

**MINUTES OF
THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2007**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:05 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Novinger, Scott, Pickard, James, Jamison. Others present: Johnstone, Peterson, Uhazy.

ECA Project Status

Land Use Compatibility

James Welling said several proposals for developing alternative energy projects in the R-2508 area are being proposed. These projects range from wind turbines to solar. Some could conflict with the recently agreed to R-2508 Joint Land Use Study for compatible land uses under the airspace.

Education

Pathways - The Board of Trade Education Committee is developing sample career pathway programs for students from the fourth grade up through the community college. The idea is to lay out a study plan for students to follow that will assist them in reaching their career goals. The Pathways will also assist school counselors in guiding students by providing them with study guidelines. Sample plans are being developed for "Certificate" programs (non-degree) and AA and AS degrees with transfer to a CSU/UC four year program.

Engineering Orientation - Dr. Uhazy briefed on the first ever AVC Engineering Orientation. Sixty five potential engineering students attended this first event. This program will continue and will include guest speakers from industry. The first speaker will be tomorrow night with Dr. Richard Cohn from the Air Force Research Laboratory at Edwards.

Stem House Hearings – Chancellor Reed testified before the House Education and Labor Committee on STEM Competitiveness. Dr. Reed said "The most basic foundation for any advances in STEM fields is having sufficient numbers of well-qualified mathematics and science teachers. Close to sixth percent of the teachers credentialed in California (and ten percent of the nation's teachers) each year are prepared by the CSU, and he highlighted his commitment to doubling the number of mathematics and science teachers prepared by the CSU by 2009-10."

School Briefings – Randy Scott said he is scheduled to speak to the East Kern Unified School District Superintendents on Friday October 26th. The purpose of the briefing is to tell them about some of the programs the Career Prep Council is conducting and to invite their participation in any or all of these programs. These programs include field trips for students and teachers, job shadowing opportunities, internships, The World in Motion for elementary students, Project Lead the Way for high school students, and other opportunities for advancing interest in engineering, math and science.

Financial Report –

James Welling presented a financial report (see attached) showing a balance of \$29,745.84.

Open Discussion-

California Defense Alliance - The California Defense Alliance (CDA) has been inactive since BRAC. California members of the Southwest Defense Alliance said California is the only state without a base retention organization and they would like the CDA reactivated. Craig Peterson, James Welling and Bob Johnstone were asked to take on this task and get the organization up and running again.

Southwest Defense Alliance - The Southwest Defense Alliance will hold its next quarterly meeting in Las Vegas on November 8, 9, and 10th. This will be an anniversary meeting for the Alliance and will feature an anniversary banquet on the evening of November 8.

Salute to Youth - The annual Salute to Youth career day was another great success. Approximately 2,200 students and over 100 exhibitors attended. Each year the program grows and more and more exhibitors, as well as schools, are requesting to participate.

College Night The annual College Night event for high school students and parents was held on October 3rd. Over 3,000 attended this event. Our Engineering Workshop, two sessions, was attended by approximately 110 potential engineering students and their parents. A strong showing of potential female students was evident in the workshop.

Nichols College – The President and Provost from Nichols College made a second visit to the AV to discuss the possibility of expanding their Business College in the region. Nichols has both classroom and internet programs. Most of the discussion centered on potential market and student population. It appears that this program is not accredited by the top organizations. This will create a problem for potential students that are expecting employer funding to obtain a degree from Nichols. This potential program is at least two years into the future.

Young Eagles – Bill Deaver mentioned that the Young Eagles had a very successful program recently at Mojave Airport. Several pilots provided aircraft for young people to experience flight. It was brought up that due to new FAA rulings, pilots that contribute their aircraft for the Young Eagles program can no longer accept money for fuel. It was suggested that this is something Assemblyman McCarthy might want to know about. Johnstone was asked to contact Tanya Duke and get some specifics so this can be presented to the Assemblyman's staff.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in Tehachapi at the Apple Shed on November 19th

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Deaver adjourned the meeting at 9:10 AM

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Respectively Submitted

Robert Johnstone, Technical Advisor

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Financial Report for the Month of October 2007

Beginning Balance	\$30,587.35
Funds Received	0
Expenses	
Oct 10 Check #1051 to AVROP/AVUHSD	\$841.51
Two Field Trips for Students to XCOR/NTP \$ NASA	
Balance as of Oct. 12, 2007	\$29,745.84

Prepared by James Welling

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