

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

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

Rich Dean	Patricia Duron
Mike Eisner	Stephanie Franks
Dan Gaddis	Istar Holliday
Vince McCarthy	Elaine Thomas
Mike Winn (non-voting)	Dan Woodson
Richard Wright	Bill Dorland

The following members were absent:

El-Jay Hansson	Gary Spelbring
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A quorum was declared.

Additions or deletions to the Agenda: Richard Wright requested that Item #2 in New Business, in regard to the Parks and Recreation Committee be removed from this agenda. Council approved removal.

Approval of Minutes for the February 28, 2011 meeting: Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Pat Duron that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for the March 9, 2011 Special Meeting was corrected with the addition of a paragraph which stated that Dan Woodson might be asked to Chair the Traffic and Circulation Committee in the event that the SCAC is disbanded. Dick Wright moved, seconded by Stephanie Franks that the correction be made. Motion carried.

Mike Winn announced that the original name Nipomo Regional Park was long ago changed to Nipomo Community Park, once a survey of users was taken by the County.

Supervisor Paul Teixeira announced that the previous name of Nipomo Regional Park is now changed to Nipomo Community Park. He also stated that the minutes for the March 9, 2011 meeting should be corrected to state that the Parks Commissioner is appointed rather than elected. Istar Holliday moved that the change be made to the minutes. Pat Duron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Board Meetings	\$289.85	Dump Fees	\$1,885.76
Library	\$2,182.01	Total	\$4,357.62

Rick Dean moved that the report is filed for audit. Mike Eisner seconded, Motion passed.

Correspondence: On April 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., there will be two hearings before the Planning Commission: LRP2010-00009 (to amend the Growth Management Ordinance) and LRP20009-00005 to amend the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance. SCAC members were urged to attend.

Supervisor Paul Teixeira presented Certificates of Appreciation to those who have served on the SCAC for the 2010 – 2011 year and thanked each member for their service.

Election Results: **Mike Eisner** reported the following:

“I was approached to chair the Elections Committee and gladly accepted. My idea was to make sure that the community knew about the positions that were open, the duty of the representative and make sure that we had a good election. However, because of the activity to establish the 4th District Advisory Council without the knowledge of the SCAC, my election efforts were for nothing. The people who might have desired a seat on the council, or should have applied for a seat on the council, knew of the plans for the council and therefore declined to apply. That said, I would like to personally thank those council members who stepped up to the plate and offered to continue serving on the South County Advisory Council for another two years.”

The following are the elections results for the 2011 – 2012 year:

Area 1 - Vince McCarthy	Area 2 – Dan Gaddis
Area 3 – Elaine Thomas	Area 4 - Dan Woodson
Area 5 – Bill Dorland	Area 6 – El-Jay Hansson
Area 7 – Stephanie Franks	Ag Representation – Patricia Duron

Mike Eisner moved to accept the resignation with regret of Area 3 representative Bill Stubbs effective April 1, 2011, as Bill is moving out of the area. Istar Holliday seconded. Motion carried.

The following members of the SCAC were nominated for offices for the coming term..

Chairman: Dan Woodson: Dick Wright moved, seconded by Pat Duron that Dan Woodson be elected President of the SCAC. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman: Mike Eisner: Dan Gaddis moved, seconded by Rick Dean that Mike Eisner be elected Vice Chair of the SCAC. Motion carried

Treasurer Stephanie Franks: Rick Dean moved, seconded by Patricia Duron that Stephanie Franks be elected Treasurer of the SCAC. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary: Elaine Thomas: Istar Holliday moved, seconded by Dick Wright that Elaine Thomas be elected Recording Secretary of the SCAC. Motion carried.

Correspondence Secretary: Istar Holliday: Dick Wright moved, seconded by Mike Eisner that Istar Holliday be elected Correspondence Secretary of the SCAC. Motion carried.

Later in the meeting it was pointed out by **Bonnie Eisner** who is updating the SCAC bylaws that the offices that had previously been appointed such as Land Use and Traffic and Circulation should be elected positions: Mike Eisner the moved to elect Istar Holliday to serve as co-chairmen with El-Jay Hansson on the Land Use Committee. Dick Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Note: El-Jay Hansson was elected as co-chair, however in that she was absent from this meeting she will be nominated at the April 2011 meeting.)

Mike Eisner then moved that Dan Woodson be elected Chairman of the Traffic and Circulation Committee. Dick Wright seconded. Motion carried.

Community Presentations:

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

Emergency Responses –

Nipomo Station	20 – 94 Total Calls – YTD: 198
4 Fires	62 Medical
12 Vehicle Accidents	16 Other

Mesa Station	22 - Total Calls – 66 YTD: 121
3 Fires	34 Medical
5 Vehicle Accidents	24 Other

Training: Nipomo Paid Call Firefighters trained on Building Construction, Size-Up, and Search/Rescue. Paid Firefighters attended Company Officers Academy Hazardous Material Drill at Conoco Phillips with the County Hazardous Material team

Prevention:

Continuing business inspections. There are a total of 290 to inspect with 200 presently completed. All school inspections are done and schools are working on the required corrections.

