

**South County Advisory Council
Minutes for the January 26, 2009 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:

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

The following members were absent:

Istar Holliday
Rick Dean

Additions or deletions to the Agenda: Chairman Wright thanked Jim Harrison for his service in representing the NCSD and welcomed Mike Winn who is now the NCSD representative to the SCAC.

1. The County's ordinance on TDC's will be discussed at the next County Board of Supervisors meeting and the subject will be placed on the agenda under New Business.
2. Open Space Elements will also be discussed during the New Business portion of this meeting.
3. The Resource Management Systems Report will be discussed at the February 23, 2009 meeting of the SCAC Board

Approval of Minutes: The December 15, 2008 minutes were approved with a motion by Mr. Harry Walls, seconded by Mr. Reggie Dion. Motion passed.

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

Board Meetings	\$771.99	Dump fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,285.45	Total	\$4,943.20

Stephanie Franks presented the Council with the updated South County area land use map that was approved at the last meeting and thanked Mike Winn for implementing the project. The cost was \$103.00.

The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Mr. Harry Walls, seconded by Mr. Vince McCarthy. Motion carried

Comments from the Chair: Elections for the SCAC Council will be as follows:
Nomination applications can be submitted beginning on February 9, 2009

Town Hall Meeting to introduce candidates - March 9, 2009
Council election – March 16, 2009
New Council Seated – March 23, 2009

Chairman Wright announced a quarterly Community Chair Meeting will be held on February 20, 2009. Any topics that Council members wish to have discussed at the meeting should be submitted to Chairman Wright.

Correspondence: SCAC has been requested by Supervisor Achadjian's office to attend a meeting in reference to alleged excessive noise during special events at St. Joseph's Church on South Thompson Ave. A meeting is scheduled to take place at the church on February 2, 2009 to determine what can be done to alleviate the noise level. Dan Gaddis and Vince McCarthy have agreed to represent SCAC at the meeting.

Chairman Wright indicated that Brian Pedrotti, County Planning Department, had notified him that all the required paperwork on the Cypress Ridge proposed housing project had not submitted to the County and therefore their representatives would not be appearing at SCAC's Land Use committee as previously scheduled.

Informational Presentation: Mrs. Carolyn Novak of the American Red Cross presented an informative talk on the necessity of disaster readiness. She also supplied the Council with an information packet identifying items that families should have on hand for emergencies. Chairman Wright thanked her for her presentation.

Community Presentations: Cal Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher presented the following report:

Nipomo Station 20 - 116 total calls
9 Fires 9 Vehicle Accidents
65 Medical 33 Other
Year to date: 1,220

Mesa Station 22 – 62 total calls
6 Fires 4 Vehicle Accidents
35 Medical 17 Other
Year to Date – 756

Structure Fire: There was a Structure Fire at 406 Aloma in which one resident suffered burns when he re-entered the structure to remove his vehicle.

Training: Nipomo paid firefighters drilled on low angle rescue and had company elections. Election winners were identified as: John Byrne, Administrator; David Lineman, Assistant Administrator; Bernie Gallzio, Training Officer; and Jeff Patterson, Treasurer.

Prevention: A Chipping Program is scheduled for the 26th and 27 of February for the Suey Creek Area. The Fire Safe Council has approved funding for the Nipomo Area Chipping Project. They are working with the C.C.C. to schedule dates in April and May.

Administration: The State of California is expecting to furlough all state employees two days a month to help with the state budget problems.

New Station 20 Updates: Painting and inside finish work is being done. Finish date will be sometime in April.

Stephanie Franks suggested a community meeting to discuss an “All Area Disaster Plan” with all agencies invited to speak. The meeting potentially could be held at the high school and the whole community invited in order to be aware of disaster preparedness.

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department: Sgt. Steve Harris reported on behalf of Commander Brian Hascall.

