

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes for the March 23, 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 a quorum was declared.

Members present:

Rick Dean	Dan Gaddis
Stephanie Frank	El-Jay Hansson
Istar Holliday	Elaine Thomas
Mike Murphy	Harry Walls
Dan Woodson	Mike Winn
Richard Wright	

Members Absent:

Reggie Dion – excused
Phil Henry – excused
Vince McCarthy – excused

Additions or deletions to agenda:

1. Istar Holliday requested the Parks Department EIR Master Plan be discussed under New Business
2. The Jamison property will be discussed under New Business
3. SCAC Fiscal Audit will be discussed under New Business

SCAC Election Results and Introduction of New Council: Mr. Ed Eby

Area #1 – Vince McCarthy appointed uncontested

Area #2 – Dan Gaddis elected – 43 votes

Chris Bormes – 5 votes

Area #3 – Elaine Thomas appointed uncontested

Howard Hess appointed uncontested

Area #4 – Dan Woodson appointed uncontested

Area #5 – no candidate applied

Area #6 – El-Jay Hansson appointed uncontested

Area #7 – Stephanie Franks appointed uncontested

Mike Murphy appointed uncontested

Agriculture – Patricia Duron appointed uncontested

Supervisor Katcho Achadjian performed the swearing-in for the SCAC for the coming year and thanked the Board for their past service.

Ed Eby announced one vacancy in Area 1 & two vacancies in Area 5 on the Board and noted that application petitions are available.

Election of 2009 – 2010 SCAC Officers

Nominations were as follows and each candidate was elected unanimously:

Chairman – Dan Gaddis

Vice Chairman – Dan Woodson

Recording Secretary – Elaine Thomas

Treasurer – Stephanie Franks

Correspondence Secretary – Istar Holliday

Approval of Minutes for February 23, 2009 meeting: star Holliday moved, seconded by Stephanie Franks that minutes be approved. Motion carried with one abstention.

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

Board Meetings	\$712.32	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,182.01	Total	
	\$4,780.09		

Supervisor Achadjian recommended that we request the maximum amount of money from the County for the coming year since the funds may not be available in future years due to the economic downturn.

Comments from the Chair: Chairman Richard Wright announced a County Training session for Advisory Council members will be held on April 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the City-County Library Community Room. This training is especially for new members who have never been to one of these sessions before.

Chairman Wright thanked the SCAC Board, officers, special committees and community representatives for their service and handed the gavel over to new Chairman Dan Gaddis.

Chairman Dan Gaddis thanked the SCAC Board, Supervisor Katcho Achadjian and officers for their service and noted that the input of the SCAC board is important for our community and for the County.

New member Howard Hess representing Area #3 was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Community Presentations:

Cal Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher:

Nipomo Station 20 – 105 total calls

5 Fires	11 Vehicle Accidents
62 Medical	27 Other

Mesa Station 22 – 51 total calls

4 Fires	5 Vehicle Accidents
25 Medical	17 Other

Training: Nipomo paid call-firefighters drilled on size-up, report on conditions, communications and structure fire evolutions

Prevention: The chipping program for the Suey Creek Area was finished during the last week in February. Chipping for the Nipomo area will take place during April and May.

Officer Fisher handed out a report to the Board on ISO's Public Protection Classification (PPC) Program, ISO's Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) and noted that insurance rates for our home-owners insurance are determined by these factors. Rates are determined on a 1-10 classification with Class 1 representing the superior class. Nipomo Area scores range from 6 – to 9.

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Department Officer Steve Harris reporting for Commander Brian Hascall:

1. On February 25th a SUV was chased by the officers. Two parolees were captured at the Chevron Station in Arroyo Grande. During the chase the parolees had been throwing meth packets out of the car along the way.
2. On Southland and Orchard, two gang members with warrants from Ventura County were captured.
3. Graffiti gangs have been active in the area including tagging a wall on Pomeroy and a mailbox in Oceano. The Gang Task Force is actively working on the problems.
4. Sheriffs are checking on 290 P.C. sex offenders to determine if they are living where they report they are.

California Highway Patrol Officer Chuck Jordan reporting:

1. The Las Flores/ Osage area speeding problem still persists and it is recommended that a speed sign be posted.
2. Officer Daniels was introduced and it was announced that he patrols the Nipomo Area in the afternoons.
3. AYSO soccer games behind Nipomo High School have generated illegal parking. Signs will be posted to prevent blockage of streets.
4. Officer Jordan reminded us that vehicles are required to stop for pedestrians.
5. Ticketing for cell phone and texting usage is difficult but is being carried out. Officer Jordan will report in the next SCAC meeting on how many citations are being issued each month in the South County area for drivers talking/texting on cell phones while driving

SLO County Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti:

He arrived later in the meeting and has no new information to report. He noted that accessing Staff Reports for County Meetings will be available on-line and he will give a future report as to how to access these reports.

Istar Holliday stated that it would be advantageous to have more advanced notice of meetings and the agenda items.

Stephanie Franks encouraged enforcement of illegal signs. She was urged to contact Code Enforcement.

Parks Commissioner Paul Teixeira:

1. He announced two new members on the Parks Commission Board.
2. Recommendation has been made to the County to accept the lease for the Jack Ready Park.
3. The purchase of Wild Cherry Canyon at Avila Beach to join with Montana de Oro is being proposed. The cost will be approximately \$24 million to acquire the property. This proposal has been passed on to the Board of Supervisors and is being strongly recommended by the Park Commission.
4. Paul Teixeira noted that the cost of \$200 thousand for the EIR for the Nipomo Regional Park is excessive. This will be discussed during New Business.