Other: Paid Call Firefighters Fundraiser Event will be held on Sunday, April 17 by Company 20 PCF and Company 20 Auxiliary with a steak sandwich lunch at Vons parking lot. The event will be from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and everyone is welcomed.

Three chipping events will be planned for this spring with the dates to be announced.

SLO County Sheriff's Department Commander Ken Conway offered the following report:

Calls for service and deputy initiated activities:

January	595	February	537
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March 481

Total YTD – 1,613

April 13 will be the date of a “directed enforcement” for the Nipomo area. This will include Probation and Patrol Officers.

A Business License investigation is taking place in this area and on the Mesa.

The need for additional deputies continues. Commander Conway was pleased that two deputies who had previously been assigned elsewhere will be returning. His crew covers from Avila Beach to the San Luis Obispo County line and from the beach to Kern County with a total manpower of 21 – 22 deputies.

California Highway Patrol – John Townsen reported the senior volunteers in the area are a benefit in helping with complaints. He stated that the need for a motorcycle patrolman is needed, but not currently available. He was pleased that 3 or 4 of the officers live and patrol in Nipomo. He was asked about bicycle traffic on Thompson and Highway 166 and said he will give extra attention to that area.

He stated there will be no tolerance for cell phone use and officers will be vigilant in observing drivers who are calling or texting.

There have been reports of large trucks speeding on Willow Rd.

SLO Planning Staff Brian Pedrotti - not present

Parks Commissioner – will be available to attend beginning in May, 2011

Nipomo Community Services District Director Mike Winn: There will be a meeting of the NCSO on Wed., March 30, to discuss the excessive expense of installing fire sprinkler systems. Miller Park is supported by Board members of the NCSO, but the money and EIR will need to be available before any planning or construction can begin.

There will be a meeting of the WRAC in San Luis Obispo on April 6 to discuss the Master Water Plan. The amount of water available will be discussed.

Also at that meeting it will be announced that the Regional Water Board will meet in May. Public Comment may not be allowed unless the speaker attended the last Regional Board meeting in Watsonville. Mr. Winn urged the Board of Supervisors to weigh in on behalf of the public.

Lucia Mar School District – not present

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Cees Dobbe reported a Fundraiser Casino night on April 16 at the Edwards Barn.

A Task Force is being formed to help provide information to potential new businesses. The annual CCGA plant sale and plant education will take place on April 2. The sale will take place at a number of nurseries in the area and the education classes will take place at the Edwards Barn. All are invited to participate in this event.

Public Comment:

Supervisor Paul Teixeira submitted a list of the various County offices that are appointed rather than elected. He also submitted a copy of the SLO County Board of Supervisors Agenda Item Transmittal form and an application for Appointment to a Board, Commission or Committee.

Sup. Teixeira announced that 34 lots originally to be developed by the Vaughn family on North Thompson have mostly been sold and are designated “self-help housing.” Several issues are yet to be solved such as street lights, native species that are present and the establishment of a HOA to include the present homeowners in the area.

Mr. Teixeira stated there had been some criticism that Debbie Geaslen is his Administrative Assistant since his campaign manager is her husband. He stated that she was asked to be his assistant after the campaign and she turned down the position three different times. He finally convinced her to take the job and she has already received high marks from other employees at the County offices.

Old Business:

Rick Dean report that the website for SCAC is being updated and will soon be current.

Mark Adams, who has owned the Oceano Card Room since 2008, is applying for a new location at Halcyon and Highway 1. Present occupants in the shopping center are J J’s Market and Tanner Jack’s as well as several other businesses. The shopping center is owned by Mr. Ken Craig. His property manager, Linda McClure, was present to give information and answer questions.

Sheriff Ken Conway was concerned about transients and “undesirables” in the area but stated there had been no calls for service at the Oceano Card Room location. He stated that if any crime did occur at the new location, there are several roads for the criminal to flee. He said the number of parking spaces could be a problem.

Sheriff Conway also suggested that the hours of operation be limited to 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on week days and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight on weekends. Mr. Adams has requested that the casino be open 24 hours a day. Mr. Adams also noted that there is not a fixed bar, but beer and wine will be sold and delivered to the tables. He also stated that poker players are not big drinkers.

Mr. Adams also stated he presently has 3 tables in operation and wishes to expand to four with 10 players at each table. He holds tournaments each weekday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and in the evening on weekends starting at 6:30 p.m..

Linda McClure, property manager, stated there is no problem with parking and that over-flow parking is available across the road in a packed dirt lot. She also stated that the existing businesses were not objecting to the card room being located in the shopping center and that the owner of Tanner Jack’s was quite pleased, saying that players would dine in his restaurant.

