

SOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes for the February 28, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Woodson at 6:30 p.m. Mike Winn led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Secretary Elaine Thomas with the following members present:

Rick Dean	Patricia Duron
Mike Eisner	Dan Gaddis
El-Jay Hansson	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Gary Spelbring
Bill Stubbs	Elaine Thomas
Mike Winn (non-voting)	Dan Woodson

Members absent:

Stephanie Franks	Richard Wright
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A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes: Cees Dobbe, resident of Nipomo, objected to the wording in our minutes concerning tree removal on his property. Discussion followed. Mr. Dobbe and Rick Dean worked together to reword the portion of our minutes that pertained to Mr. Dobbe's property.. The new wording which will be added to the January 2011 minutes is as follows:

“Cees Dobbe brought to the Council’s attention that Land Use Committee agenda and meeting minutes were on the web and incorrectly stated that a tree removal project on his property (APN 091-211—14) was in violation. Mr. Dobbe stated that he spoke with four county officials who confirmed that the project required no permit, no fees and was not in violation.

Mr. Dobbe indicated that he spoke with El-Jay Hansson of the Land Use Committee, stating the above facts and was disappointed that the record had not yet been corrected. At the January 2011 SCAC meeting Brian Pedrotti, County Planning Committee, confirmed the above facts. The Council informally agreed that the Land Use agenda, minutes and SCAC minutes would correctly reflect that no violations had occurred on the property.”

Mike Eisner moved, seconded by Bill Stubbs that the new wording be accepted and added to the January 2011 SCAC minutes, The previous reference to the tree removal will be deleted and the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried. Istar Holliday and El-Jay Hansson abstained.

Treasurer’s Report: Stephanie Franks – not present. No report was submitted.

Comments from the Chair: Chairman Dan Woodson requested that members of the SCAC who wish to comment during Public Comment go to the lectern to do so.

Community Presentations:

Cal-Fire Battalion Chief Bill Fisher – not present

SLO County Sheriff's Department Commander Ken Conway – not present
California Highway Patrol – not present
SLO County Planning Brian Pedrotti – not present
Park Commissioner Connie O'Henley - will attend the May 2011 SCAC meeting

Nipomo Community Services District Director Mike Winn noted that a meeting of the NCSO was held Feb. 24, 2011 at which the following items were discussed:

1. Intertie update with the Santa Maria Pipeline
2. Southland water treatment
3. The WRAC will meet May 2 in San Luis Obispo and will discuss the Annual Survey Report of the County's Resource Managements System. The Shandon Community Plan in a basin with water supply Level of Severity III will be discussed.
4. Next NCSO meeting will be April 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment:

Mike Eisner reported that the Chamber of Commerce recently met with N.I.C.E to discuss the future of Nipomo. Forty-five people attend the meeting. The following items were deemed the most important for future planning:

1. Activity facilities for senior and youth
2. Hotel and Conference Center
3. Education
4. Community identity
5. Expand tax base and business community

Joe Lopez, resident of Nipomo, questioned the costs of the NCSO's Pipeline Project to be build from Santa Maria to the Mesa and why the cost is increasing.

Old Business:

Community Health Center on the corner of Tefft and Tejas is being studied for traffic issues. No further action on this project until this study is complete.

Santa Maria Pipeline: Jim Harrison, President of NCSO offered the following report. The cost of the Santa Maria Pipeline project will be \$25 million for the infrastructure with a cost of about \$1480.00 cost per acre foot of water. Financial strutures and costs are not known at this time but the public will be fully informed about how much each household will be charged before it comes to a vote.

A report "Summary of Some Water Studies re: Nipomo Mesa Area" was presented listing the agencies and consultant studies of the water supply under the Mesa. (See Attachment II) . The reports conclude that more water from our aquifer is being used than is being replaced.

Other options for obtaining water for our area have been investigated and each reflect a greater cost than the Santa Maria Pipeline.

Bill Petrick, resident of Nipomo, stated that he disagrees with the costs and water levels that Mr. Harrison has presented.

New Business:

Mark Adam who owns the Oceano Card Room is requesting approval of a location change of the card room to the corner of Halcyon and Highway 101 in the shopping center which includes JJ's Market and Tanner Jack's Resturant as well as a pizza restaurant. The purpose of the change is to move the existing card room from Oceano to the proposed site, expand the card room from 3 tables to 6 tables, provide additional parking with a better location for his patrons. He said the card room is presently licensed to be open 24 hours but rarely goes 4 hours except in an occasional tournament..

Tournaments will be held. He holds a beer and wine license at his present location and hopes to transfer that to the new location. Discussion followed with the following items questioned: The County presently approves 4 tables in card rooms. The security issue including lighting, locks on doors and cameras surveillance was discussed. Parking was an issue with the other businesses in the shopping center.

Istar Holliday moved that a letter be sent to Supervisor Paul Teixeira and Stephanie Fuhs, Planning and Building Department noting the concerns of the SCAC:

1. parking
2. security inside and outside the building
3. number of tables above the County limit of 4
4. fixed bar or not?
5. consent of neighbors
6. a residence within 100 ft.

El-Jay Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Traffic and Circulation Committee

Bus Shelter: Dan Woodson announced a bus shelter at Thompson and Price (across from Jocko's restaurant) has been approved. No action from the SCAC required.

Traffic and Circulation Committee: Dan Woodson requested support for a letter requesting grant approval for the South County Transit Study. A letter outlining this request is attached to these minutes: Attachment I

Rick Dean moved, seconded by Dan Gaddis that the letter be sent requesting this grant. Motion carried.

Dan Woodson indicated he had attended the preconstruction conference for the Willow Road, Phase II project. The contractor has indicated he will be able to start construction in the latter part of March.

PM10 Committee: Patricia Duron handed out several items helping to identify the amount of particulate matter in the air on any given day.

1. Patricia noted that the Tribune newspaper is posting daily PM10 levels from Shandon to Nipomo. She attached a clipping from the newspaper showing the postings.

2. There will be a school board meeting on March 15, 2011 in which Larry Allen and Penny Borenstein will attend to promote the idea of implementing the flag warning system program in all our schools. Schools that are participating presently in the flag program are Dorthea Lange, Mesa, Nipomo and Lopez.

3. Patricia has literature indicating what the flag program represents which hopefully can be handed out to families in the school system.

4. A Memorandum of Agreement between State Parks and the APCD staff has been disbanded as well as the committees. However, the pilot program scope of work is complete and the APCD is still involved and will be part of the oversight of the pilot programs, which are still on track for implementation in late March. This move also frees up APCD staff to focus on its regulatory role in solving the problem, i.e. the Fugitive Dist Rule, etc.

At the conclusion of this report, Mike Winn- who serves on the Management Oversight Committee (MOC) – informed the Council that the Tribune article announcing the disbanding of the MOC and the Technical Advisory Committee was premature. The MOA cannot be cancelled without BOS agendaizing the topic and voting and this has not been done.

5. We are awaiting the graphic for the TV and for the Adobe Press which have agreed to publicize the air quality levels.

Election Committee: Mike Eisner announced the forum for potential members of the SCAC will be held next Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. At present, all those who are up for election are unopposed and have agreed to continue serving on the SCAC. If there are no further applicants the election on March 21 will not be necessary and all those serving will continue.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.
Next meeting March 28, 2011