1. The first homicide of the year took place at the Pismo Beach Golf Course. The suspect, a Mr. Recio, was arrested and is now in custody.
2. Another homicide took place in December 2008 in Nipomo on Flintlock Lane.
3. A purse was stolen from a vehicle in Arroyo Grande and an arrest was made.
4. On Pomeroy Rd., deputies responded to a parked vehicle when a neighbor heard children crying in the middle of the night. The father of the children was drunk and unconscious after a domestic dispute with his wife. The family lived in Santa Maria. The father was arrested.
5. There was an attempted burglary on Thompson Rd.
6. A vehicle stop was conducted by two deputies late at night when they noticed the car had no license plate. The deputies approached the car and observed a rifle on the floor in the back of the car. The man and woman who were in the car matched the description of those who had committed several robberies. Both suspects were arrested.
7. Deputies have responded several times in the last six months to noise complaint calls from neighbors of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on South Thompson Ave.
8. There have been some crime problems in the area of Galleway Mobile Home Park.
9. A dumping issue in a cistern off highway 101 was discussed. Sgt. Harris said he will look at the area and determine how to resolve the problem.
10. St. Harris reminded everyone to beware of scams that come in the mail and over email.

California Highway Patrol: Sgt. Pete Barrera reported the following:

1. The teenagers who put the wood in Pomeroy Rd. which resulted in a motorcyclist being killed have all admitted their involvement, except for one young man.
2. Sgt. Barrera reported that officers were called to the Pomeroy Rd. incident and arrested the intoxicated father of the three young children. He was charged with child endangerment and intoxication.
3. Sgt. Barrera introduced new CHP Officer Bill McDaniel and welcomed him to the area. He had previously served in Temucula, CA.
4. The CHP has increased its presence in the Las Flores area and speeding has been somewhat alleviated.
5. The noise complaints at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on South Thompson Rd. are recent. He indicated new people have moved into the area and are complaining about the special event celebrations that take place at the church. Mike Winn noted that he lives about 1 _ blocks from the church and has never been bothered by the noise.

San Luis Obispo County Planning: Mr. Brian Pedrotti was not present.

Parks Commission: Mr. Paul Teixeira was not present.

Nipomo Community Services District: Mike Winn announced the following:

1. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 for the Conservation Program. Reservations need to be made.
2. Chipping events will be as follows:
Zone 1 – April 6 Zone 2 – April 20 Zone 3 – May 4
3. A protest meeting for the Blacklake Village Community will be held January 28, 2009. The merger and cost of NCS D water will be discussed. A resolution will be reached by February 11, 2009.
4. NCS D is requesting that the vacant land designated for Jim Miller Park on Tefft St. be transferred to the NCS D so that a park can be developed. If the County agrees to the transfer, there would be a cost to community property owners. An election would be necessary to determine if a majority of the community is willing to finance the park.
5. NCS D is opposing cluster housing and other high density building in our area. The Board of Supervisors is usually agreeable to both types of projects.
6. Hettrick Rd., near Pomeroy Rd., which has been an illegal dumping site in the past, has been cleaned up and bollards have been placed so vehicles cannot access this area. The bollards do not block walkers or bicycle riders.

Phil Henry questioned the possibility of obtaining water for agriculture in our area from the Santa Maria Pipe Line. He noted that many farmers are hearing from the State of California that water will not be available and they are not planting crops based on this information. Mike Winn assured the Council that the water is there and it is accessible or NCS D would not be spending \$20 - \$30 million dollars to bring it to our area. He discussed the size and volume of the Santa Maria aquifer and indicated that the water would be available. He also mentioned the prohibitive cost of a desalination plant. He urged us all to pray for rain!

Public Comment:

Becky Crowe, Executive Director of Nipomo Recreation reported the following:

1. Before and after school child care is available at all Elementary Schools in our area.
2. Youth Basketball is underway with many children participating.
3. Little Bits, a preschool at the Nipomo Community Park, has enrolled 30 children.
4. The Recreation Department is now sharing a new office with the Chamber of Commerce. The new office is at 671 Tefft Street.
5. There will be a meeting of “Nipomo Now” to discuss recreational needs of the community. The meeting will be February 21, 2009 at Nipomo High School.