Nipomo Community Services District Mr. Mike Winn:

1. Mr. Winn noted that discussion of the steps to transfer the County owned Miller Park land on Tefft Street to the Nipomo Community Services District is on the Tuesday agenda of the Board of Supervisors. The transfer of the

park property from the County to the NCSD, which consists of 1+ acres, is supported by the NCSD and will be of no cost to the County.

2. The final EIR for the Santa Maria pipeline is presently available on line.

3. The study for the implementation of the combined Blacklake Village and Nipomo water systems is on-going.

4. The next Big Clean-up Week for the Nipomo area will be April 20-24. If large items such as refrigerators are to be taken, a call to South County Sanitary is required and a fee will be added to your next garbage bill. Toxic items will not be collected but can be taken to the drop-off station at the South end of South Frontage Road.

Public Comment:

Mike Eisner announced a Community Gathering meeting with speakers from San Luis Obispo County discussing plans for the Nipomo Area. This is sponsored by the Nipomo Incorporation Committee for Education on Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Woodland Community Room. This committee is studying the feasibility of incorporation for the Nipomo Area.

Harry Walls noted that the SCAC meetings are too long and should make an effort to “tighten up” the meetings.

Consent Agenda:

Istar Holliday, Land Use Committee Chair stated there is no objection to the following:

1. The Troesh Proposal for a lot line adjustment between two parcels off Cuyama Lane, Nipomo

2 The Browne proposal for a parcel map to create two 1 acre parcels from one 2-acre parcel. The site is located off Glenhaven Place in Nipomo.

Old Business:

Istar Holliday noted there is no further discussion needed for the “Clustering Letter.”

Draft Framework for planning amendment reports: Mrs. Istar Holliday stated a number of discrepancies in the report and it will take further study by each Committee Chairman.

Coastal Zone: Istar Holliday

Inland Zone: Harry Walls

Transportation: Dan Woodson

Coastal Zone: It was noted that the problems persist with clustering, water availability, high density housing, and traffic.

Inland Zone: The precept for “smart growth” is not workable in our area.

Transportation: Dan Woodson referred to the report he had posted on-line which dealt with Walkable Communities, Parking, Street Design Considerations, Transit and Alternative Transportation.

Mr. Mike Eisner commented that the Framework gives preference to developers, high density and so called “smart growth.”

Discussion followed and it was agreed that Mrs. Istar Holliday, Mr. Harry Walls, Mr. Dick Wright and Mrs. El-Jay Hansson would speak on behalf of the SCAC Board in reference to the difficulties of our rural community to comply with the “Framework” as it is presently written. It was noted that we must make our voices heard now in the early stages of this amendment process or we may never be able to be heard in the future.

New Business:

Jamison proposal: requests a permit to allow construction of a long term RV storage lot on Sheridan Rd in the community of Callendar-Garrett consisting of approximately 19 acres and owned by the Pismo Coast Village.

El-Jay Hansson moved for an equestrian trail on the perimeter of the property. Seconded by Istar Holliday. Discussion followed and the motion was defeated. Jeffrey Emrick reported that the property would include a fence with slats for privacy and landscaping for about 10 feet to allow greater esthetic value. The park would not be manned, but would be equipped with cameras for security. Harry Walls moved for approval of the project as stated including the landscaping. Seconded by Richard Wright. Motion carried with 1 abstaining; Rick Dean; 2 opposed; El-Jay Hansson and Mike Murphy.

Audit of SCAC Books: In accordance with the SCAC bylaws, the audit of the books will be done by three Council members, Dick Wright, Harry Walls and Dan Gaddis.

Parks Department EIR Master Plan: Nipomo Community Park -

Bonnie Eisner reported the developers have used \$100 thousand of the Quinby and PFF fees, but no progress has been made. There is no longer any money available. The proposed \$200 thousand for the EIR is excessive.

Paul Teixeira and Mike Winn noted that more complex EIR's have been done for less cost.

Discussion followed. It was determined that Istar Holliday would write a letter in reference to the cost of the EIR. Dan Gaddis moved, seconded by Stephanie Franks that:

“Due to the downturn in the economy we believe \$200,000 for an EIR for the master plan for the Nipomo Community Park is excessive. We request a new RFP be done with a larger universe of EIR bidders to seek and secure a lower cost EIR.”

It was also requested the SCAC be notified as to the cost of the new EIR. Motion passed. Two abstaining (Rick Dean and El-Jay Hansson), one opposed (Harry Walls).

Resource Management System Report –Mike Winn:

It has been requested by the SLO County that SCAC submit any addition or changes to the format of the System Report for next year. John Snyder spoke, noting that Nipomo should have access to our own water. The SCAC Board was asked to access the report on-line and report any suggested changes or additions to Mike Winn.

Land Use Committee –Istar Holliday

No further discussion.

Transportation –Dan Woodson requests that the SCAC Board allow him to send a letter to Administration Manager of SLOCOG to request a grant for a Transit Plan and a Study of Transit. Harry Walls moved that the letter be sent, seconded by Istar Holliday. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. Next meeting is April 27, 2009