

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the December 15, 2008 Meeting

Chairman Richard Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Elaine Thomas and the following members were present and a quorum was declared:

Rick Dean	Reggie Dion
Stephanie Franks	Dan Gaddis
El-Jay Hansson	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Elaine Thomas
Harry Walls	Richard Wright
Jim Harrison	

The following members were absent:

Phil Henry	Dan Woodson
Kevin Beauchamp	

Approval of Minutes: Since no quorum was present at the November 24, 2008 meeting, the minutes for the October 27, 2008 meeting were approved with a motion by Stephanie Franks, second by Reggie Dion. Motion passed. The minutes for the November 24, 2008 meeting were approved with a motion by Istar Holliday, second by El-Jay Hansson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Stephanie Franks presented the following report:

Board Meetings	\$881.69	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,285.45	Total	\$5,052.90

Rick Dean moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion passed.

Comments from the Chair: Petition for Election for Area 7

Representative: Mr. Mike Murphy introduced himself and his wife Lorene and spoke about his background in business and his interest in representing Area 7 on the SCAC Board. El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Dan Gaddis that Mr. Murphy be approved to serve on the SCAC Board. Motion passed and Mr. Murphy accepted his seat on the Council.

Community Presentations:

Cal Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher issued the following report:

Nipomo Station 20: 111 total calls

11 Fires	10 Vehicle Accidents
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67 Medical	23 Other
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Year to date: 1,104

Mesa Station 22: 54 total calls

7 Fires	6 Vehicle Accidents
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40 Medical	2 Other
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Year to date: 689

Training: Nipomo Paid Firefighters drilled with Conoco Phillips for a second time on November 11th. On November 22, the PCF's drilled on "Rope Rescues". Firefighter Byrne went to the Bay Area for a Rescue Systems II Class.

Budget funds for chipping are being requested by the Fire Department. Also the use of a ladder truck for fighting fires in tall buildings is being considered. At present, these trucks are provided from other jurisdictions when required.

Prevention: Eight business inspections were conducted. Station 20 and 22 will be starting school inspections in December 2008.

Fire Season is closed as of December 8, 2008 and all seasonal Firefighters have been laid off.

New Station 20 is presently having siding and rollup doors installed. Finished date is projected sometime in April 2009.

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department: Commander Brian Hascall reported the following:

1. An arson fire on Whisper Lane destroyed a vehicle. No arrests have been made.
2. A rape occurred in the 100 block of Tefft St. The suspect was subsequently attacked and beaten by three relatives of the victim. The rape suspect was arrested along with the individuals who assaulted him.

3. During a vehicle stop on Mesa Rd, the suspect assaulted the deputy and started to flee. The deputy then shot out the suspect's tires and he was subsequently captured. The car contained 25 bindles of meth.
4. Mail scams continue to be a problem. Commander Hascall cautioned that most of the scams originate out of the country, the most recent one from Canada. He warned that all of these are bogus.
5. Commander Hascall noted that the boys who placed the wood on Pomeroy in which a motorcycle rider was killed have been identified. The California Highway Patrol is handling the case.

California Highway Patrol: Lt. Mark Badovinac was not present
SLO County Planning Staff: Mr. Brian Pedrotti was not present
Parks Commissioner: Mr. Paul Teixeira was not present

Nipomo Community Services District: **Mr. Jim Harrison** reported that the Santa Maria Pipeline is progressing. The EIR is presently available. Mr. Ed Eby presented the issues faced in assigning costs of the pipeline to the area residents. Discussion followed.

Mr. Harrison urged the SCAC board to request approval of the Jim Miller Park. It was noted that the east side of Highway 101 is under-represented with parks. El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Rick Dean that Correspondence Secretary Istar Holliday write a letter to Supervisor Katcho Achadjian and the Board of Supervisors urging approval for this Park. Motion carried.

Reggie Dion noted that Cypress Ridge is trying to assume management of their own sewer system in order to alleviate increased fees.

Public Comment:

Mr. Mike Winn reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the EIR for the "Affordable Housing Ordinance". This approval violates County Ordinance 3090 and increases water demand without supplemental water. Mr. Winn noted that the NCSO will file a "Notice of Complaint" with the Board of Supervisors.

On January 7, 2009, the Board of Supervisors will meet to discuss ways to speed up the land use approval process. The following items will be discussed:

1. Additional Planning Commission meetings

2. Mandatory pre-application meetings
3. Agency contact lists
4. Pre-approval of lots and fees
5. Withdraw or move project when there is no agreement
6. Remove consultants from approved list when the work done is below standard. (These firms have cost the county thousands of dollars through the years because of their poor workmanship and the fact they remain as “preferred companies.”)
7. Reduce permit levels for certain uses

The Planning Commission will be considering the proposed Laetitia Ag cluster project this spring, increasing water demand on very limited fracture shale deposits.

