

**SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
LAND USE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MONDAY, January 18, 2010
148 South Wilson**

Called to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Istar Holliday - Chair
El-Jay Hansson – Vice Chair
Ed Eby
Dan Gaddis
Hans Hansson
Jim Harrison
Phil Henry
Vince McCarthy
Jeanne Taylor
Mike Winn
Dan Woodson
Richard Wright

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes –Jeanne Taylor - 2nd Vince McCarthy

Public Comment

Bill Denneen – requests that we always use the audio system for hearing impaired

Dan Woodson – Golden State plans to increase rates by 25% in 2011 – Meeting Lakeview Jr. HS, 3700 Orcutt, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 19th

New Business:

GROSS/BRODY MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY DRC-2009-00044 – 427 N. Frontage MUP

Robert Brody and Tom Meredith propose using approximately half of the 4,000 sq. ft. building they have rented from Carmel resident Brent Gross. Hours of operation are 7 days – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; they will personally staff and pick up marijuana from Los Angeles, with an unarmed security guard on premises during operating hours. When the dispensary is closed, all products will be in a 1700 pound safe. As they expand they might cultivate, but growing marijuana is not allowed on premises. No prior experience, but have business background. No business projections. Will have non-profit status. State certified medical person (MDs & PAs only) will issue a recommendation (not a prescription), and the customer will usually purchase 1/8 oz for \$40 depending on quality. Admit that the Federal Government still classifies marijuana as a Class One drug and illegal; however, certain states such as California, have legalized the medical use of marijuana.

Selective Services, Randy Hansen, of Nipomo will handle security with digital video surveillance, that can be accessed from other locations, monitored in Merced, plus burglar and fire alarms

Comments from Board and Audience:

Rules state front door must be seen from street. Address on application is on Frontage Road, but front door opens on Lindon

C Zoning (Commercial) does not allow for this.

Calcoastnews.com states average customer is an 18 to 25 year old male – also claims the system too loose for approving those permitted to “recommend” usage

Probability of gang problems from Santa Maria considering their territory usurped. Not adequate police staff to monitor parking lot sales and/or abuse.

An expose of misuse of system in article in LA Weekly

Peg Miller, local business property owner, has been approached 3 times this year for similar operation and was told her support would make her a millionaire in a year.

Several Law enforcement speakers totally against this. They all predict it will be impossible to prevent such a facility from adding to community crime, and there seems no known benefit to the community.

All except one was adamant that this not suitable for the Nipomo community

In addition to the Board, speakers included Al Daurio, Bill Denneen, Don DeBernardi, Jacqui Fredericks, Peg Miller, Guy Murray, Debora Prewett, Bill Rinehardt, Sam Yamaichi -

Motion to bring before the whole Board of SCAC next Monday by El-Jay Hansson 2nd Vince McCarthy

PLANNED HUTTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – Referred to Traffic and Circulation

GRADING AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GENERAL PLAN AND ORDINANCE REVISIONS – Big impact on large landowners and the AG community – Discuss in February

AGRICULTURAL CLUSTER SUBDIVISIONS AND DENSITY PROGRAM – Letter in folder – review and comment

REPORT ON SCOPING FOR EIR FOR EXCELARON OIL EXTRACTION PROPOSAL IN HUASNA We have twice written our disapproval of this project on the grounds of circulation and water. It was suggested we wait until the matter is scheduled for hearings before the PS and BOS.

REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS' NEW PROPOSAL FOR MASTER WATER PLAN PLANNING AREAS – Plans to divide up the county in incompatible areas. – Plans to reorganize the County Water Planning Areas into 16 WPAs, based on watersheds and groundwater basins Nipomo, which is currently in WPA-6 would become part of a larger WPA-7, including the areas served by Lopez Lake and those drawing on the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin. The County Planning & Building Department plans to collapse the current 19 Planning Areas into 5, but not based on the County Supervisorial Districts or the WPAs. There has been no public discussion of how this will affect the Community Advisory Councils. Discuss next Land Use February 15th

Adjourned: 11:35 am