

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of the January 28, 2008 Meeting

<u>Members Present:</u>	El-Jay Hansson	Elaine Thomas
Reggie Dion	Phil Henry	Dan Woodson
Ed Eby	Istar Holliday	Jim Harrison
Stephanie Franks	Christy Laschiver	
Dan Gaddis	Vince McCarthy	

Roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas and a quorum was declared.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Phil Henry at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda included report on the need for by-law revisions by Phil Henry and and “Smart Growth” information by Mike Winn.

El-Jay Hansson moved the minutes be approved, Istar Holliday second, passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Stephanie Franks, Treasurer submitted the following report:

Statement of Account – January 2008

Board Meetings	(192.76)	Dump Fees	1,905.76
Library	2,285.45	Total	3,998.45
Account Balances for 2007			
Board Meetings	(33.26)	Dump Fees	1,905.76
Library	2,285.45	Total	4,157.95

Comments from the Chair

Phil Henry reported on attending several meetings during the month, including the meeting of the Advisory Council chairs on January 11th, the Economic Advisory Commission meeting on January 17th, and a Katcho’s meeting with the neighbors of the proposed Jack Ready Park on January 19th.

Correspondence

Board of Supervisors meeting is Jan. 29, 2008. Land Conservancy bulletin featuring the Olde Towne Nipomo Creekside Preserve and a note that volunteers are needed in many areas of the County, including Nipomo.

Ed Eby received an email indicating the Cal Poly students have chosen Nipomo to plan and project future growth and how it should look. Ed pointed out that the email stated that the students were going to submit their plan to the County for approval and endorsement. He indicated that we should find out what the students have in mind and how it should be received by our community.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Captain Kirk Petrie – Nipomo Station 20. December reported 130 total calls, 11 fires, 13 vehicle accidents, 71 medical calls and 35 other incidents. Mesa Station 22 reported 60 total calls, 3 fires, 3 vehicle accidents, 36 medical calls and 18 other incidents. Burning restrictions have been lifted (outside of the urban reserve line), work on the new Station 20 will likely begin in February, and Operation Santa Claus was declared a success.

SLO County Sheriff Sgt. Tony Perry reported for Commander Brian Hascall who was not present. He informed us of a gang related stabbing at a party in Nipomo on the 200 Block of Ponderosa on January 5, 2008. The assault was done by Richard Anthony Roddriguez who is still at large. He provided a picture and information to help identify the man and urged us to provide any information we may have and call the SLO Gang Task Force at 805-781-4550 or local law enforcement.

Sgt Perry reported that there have been problems with car break-ins reported at Nipomo High School and at Black Lake. He urged people to lock their cars and not leave valuables in sight. Armed robberies were reported at a donut shop in Nipomo and also at Katcho's gas station in Arroyo Grande.

Park Commissioner Paul Teixeira – not present

SLO Planning and Building – Code Enforcement Art Trinidad discussed the lack of funds and staff for his department. There are many code enforcement violations but they are only able to enforce part of them as a result. Several specific code violations in our community were discussed. Stephanie Franks moved that Phil compose a letter to the BoS indicating we encourage more funding and personnel for the Code Enforcement Department. El-Jay second, passed. Jill Bennett who works with Art Trinidad was present. Richard Wright is our liaison from the SCAC board. Code violations should be reported to 805-781-5600 or email atrinidad@co.slo.ca.us.

Planning Department Brian Pedrotti was present to answer questions.

Planning Commission – Mike Winn announced that Affordable Housing and Inclusionary Housing have not been withdrawn. They are tied in with the EIR and will be part of the Framework for Planning which is moving along. Mike emphasized that it is very important that we attend the meetings of the Planning Commission. He reminded us that the developers and their attorneys are there presenting their cases, and we need to be in attendance and ready to speak for our community.

Nipomo Community Services District: Jim Harrison announced a Public Hearing on Water Conservation Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, 6:30 p.m. On Feb. 4 there will be a meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the NCSO on the Blacklake water/sewer systems.

