johnstone
Executive Director