#### SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Minutes for the April 27, 2009 6:30 p.m. Meeting In the NCSD building, 148 S. Wilson Street, Nipomo, CA

Chairman Dan Gaddis 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:

Patricia Duran

Dan Gaddis

Howard Hess

El-Jay Hansson

Vince McCarthy

Elaine Thomas

Harry Walls

Mike Winn

Dan Woodson

Richard Wright

Members absent:

Stephanie Franks Istar Holliday

Mike Murphy

**Addition or deletions to the agenda:** The Framework for planning will be discussed under New Business

**Approval of Minutes for the March 23, 2009 SCAC meeting:** El-Jay Hansson moved, and it was seconded by Vince McCarthy, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dan Gaddis submitted the following report in the absence of Stephanie Franks:

Board Meetings \$593.31 Dump Fees \$1,885.76 Library \$2182.01 Total \$4,661.08

El-Jay Hansson moved, and it was seconded by Vince McCarthy, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion passed.

Mike Winn suggested that future Treasurer's Reports exclude dedicated funds (e.g., Library funding provided by Save the Mesa), not from the reports but from the totals, in order to present a clearer picture for annual Board of Supervisors funding.

Comments from the Chair: Chairman Dan Gaddis, Dan Woodson, Mike Winn, Howard Hess, & Patricia Duron attended a training meeting for all County Advisory Boards in San Luis Obispo on April 24, 2009. There are 11 Advisory Council in SLO County. The Department of Planning & Building reported they are presently considering in the County: about 7 Agriculture-Clustering projects, about 118 residential projects, about 26 wineries, the Los Osos sewer project, a San Miguel Ranch project, Sun Power projects, and monitoring Sand & Gravel applications.

They discussed that the General Plan has 7 Elements: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Safety, Conservation, Open Space, & Noise.

They reviewed two types of Permits:

- 1. Ministerial Permits (Building Permits) that comply with zoning already.
- 2. Discretionary permits (Land Use Permits) that are exercised by decision makers and require a Land Use Permit.

They mentioned that the Coastal Commission Coastal Zone averages about 1,000 yards in width from the high tide line going inland.

They reviewed that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has 3 legs:

1. Exempt, 2.Negative Declaration (minimum effect on the environment), and 3. Requires an Environmental Impact Report (EIR

They displayed the SLO County Planning web-site and how it continues to be improved and how it allows the public to have easy access regarding County offices, projects, planning, and general information. The SLO County Planning website is: <a href="https://www.sloplanning.org">www.sloplanning.org</a>

New also on the website is a: "Planning Commission E-Comments Form". The public can make comments electronically up to 3 days (72 hours) prior to a hearing.

Planning also noted that approximately 40% of San Luis Obispo County residents are in a low income category, and that we could experience a growth of 35,000 new residents in the County in the next few years.

They noted that projects with Strategic Growth concepts (previously known as Smart Growth) go to the front of the line in the County planning process.

They reported that the County needs to reduce green house gas emissions by 20% and go back to 1990 levels and getting vehicles off of the road helps this goal.

SCAC pointed out to Planning in the training meeting; that Nipomo does not have any real employers, or department stores, appliance stores, electronic stores, movie theatres, etc for shopping in the Nipomo Mesa Area, therefore any Strategic Growth increased high density housing in Nipomo only increases vehicles on the local roads and Highway 101 as no one can realistically walk or bicycle to employment or shopping facilities in the Santa Maria area or the Five Cities Area/SLO Area, etc, from Nipomo.

Chairman Gaddis also had Land Use Maps, which were passed out in the Advisory Training, available for viewing at this SCAC meeting.

#### **Community Presentations:**

Cal-Fire Officer Bill Fisher reported the following for April:

Nipomo Station 20 – 121 total calls - Year to Date 325

11 Fires 31 Vehicle Accidents

60 Medical 19 Other

Mesa Station 22: 65 total calls - Year to Date 176

5 Fires 4 Vehicle Accidents

36 Medical 20 Other

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on Traffic Collisions, Extrication and Structure Fire Evolutions.

Prevention: Chipping Program for the Nipomo Area will take place in April and May. We are cautioned to be careful with controlled burns on windy days. We have very dry conditions this year and it is wise to clear flammable vegetation around structures 30 to 100 feet.

Administration: New Station 20 should be finished sometime in June with dedication on July 8, 2009.

Howard Hess asked Cal-Fire about condemning the old Recreation Center building and clearing away the dead vegetation around that building located off of Frontage Road. Cal-Fire will check in to it.

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

There have been two break-ins – one on March 20 at the Smoker's Hut on Tefft. Three juveniles and one adult were arrested. The stolen items were recovered.

There was an armed robbery and an elderly man was severely beaten at the former Long's Drug Store on Tefft. The suspect, Chris Davis, was arrested at the Elks Lodge in Oceano on Mary 26 and is in jail.

A recent scam consists of a text message ostensibly to collect a debt and requests the Social Security number of the person receiving the message.

The Sheriff's Department is working toward eliminating graffiti and painting over it as soon as possible to try and alleviate further gang "tagging".

California Highway Patrol Sgt. Pete Barrera reported that a motorcycle patrolman will be present in our area for several months. The speeding on Las Flores resulted in 7 or 8 tickets being issued in one afternoon. The speeding problem during commute hours on Orchard Rd. will be patrolled as well. There have been some citations issued in reference to cell-phone use while driving. Howard Hess asked Officer Barrera to check into the trucks and trailers being parked at Hill and Frontage Rd.