Bruce Buell announced a meeting on Jan. 30 to discuss water conservation. It will consist of open mike for members of the community with the NCSO representatives in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Deneen commended the board and those in attendance for taking an interest in what is happening in our community.

Dr. Nell Langford commented on air quality and pollution that is generated by the dunes traffic.

Dr. Norman Murphy commented on health issues that arise with the air pollution.

Jean Taylor commented on pulmonary disease caused by air pollution.

Mike Winn announced several upcoming meetings involving housing density, water conservation and water level severity. There will be a field trip to Morro Bay to view their de-sal plant on Feb. 6, 2008. Transportation will be provided from the NCSO at 11:00 a.m. Mike also declared that we pay a "Pollution Tax" in Nipomo because of the dust that is generated by the traffic on the dunes. We are the only community in the county that pays this tax which is included in our property tax.

There will be a series of Water Conservation meeting Workshops all four Saturdays in February at the NCSO.

Herb Kandel, commented on Allocations, encouraging many to attend the meeting of the Regional Water Quality Control Board on Feb. 7, 2008, 2:30 on Broad & Aerovista in San Luis Obispo.

Kevin Beauchamp commented on water conservation in present and new construction.

Old Business

DeGroot Property: 7 clustered lots from 1 to 3 acres and a 24.6 acre open space lot along Sevada Lane near El Campo, subdivision and standards. Mr. DeGroot indicated that all approval has been made to this point and he will appear at the Planning Committee meeting to receive final approval for this plan. He needs supplemental water which he will pay for, however the judge has not yet signed off on this project. There will be no business on the property and the chicken coops will be demolished.

New Business

Election Committee is being formed. Istar Holliday moved that Ed Eby chair this committee, El-Jay second, passed. Ed's committee will include Colette Hyder, Mary Woodson, Phil Henry and others. Ed gave the following information:

Feb. 11 – accept candidate applications

Mar. 10 – Town Hall meeting at NCAC 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 17 – Election at NCAC 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mar. 24 – SCAC meeting

By-Laws: Phil Henry said we are in compliance with the requirements for Advisory Councils except for two items which should be included in our by-laws. He indicated (1) we need to state how SCAC will transmit information to the county and (2) encourage training of all new members and provide them with by-laws and SCAC handbook.

Istar Holliday nominated Collette Hyder to chair the committee to update the by-laws. Her committee is Ed Eby, Mary Woodson and Dan Gaddis. Christy Laschiver 2nd, Passed.

Phil Henry will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors indicating that this is being worked on.

Istar Holliday indicated that some members of the Planning Committee were planning a field trip to Nipomo to view the problems we are facing. The storm last Friday prevented the field trip and it will be rescheduled. Istar was gratified that the Committee is going to take a look at what is happening in our community.

Traffic and Circulation Dan Woodson discussed the costs for the Willow Rd interchange and ramps. Osage and Tefft area are requesting speed bumps but he indicated there is strong resistance from some neighbors.

Cal-Trans will meet with Board of Supervisors in the late spring to discuss the 101 interchange on Tefft. Dan was pleased that this discussions is beginning to take place.

Smart Growth – Reggie Dion presented a summary of his in-depth study of the Smart Growth – High Density Development for Nipomo and the Mesa. He indicated that it is very important that we state to the Planning Committee and the BoS what we DO want rather than simply being against all the growth. The SCAC Board is strongly endorsing Reggie's plan that the County must adhere to their own criteria for Smart Growth, which at present is not happening.

Phil pointed out that we must not let all our "growth credits" be used up on high density housing when we need smaller single family homes that would be suitable for seniors who are retired and do not want the large homes and large lots. That should be stated when we attend the Planning Committee meetings to indicate what we DO want.

It was also restated that Inclusionary Housing should include homes in neighborhoods rather than clustered densely in one area.

Reggie was commended on the report he compiled and the board offered him our thanks.

Next meeting will be Feb. 25, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.