El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Stephanie Franks that a letter is written to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors supporting the NCSD protest of the Laetitia Development. Motion passed

Old Business:

Blue Ribbon Report on TDC’s: Istar Holliday noted that there are a number of problems with the Blue Ribbon Transfer of Development Credits Report. The issues involved:

1. How sending and receiving sites would be determined
2. Receiving sites should not be approved with a water severity shortage of Level II or Level III
3. How this plan would interface with other density bonuses
4. Ambiguous language on water and/or building credits
5. No clear notice that the Board of Supervisors approved the requirement that all TDCs in the South County Planning Area must be approved by the SCAC.

Correspondence Secretary Holliday offered to write a letter to Supervisor Katcho Achadjian and the Board of Supervisors indicating some of the major problems with the report. El -Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Rick Dean that Istar Holliday write the letter. Motion carried.

Huasna Valley Energy Project: Richard Wright reported in the absence of Traffic and Circulation Committee Chair Dan Woodson. Mr. Ron Skinner,

representing the Huasna Valley Association has requested SCAC's support in asking the County for a complete EIR on the proposed oil drilling project by Excelaron, LLC. The plan originally calls for 4 wells; however there is the possible expansion to as many as 64 wells. El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Vince McCarthy that a letter be sent to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors supporting this request for a full EIR, noting some of the problems including; traffic, noise, air pollution and excessive use of water. Motion carried. Istar Holliday will write the letter.

Oversight of Mutual Water Companies:

Istar Holliday discussed the need for Mutual Water Companies to be monitored to prevent excessive usage and indiscriminate expansion to other areas. County Planning needs to be made aware of this ongoing problem since we are presently in a Level III water shortage. Rick Dean moved, seconded by El-Jay Hansson that Correspondence Secretary Istar Holliday write a letter to the Board of Supervisor informing them of our concerns. Motion carried.

New Business:

Budget Request for Updated Land Use Maps: Istar Holliday noted that our present land use maps are outdated and need to be replaced. Stephanie Franks will research the cost and feasibility of obtaining new maps. Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Rick Dean that Stephanie Franks provide maps up to a possible cost of \$300.00. Motion passed.

Election Committee for 2009: Mr. Ed Eby agreed to Chair the Election Committee for the SCAC Board for 2009. He suggested the following individuals serve on the committee: Richard Wright, Collette Hyder, Elaine Thomas, Mary Woodson, and James and Janet Pelkey.

El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Rick Dean that the committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Mr. Eby indicated that the election schedule would include:

- Open nominations beginning on February 9, 2009,
- A town hall meeting to introduce the candidates on March 9, 2009,
- The election on March 16, 2009 between 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and
- The new council will be seated March 23, 2009.

The current members of the SCAC Board who are required to run for re-election include:

Vince McCarthy	Harry Walls
Dan Gaddis	Dan Woodson
Reggie Dion	El-Jay Hansson
Stephanie Franks	Elaine Thomas
Kevin Beauchamp	Mike Murphy

Budget Request for Tape Recorder for Secretary: This item was discussed and determined to be unnecessary.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Committee Chair Istar Holliday noted that a quorum was not present at the Land Use Committee meeting so no action could be taken. The discussions centered on the following items:

1. The Garl property on East Dana has requested a road and alley abandonment on _ of Avocado Place and an additional apartment building. The questions raised were problems with the area being in a flood plain, allowance for more parking, an area for children to play and the willingness to landscape the other half of Avocado Place.
2. The Bey property on La Tapadera Rd. with a site disturbance of over one acre is requesting approval for an additional grading request. The original grading was done without permits. The map was explained by Mr. Russom noting that a building site had been granted to the previous owner, but the new owner believes more grading is necessary.
3. A notice of a hearing on the Adams/Boland request in the Callender/Garrett area for storage units, a car wash, office building, retention basin and other changes to the property. This item was presented to the SCAC board in 2005 and was rejected for a number of reasons, one of which was how the neighbors would be negatively affected. Stephanie Franks moved that a letter be sent to the County Planning Committee noting the objections to this project. Motion was seconded by Richard Wright. Motion carried. Istar Holliday will draft a letter.
4. Horse Density: El-Jay Hansson noted that Supervisor Katcho Achadjian modified the wording on a proposed ordinance change involving the number

of horses allowed on a property thus making the ordinance agreeable to horse owners. Stephanie Franks moved, seconded by Rick Dean that a letter is sent to Supervisor Achadjian thanking him for his support and future vote on this issue. Motion carried.

5. Stephanie Franks moved that a letter be sent to County Code Enforcement, Supervisor Katcho Achadjian and the Board of Supervisors requesting the Recreation Center on Frontage Rd. be demolished. The concerns are that the building presents a safety hazard, gang related activities are occurring in the remnants of the building, and the potential liability and law suits. Presently the building is an eye-sore and does not present our community in a good light. Rick Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried. Istar Holliday will write the letter.

Traffic and Circulation: Committee Chair Dan Woodson was not present.

Next Meeting: Jan 26, 2009

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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