

**SOUTH COUNTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes for May 27, 2008 Meeting**

Vice Chairman Dan Gaddis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Harrison. The roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas and the following members were present:

Kevin Beauchamp	El-Jay Hansson
Reggie Dion	Phil Henry
Dan Gaddis	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Sean Schurr
Elaine Thomas	Harry Walls
Dan Woodson	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the April 28, 2008 SCAC meeting were corrected to indicate in the roll-call that Harry Walls and Kevin Beauchamp were elected later in the meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected with motion by Sean Schurr, seconded by Reggie Dion. Motion passed.

The Minutes of the Joint Meeting with the NCSD and the SCAC Boards on April 14, 2008 were approved with a motion by Dan Gaddis, seconded by Reggie Dion. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Stephanie Franks was not present. Phil Henry gave the following report on her behalf:

Board Meetings	\$(554.35)	Dump Fees	\$1905.76
Library	\$2285.45	Total	\$3636.86

Sean Schurr moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion passed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

Dan Gaddis thanked Phil Henry and Dick Wright for the first press release that was recently in the newspaper. He indicated this is good for the community to have information about our board. Istar suggested the names of the representatives and the area in which they serve is included in the future press releases.

Dan announced that the Planning Commission discussed Inclusionary Housing at the May 22, 2008 meeting. This topic will also be on the agenda for the July 24 meeting for further consideration.

In recognition of Memorial Day, Dan asked that all those present at this meeting who had served in any branch of the United State Military to stand to be recognized. They were honored by applause and thanks from the Board.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors Representative Katcho Achadjian gave a presentation of the proposed Jack Ready Park. The 30 acres of land for this park was donated by the Ready family in honor of their son who died at age three. The park is specifically designed for children with special needs and is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. All playground equipment will be usable for children who are unable to use regular-type sports facilities. Special Olympic events for the mentally and physically disabled children may be held at the park in the future. Architect for the Park is Curt Illingworth.

The park will be landscaped with native vegetation so minimal water will be necessary. There will be horse trails for riding and parking area for horse trailers. Parking facilities may be limited and this will be a consideration in the planning. Access to the Park will be off Illinois Ave. with potential access from another street. Fences will surround the park and it will be open only during the daylight hours with a locked gate at night.

The neighbors were canvassed and the comments were positive and a lot of support will be generated as plans progress. The Park will be built in phases as approval and funding is available. Jack's Helping Hands, a charitable non-profit organization, has been formed to promote the plan and to raise funds for the Park.

El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Sean that the SCAC Board give full support for the planning and building of the park. Motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

**Commander Brian Hascall, SLO County Sherriff's Department** reported that there are three suspects in the fire at the Nipomo Community Center. One arrest has been made. The three suspects are Nipomo High Schools students and are believed to be part of as many as 8 – 10 other fires. The remainder of the information about this fire and the suspects is still not available to the public, but is being further investigated.

A residence on Price Street across from Nipomo Elementary School was found to have a meth-lab, a number of guns, and a great deal of stolen property. Most of the stolen property has been returned to the people from whom it was stolen, but the sheriffs are still looking for the owners of the rest of the property which includes car stereos, plasma TV's, electronic sound equipment and other items. Arrests were made.

Thefts of gasoline have increased two or three fold since the cost of gas has greatly increased. Comm. Hascall suggested that we buy a locking gas cap, especially if the car is parked outdoors.

**California Highway Patrolman Chuck Jordan, Field Superintendent**, reported that a motorcycle unit has been in the area and good comments have been generated by residents. Unfortunately the motorcycle is on loan and does not belong to San Luis Obispo County but it is hoped in the future to be able to buy one.

The cross-walk for the children at Price Street and Thompson Rd has been a problem with speeders not stopping to allow the children to cross. It was suggested that cones are placed at the crosswalk to alert drivers that the cross-walk is for the benefit of pedestrians safety. A crossing guard is also at that location. Also a grant for additional officers may be available to patrol for street racing.

