

SCAC
Town Hall Meeting Minutes
Nipomo High School
24 July 2023

The Meeting call to order was 6:37 p.m.

Present: Robert Wachsmuth; Darrell Sisk; Darrell Victor; Russ Hobbs; Steve Schumann;
Jerry Bridge; Gary Spelbring; Kevin Beauchamp; Pat Duron; Richard Wright.

Correspondence from the Chair – Because of the Environmental Impact Report release delay, the item considered tonight will not be voted upon. All written/email submissions will be included in the record before a vote is taken. The County planners meet 30-31 August. The SCAC will consider a special meeting before that Planning meeting.

Community Presentations – No reports, except from Supervisor Paulding.

Supervisor Paulding was awed at the attendance at the Town Hall, giving the South County Advisory Council props for their volunteer efforts, introduced his legislative assistant James Sofranko, reminded us of his contact info (email: district4@co.slo.ca.us and phone: 805 781 4337), and encouraged all in attendance to reach out to each of the Supervisors on the County Board to register any position on the proposal before us.

He presented the hierarchy of government to attain approval for any project: the SCAC, the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, the San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), then Project Implementation.

He called the Town Hall important to our democracy, and urged everyone present to be civil.

New Business –

Project Description: Dana Reserve

Developer Nick Tompkins presented the mixed-use project located south of Willow Road and west of Highway 101. The Superintendent from Cuesta College, Jill Stearns also presented the college's role in the project, and CEO and President of People's Self Help Housing added how his organization is involved. Tompkins gave his website for those interested in more detail: LiveDanaReserve.com.

The Board then had the opportunity to ask questions of the Developer.

Public Comment – Fifty-five of those in attendance chose to speak in favor or to oppose the project, for two minutes, each. Supervisor Larry Bonner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife answered questions, and Nurse Carmen Morales gave an overview about water and noise pollutions' effects on public health.

Consent Agenda – The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved, as was the authorization to put Vice Chair Bridge as a check signer.

The next scheduled meeting is 28 August 2023. The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Councilmember Steve Schumann
for the absent Secretary, Harry Walls