San Luis Obispo County Planning Department: No representative was present.

# **Parks Department Commissioner Paul Teixeira** arrived later in the meeting and reported the following:

The Parks Department has approved the acquisition of the 100 acres to be added to the Dana Adobe Property and it now goes to the Board of Supervisors for approval. It was noted that recreation facilities will be requested on this land for equestrian use as well as trails for hiking and biking.

Mr. Teixeira noted that the Trails Department could be more involved with the Parks Department.

There is presently a web-site that includes Parks information at <a href="www.sloplanning.org">www.sloplanning.org</a>. Improvements are being proposed for the Coastal Dunes RV Park and the town of Oceano for sewer lines as well as other improvements.

Paul Teixeira also noted that the Parks Commission had approved a free 99 year lease of 100 acres to the Dana Adobe upon recommendation of their staff who reviewed the lease. This land was purchased from Nipomo Quimby fees for \$2.7 million.

**Nipomo Community Service District: Mr. Mike Winn** reported that a Clean-Up was held April 20 to April 24.

The final EIR for the Santa Maria Pipeline has been approved.

Opposition and discussion of the Framework for Planning will take place at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 28. Mr. Winn urged SCAC members and area residents to attend.

There will be a water conservation committee meeting on May 4. On May 11 there will be a tour of the Cold Canyon Land Fill at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Winn announced that a valuable member of the NCSD committee, Mr. Cliff Trotter, has resigned for health reasons.

The Nipomo area is being targeted for more low income housing even though the infrastructure is not in place.

#### **Public Comment:**

**Brent Von Stein** who is a part-time student at Cal Poly and a pilot for Sky West asked for stricter enforcement on speed limits on Oak Glen where he lives. He requested the speed limit be lowered for safety sake and requested 25-30 MPH be the posted limit. He was urged to attend the Traffic and Circulation Meeting and speak with Dale Ramey. The meeting will be May 14 at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Public Comment:**

**Ed Eby** announced: A concert at the Dana Adobe on May 17 at 4:50 to 7:50 p.m. Dave Stamey will provide the music. Adults and children are welcomed. The cost is \$22.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. It is advisable to bring your own chair.

Local resident Clara Bergman is beginning a talk show in Los Angeles. The topic of the show is Business.

**Dan Woodson** announced there will be a fall concert at the Dana Adobe on September 27, 2009. The music will be provided by Cuesta College Big Band, Inga Swearingen, and NuMonet.

**Mike Winn** noted that helicopter spraying for weeds should not take place until after residents have been notified.

There will be a Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting at Black Lake on April 30 at 11:30 a.m... Supervisor Katcho Achadjian will be the speaker.

There will be a meeting held by the California Department of Water Resources at the San Luis Obispo Library on May 1 to discuss current Water Policies. RSVP is required.

#### **Old Business:**

**SCAC Books Audit: Chairman Dan Gaddis** announced that SCAC members Dick Wright, Harry Walls, & Dan Gaddis audited the SCAC financial records that are prepared by our Treasurer Stephanie Franks and they found that she is doing a good job and the books are in order.

#### **New Business:**

**DeBlauw Property:** Steve Babcock requested subdividing 7 acres into 6 lots. There was a question whether lots can be subdivided if some just under 1 acre. Discussion followed. Rick Dean moved we approve the proposal because it complies with County Planning as submitted. Richard Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed with El-Jay Hansson abstaining.

**Greitens Property Proposal to turn a garage into a winery:** Tina Greitens presented a proposal to turn her garage located off Dakota Lane into a small winery. She has 10 acres and will produce a small amount of wine for family and friends. She noted that her plans comply with the Cal Fire requirements. Dan Woodson moved, seconded by Rick Dean that this request be approved. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**Framework for Planning will be discussed at the Board of Supervisors Meeting April 28, 2009.** Mike Winn pointed out that this project is very significant. He said the writing of the project is obscure and he showed two large note books that contain the project and he indicated the project is defective. He also believed that it will be passed at the Board of Supervisors meeting. It was noted by the SCAC that our objections are seldom heard and our in-puts are often brushed aside. Mike. Winn urged members of SCAC attend the meeting and voice our thoughts concerning this project as well as others that affect our area.

Other discussions:

It was suggested that some sub-committees could be valuable to study issues. A review of a "Revision of the Laetitia Ag Cluster" is reportedly scheduled for nearby residents on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Laetitia Wine-Press Room.

There will be a Public Hearing with the Board of Supervisors, on Proposed Amendments to the Growth Management Ordinance on May 19, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Board of Supervisors Chambers. Dan Gaddis & Mike Winn will attend this meeting and report back to the SCAC at the May meeting.

A discussion followed concerning a Growth Cap for the Nipomo area of 1.8%. Rick Dean moved we support the 1.8% growth cap unless on-going studies later determine the unavailability of water and other infrastructure to support 1.8%. Harry Walls seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

Land Use: El-Jay Hansson stated nothing further to report

Traffic and Circulation: Dan Woodson noted that "bot-dots" have been installed at the turn lanes from Mary onto Tefft. A Nipomo Art group has been discussing potential relief

art for the Willow Interchange bridge structure.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary Elaine Thomas will not be in attendance at the next SCAC meeting and Harry Walls will record the minutes for that meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, May 25, 2009 (Memorial Day)