

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of the May 24, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Mike Murphy who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Elaine Thomas called the roll.

Members Present:

Patricia Duron	Mike Eisner
Stephanie Franks	El-Jay Hansson
Istar Holliday	Vince McCarthy
Mike Murphy	Gary Spelbring
Elaine Thomas	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	

Members Absent:

Rick Dean	Dan Gaddis
Bill Stubbs	Mike Winn (ex-officio)

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

The Blair Project will be discussed during the New Business portion of the meeting.

It was suggested that the Dana Adobe be added to the Community Presentation portion of the future meetings. This will be discussed during New Business.

Approval of Minutes: El-Jay Hansson moved, seconded by Istar Holliday that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

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

Board Meetings	\$1,222.50	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,182.01	Total	\$5,290.27

Discussion followed concerning how these monies can be used. Stephanie indicated that the Save the Mesa organization specified the usage of the money that was granted to the SCAC. She will present written guidelines for money usage at the June meeting.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher presented the following report:

Nipomo Station 20 – 81 total calls - Year to date: 363

7 Fires	12 Vehicle Accidents
39 Medical	23 Other

Mesa Station 22 - 60 total calls – Year to date: 228

7 Fires	8 Vehicle Accidents
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25 Medical

20 Other

Volunteer Fire Fighters Paul Miner and Dan Hagstrom were honored with Special Recognition for their years of service to the Fire Department.

Chief Fisher noted that fire season is upon us and urged special care in clearing fields and near homes.

Training took place at the Conoco Phillips Refinery and Diablo Canyon Hazardous Material Awareness for search and rescue.

A firefighter has been hired to inspect areas that are State of California responsibility. Limited funds have made these areas prime fire potential.

Suey Creek and Upper Los Berros are being readied for pre-fire attack. A printed report will be completed.

Nipomo Chipping Program began in May with Zone 1 (Mesa area); Zone 2 was on May 17 and Zone 3 on June 7. Registration for Zone 3 is being accepted.

Tri-Tip BBQ was a big success and raised money which is used for projects to benefit our community.

SLO County Sheriff's Department Commander Brian Hascall – not present

California Highway Patrol Lt. Chris Day – not present

SLO Planning Staff – not present

Parks Commissioner – Paul Teixeira came later in the meeting and offered no report. He indicated his report would be available at the June SCAC meeting.

Nipomo Community Services District Mike Winn - not present

Informational Presentation: Nancy Marohn, Executive Director of Nipomo

Recreation presented a report on the activities offered at the Nipomo Community Park. She indicated a summer program will be offered for all ages. There is also an after-school program offered at no cost which includes both recreation activities and academic studies. A brochure of the Park's activities and sponsored events is being mailed to all Nipomo residents. Sign-up for these activities can take place at the Recreation Office : 671 East Tefft #2. A membership fee for individuals is \$15.00 per year and a family membership is \$30.00 per year. A scrip card can be filed at Vons with proceeds going to the Recreation Department when you use your Vons card.

Nipomo Community Services District – Ed Eby reported on updates for the Sphere of Influence areas. A meeting with LAFCO was held on May 20 with review and recommendations. The Sphere of Influence shows what the NCSD may serve in the coming 20 years. It does not indicate that these areas will be service. Four changes are recommended:

Area 1 – 200 + acres that are in the Williamson Act should be removed

Area 2 – Retain since this property is designated for a civic center

Area 4 – Strawberry fields should be removed from Sphere of Influence – three owners objected.

County Planning Department presented a list of recommendations. They believe that some areas should be reduced or adjusted to reflect long term planning. Only existing plan categories should be allowed to be serviced by the district.

Public Comment: Gary Spelbring reported a tomato growing project of about one acre is taking place on the property at El Campo and Sevada. The property is presently owned by Arroyo Grande and is designated for a cemetery. The amount of water usage is detrimental to the neighbors whose wells are depleting. It was indicated that additional 20 acres may be planted with tomatoes which would further deplete the water table in the area. Two neighbors also spoke: Wayne Barry and David Maislen. It was agreed that Patricia Duron, who is the Agriculture Representative on the South County Advisory Council, will research this problem and report back at the June SCAC meeting.

Old Business:

Willow Road Extension Phase I Project Dan Woodson: Bid was awarded to Raminha Construction for extension of Willow Rd to Hetrick Ave. Ground Breaking for the Project will be Wednesday, May 26 at 12:00 noon at the corner of Pomeroy and Willow. Parking is available at the Edwards Barn. All are invited. Construction should begin the first week in June

Phase II plans were submitted to the various agencies in May and may require additional funding.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary will be discussed at the Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, May 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in San Luis Obispo. All were urged to attend and speak about this proposal. The SCAC voted unanimously to deny of approval of this dispensary. The dispensary wants to locate at 4425-B North Frontage Rd and would utilize 4000 sq. ft. The SCAC is urging that the County of San Luis Obispo comply with the State Attorney General's statement that these facilities are unlawful,

New Business: Blair Property: 750 Upper Los Berros Rd. Owner Peter Blair and applicant Charles Blair request a variance for a garage/shop which is already built. The structure is 24' X 38' and is placed 4.5 feet from the roadway. County law requires a setback of 25 feet from the road. The Blairs are now asking for a variance for the County approval of the building. The County's position is that the other neighbors have done the same thing, therefore no action should take place. Discussion followed.

Richard Wright moved, seconded by Mike Eisner that we write a letter stating our position. If there is a law concerning codes for buildings, it should be enforced. Motion passed.

Dana Adobe: It was suggested that Dana Adobe have a permanent item on our agenda during Community Presentations. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the various service organizations will be invited to speak at our meeting. Mike Eisner moved,

seconded by Richard Wright that each month, selected service organizations will be invited to speak about their activities during the Community Presentation portion of our meeting. During the Public Comment time of our meeting, any organization that wishes to, may speak about their organization. Motion carried. Invitations will be issued to the various service organizations.

Committee Reports: Land Use Committee no further report

Traffic and Circulation: Dan Woodson reported that the Committee met May 13 and discussed several items of traffic problems. Left turn lanes, short green lights on Tefft, bottlenecks at Highway 101 and Tefft especially on the turn lanes and blind intersections. Discussion followed on left turn at the Chevron Station on Frontage/Tefft as well as the construction project on Highway 166. The left turn on Mary next to Vons is still a problem with double/double yellow line and lane changes. A report on the Willow Interchange had already been discussed.

Meeting adjourned - 8:13 p.m. Next meeting June 28, 2010