Discussion followed. Chairman Woodson first asked the SCAC members to comment and ask questions. Afterward the community residents were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

The discussion mainly centered around the limited amount of parking, the traffic in and out of the shopping center, the lack of security, lighting, crosswalks, area for smoking, proximity to residential area and schools, alcohol control and the hours of operation.

Chairman Woodson asked for a show of hands from the audience who were for and against having the card room in the area. Seventeen members were against the card room and 3 were in favor. It was later pointed out by Mike Eisner that two of those who were in favor of the card room did not live in the adjacent area and one was the business partner of Mr. Adams.

Dick Wright moved that the SCAC withhold recommendation until the issues of parking and public safety could be addressed. Public safety issues include a crosswalk, lighting and parking. He stated that the SCAC could not approve unless these issues are addressed. Holliday seconded. Motion carried.

Istar Holliday stated that the SCAC represents the community and we need to be cognizant of their desires for their community. She thanked the residents for attending the meeting and their willingness to ask questions and state their thoughts on the proposal.

Cees Dobbe discussed tree removal and objected to the length of time it has taken to correct the information that had been published about the legality of the project. He stated he is in compliance and his tree removal was legal. He also stated that the February 2011 SCAC minutes were correct. Mike Eisner and Dan Woodson apologized to Mr. Dobbe. Rick Dean moved that the SCAC regrets any inconvenience and inefficiency caused by the issue of tree removal legality that involved Mr. Dobbe's property. This Council extends our sincere apology. Motion seconded by Mike Eisner. Motion carried. Mr. Dobbe stated that he is satisfied with the outcome.

Mike Winn suggested that the SCAC minutes not be posted to the web until the following meeting when they are approved. The Council agreed to this and in the future will approve the minutes at the following month's meeting and then post them on the web.

Bonnie Eisner, who is updating the SCAC Bylaws, indicated we have not been in compliance with the present bylaws in several areas. She will be giving a report soon on some areas that need compliance.

She also stated there will be a tour of the Nipomo Native Garden on Saturday, April 4 and classes will be offered on how to trap and kill gophers. All are invited.

Kevin Beauchamp resident of Nipomo area and former member of the SCAC stated that he saw democracy in action in the lengthy discussion of the card room location. He said this 1 ½ hour discussion would not have been possible in the proposed 4th District

Advisory Council. He questioned why the proposal by Supervisors Teixeira was brought up and promised if the subject comes up at future Board of Supervisors meetings that many area residents will attend.

Jon Snyder discussed water issues. He disagrees with NCSO President Jim Harrison's report concerning the amount of available water and the cost.

New Business:

Marina Washburn of the Dana Adobe Amigos said a grading permit has been submitted for the Adobe to cut into the creek-bed 4 feet in order to stabilize the bank. She provided a detailed map showing the area that would be affected. Rick Dean moved that we support the grading permit. Dick Wright seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: Istar Holliday: submitted information on a Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance pertaining to vacation rentals in regard to location, tenancy, noise, violation and complaints. This will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on April 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the BOS chambers.

Traffic and Circulation: Chairman Dan Woodson said no further report. The Willow Rd. extension is progressing

PM10 Chairman Patricia Duron reported that a new Memorandum of Agreement was adopted by the county APCD and State Parks this week. Under the agreement State Parks will oversee the technical experts and implements three pilot projects with oversight by APCD and the County. The pilot projects slated to begin in late March have been delayed by the current rain. As soon as the inclement weather passes and the sand on the dunes has a chance to dry out, the three week project will begin. On a parallel path the APCD continues to draft its Fugitive Dust Rule which is being updated to include the Dunes. At the moment, performance standards that must be met are being worked out. A draft is scheduled to be ready in the early fall. This is significant because the rule is regulated by the APCD.

The school outreach program effort continues. Aeron Genet is setting up appointments with Principals of the four schools on the Mesa: Mesa Middle School, Lopez Continuation High School, Dana and Dorothea Lange Elementary Schools to introduce the program. No appointments have been set but they should be soon. This follows a visit to the Lucia Mar School Board by Larry Allen and Aeron Genet from the APCDE and Penny Borenstein, Public Health Office for the county.

Further community outreach efforts through the media are awaiting a map graphic that television stations can be asked to run as part of their weather reports. Aeron Genet

expects the graphic to be done this week and then it is a matter of the TV stations agreeing to include them.

What is important to note to the SCAC is that we have just entered our windy season when the air quality will deteriorate and stay that way for months. It is now that people should be aware of the air quality and manage their time and activities accordingly. Sometimes you can see the dust and know the air is bad but signing up for daily email alerts is still the best way to keep track. This can be done on the APCD web-site at www.slocleanair.org. Also, it might not hurt to remind people that the *Tribune* weather map has added air alert information. Anything not green should be heeded.

As a reminder: The stated standard to protect health is 50 micrograms per liter, the federal standard to protect is the 95% and 150 micrograms per liter. Use the color wheel handed out at the previous meeting which follows the federal standard so even a yellow on that scale deserves to be respected.

Next meeting will be April 25, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.