Trucks are still encroaching on the bike path on Division Street. Trucks are allowed to park on Division, but not block the bike path and no vehicle can be parked for more than 72 hours.

**Nipomo Community Services District Representative Jim Harrison** report that the talks for Santa Maria water are still in discussion and progress is being made. Bruce Buell, also in attendance at the meeting, stated that he hoped that we might have some supplemental water as soon as 2011 if all goes well.

Blacklake Water talks are still being held with some opposition. June 23, 2008 is the date that the decision will be made by Blacklake residents if they will approve the plan to tie in with the upgrade by NCS D. There will be a fee of approximately \$900.00 per residence if approved. If the plan is not approved, Blacklake area will have low pressure water and inadequate fire protection as a result. NCS D owns Blacklake water system, but cannot upgrade without community cooperation and approval. Water rates will also increase as a result of this upgrade for approximately 10 years.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeanne Taylor thanked the SCAC Board for the public announcement in the paper and suggested the agenda for the meeting should be published as well.

Jim Harrison announced that a Chipping event will be as follows:

Zone 1	May 27 – June 5
Zone 2	June 9 – June 20
Zone 3	June 23 – July 3

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Land Use Chairman Istar Holliday** reported that the Land Use Agenda and Minutes were sent by e-mail to the SCAC Board and thanked El-Jay Hansson.

The Crosno property at 910 Sheridan Rd., Arroyo Grande is a proposed paint booth, warehouse/shop facility and is planned to be a phased project. The representative appeared before the Land Use Committee, but there were a number of unanswered questions from the committee. The representatives were asked to appear before the SCAC Board at the June 23, 2008 meeting to answer the pertinent questions.

The Borges property representative was asked to appear at the June 23, 2008 meeting of the SCAC Board with information about the piling that are proposed to support the structure and the bedrock/sand issue that needs to be addressed.

The Allshouse property located at Avenida de Amigo and Grande Ave is again before the Board. This request had been previously submitted to the SCAC which indicated numerous problems such as: area inappropriate for high density housing, too far from shopping, inadequate parking, inadequate play area for children, and inaccessible for fire trucks for that property and the condos behind that property.

It was noted that in the past some builders/ property owners simply by-pass the Land Use Committee and SCAC Board and go directly to the Planning Commission which approves the project without input from SCAC. Discussion followed how this should be remedied and it was suggested by Ed Eby that the Land Use Committee issue a one page statement to Brian Pedrotti with one or two sentences pertaining to each project reviewed and how the SCAC/Land Use Committee stand in regard to approval or disapproval of each project. Istar will contact Brian to notify him that we will be in contact with him on each project that is brought before us and ask for his reply to make sure the Planning Commission has our recommendations.

The Card Room that was discussed at the last SCAC meeting is still in the planning stages. It had originally been located on Frontage Rd., but now is considering a location along Tefft. The Card Room may or may not attract an undesirable clientele but will not generate appreciable tax to benefit our area. They are asked to appear before the Board when they have more concrete plans

**Traffic and Circulation Committee Chair Dan Woodson** reported a request to open Camino Caballo from Frontage Rd. to Pomeroy Rd.

The speeding problem on Las Flores has improved since the residents voiced concerns. More patrol cars are present in the area during school hours. Reggie Dion suggested a letter of thanks to the Sherriff Department for making additional patrols available . Istar moved, seconded by El-Jay that the letter is sent. Motion passed.

The Cal-Trans Staff has offered \$4 million toward the Willow interchange bringing the total available so far to \$10 million.

Dan Gaddis asked what is happening to a property on the South West corner of Dawn Rd. and Sun Dale Way next to a Greg Nester development where trees are being pulled out and the land cleared. He asked if anyone knew what was happening. Ed Eby gave a web-site and method to find out on-line what had been approved.

Next meeting June 23, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.