Clyde Cruise, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce reported:

1. There will be a celebration for the opening of the new Chamber of Commerce Office at 671 West Tefft on February 4 at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.
2. Mr. Cruise encouraged everyone to attend the “Nipomo Now” meeting that was announced by Ms. Crowe.

Mike Winn reported that he had attended a meeting in Los Angeles concerning the problem with “greenhouse gases.” He noted that this topic is going to be extensively discussed at the state and national level in the future.

Stephanie Franks noted that the State of California plans to charge sales tax on individuals for all on-line purchases in the past three years. This is being precipitated because of the short-fall in the state budget.

Old Business:

Clustering - El-Jay Hansson reported that Istar Holliday had drafted a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Commission indicating our objection to “clustering” of housing developments. A discussion followed. It was noted that the Board of Supervisors and County Planning are very much in favor of “clustering” and we were not going to be able to have our voice bear any influence. However, some Council members believed that we should go on record with our objection.

Harry Walls moved, seconded by Vince McCarthy, that we not the send the letter in its present form. Motion passed.

After further discussion it was moved by Vince McCarthy, and seconded that a new letter be written defining Residential Clustering and how it should be designed and managed. It is noted that agriculture land should not be included in this letter. Motion passed.

El-Jay Hansson requested that we email our thoughts to Istar Holliday so she can include them in the new letter.

Minimum Lot Size - El-Jay Hansson stated that the minimum lot size in the past was 10,000 sq. ft. It was then reduced to 6,000 sq. ft and the Board of Supervisors and Planning Department is now requesting a 5,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size.

Mike Winn noted that the NCSD is presently in litigation in reference to the 5,000 sq. ft. requirement. Discussion followed and Mike Winn suggested that a letter is sent from the SCAC Board prior to February 9, 2009 in support of the NCSD position.

Dan Gaddis suggested and all agreed that the first line of each letter sent to the County state the subject to be discussed.

Stephanie Franks moved, seconded by Harry Walls, that the present letter on Minimum Lot Size be revised with the note that we are supporting the NCSD position. Motion passed.

Trail Maintenance- El-Jay Hansson reported that we should request San Luis Obispo County Parks Department to accept dedication of the trails with annual mowing maintenance for 25 years. Phil Henry noted that the County will not be willing to take on any further expense, however minimal, in the present economic situation. El-Jay Hansson indicated that if we let the trails go at this time we will never be able to buy them back in the future. Discussion followed.

Harry Walls moved that we send a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission indicating our support of the “Trail Plan”. Stephanie Franks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transfer Development Credits – TDC’s – added to agenda. It was belatedly brought to the attention of the Council that the Board of Supervisors would be addressing a staff proposal to revoke the Countywide TDC Program on January 27, 2009. A discussion followed. El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Harry Walls that the SCAC support the current Nipomo TDC plan which provides that receiving sites be referred to SCAC for review and recommendation prior to Planning Commission review. Motion carried. Council members were urged to attend the Supervisor’s meeting to voice their concerns.

Mike Winn also brought to the Council’s attention that the Conservation Open Space Element (COSE) will be in the planning stage in the coming year. He urged that a committee from our Council and the community be formed to study this plan and determine our position in relation to implementation strategies. The sub-committee will consist of Stephanie Franks and Mike Winn with invitations to the community to participate.

Committee Reports: El-Jay Hansson reported that the neighbors near the proposed carwash on Highway 1, near the intersection of Willow Rd. are strongly against this project and have voiced their objections to the Board of Supervisors.

Traffic and Circulation – Dan Woodson announced an information meeting on February 19, 2009, at Nipomo High School on funding plans for the Willow Road interchange project.

Mr. Woodson believes San Luis Obispo County will receive approximately \$5 to \$7 million dollars from the federal stimulus package. This money will not apply to the Willow Rd interchange or the Santa Maria bridge project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Next meeting: February 23, 2009