

ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
07/21/09

Attending: Colleen Fescenmeyer, Pat Harrison, John Hulsman Jr, Melissa Jordan, Giacomo Moris, Patrick Scribner.

Absent: Gretchen Adan (Excused), Wayne Belshaw (Unexcused)

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- 1) Call to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Jordan.
- 2) Agenda: **Motion** to approve agenda by P. Scribner, Second by P. Harrison, all in favor, none opposed.
- 3) Minutes approval deferred to next meeting.
- 4) Correspondence & Announcements:
 - a) G. Moris (and later Barry Burns) announced that the Wyatt building demolition is planned to start next week.
 - b) M. Jordan received an email from Cairo Ocealis. Regarding the potential for a walk/bike path along Highway 16.
 - c) P. Harrison followed up on the speed signs and the County now has a contract maintenance agreement. She also contacted Darlene Comingore about the planned speed sign in town but no response yet.
 - d) M. Jordan – CalTrans may put a stop sign at Northbound 85B at 21A.
 - e) M. Jordan – Someone contacted her about what water & sewer fees were since they were considering living in town, but after hearing \$94 that was too much.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 5) Public Requests
 - a) Jim Shulte reported that people have been digging up the landscape trees in front of their houses at Ryland homes (Lopez) because they didn't like them. The developer was required to plant them per agreement with the County, but owners must water them. Trees that stay then die from lack of watering. Shrubs are overgrowing the sidewalk and dying.
 - b) P. Harrison suggested on foreclosed properties to look for the asset manager contact numbers which should be posted on a window on the house.
 - c) Any recourse? There may be CCR's but without a homeowners association they won't be enforced. C. Fescenmeyer – volunteer code enforcement?

COUNTY UPDATE

6) Casino Expansion – No update.

7) Yolo County General Plan

- a) G. Moris and J. Hulsman attended the BOS meeting and spoke to the 79 acres South East of town, supporting mitigation measure LU-1C and keeping the Industrial zoning designation, but opposing the BOS plans to not adopt the mitigation measure and pursuing a mixed use development instead (including potential for 500 additional residential units). The BOS voted to confirm their desire to rezone the land for the mixed use project.
- b) The map and bullet points drawn up by Deterding and Planning Staff that morning were distributed for review.
- c) G. Moris expressed his frustration and disappointment that the Board was again ignoring the communities desires, Planning Staff, Planning Commission, and the EIR recommendations; in favor of appeasing a developer's request.
- d) J. Hulsman noted that the Groundwater ordinance was discussed and Rexroad suggested they drop it. McGowan and Provenza support it.
- e) M. Jordan noted the Yolo Landowners will host an annual meeting in November and ECAC may be invited. There will also be a booth at the County fair, 8/19-23.

8) DMX – Still waiting until the BOS takes it back up again in September/October.

9) Planning Commission Subcommittee update.

- a) Will be going to Planning Commission on 9/10 for a hearing or workshop.
- b) M. Jordan noted she did not receive the same draft info and maps that were given to J. Hulsman, but as Chair she should. Eric Parfrey responded that they should have been sent with the agenda.
- c) J. Hulsman provided a summary from the meeting last week:
 - a. Working on standard bylaws that must be approved.
 - b. What constitutes a "citizen"?
 - i. People that live in area and business owners that live in County.
 - ii. Being a resident is up for discussion still.
 - c. Ethics write up
 - d. Review procedures for development applications and time frames. Probably we will have a minimum 2 weeks prior and 2 weeks after our meeting to react and respond.
 - e. Map options for the comment area:
 - i. Existing
 - ii. Following fire district
 - iii. "Missile target" – circles with 4 mile radius around towns to align with mitigation requirements.
 - iv. A combination of Fire District and targets was preferred, and overlaps possible.

10) COMMUNITY UPDATES

- a. Empty Lots – it was proposed that a letter be written to the Planning Commission that landscaping needs to be kept up. P. Harrison also suggested a letter directly to people that are responsible.
- b. CSD discussion
 - i. They held a closed session to discuss their desire to buy the Deterding property north of town.
 - ii. They had an 85% budget carryover.
 - iii. C. Fescenmeyer announced she has registered as a candidate for the CSD board in the November election
- c. TANC - dropped the powerlines project - no longer an issue.
- d. Casino EIR for waste treatment – County hasn't seen anything from the tribe yet. For the use permit needed for the temporary parking lot on the Eldon property, they need to show all plans with the property (like water storage).
- e. Roads 85B & 21A traffic – 2 accidents so far (85B/21A and 85B/HWY 16) and some fender benders. No one seriously hurt.

WORKSHOP – Developer Park Fees.

- a) M. Jordan contacted Holly Malcom with Parks who responded that she contact David Morrison. Eric explained that Parks doesn't want this.
- b) Eric handed out page 426 from the Yolo GP EIR, impact PUB-3 states we have a deficit of 30 acres for Esparto.
- c) M. Jordan asked if the Firehouse should be moved? Barry Burns responded that he'll let us know in 3 months after they know more about their application for stimulus funds towards a new firehouse TBD.
- d) Jim Shulte mentioned WYORCA requested School District take over maintenance of a pool; and possible land swap with 2 acres in back of the Parker house on the corner.
- e) Need a list of what we want and submit to Eric.
- f) Ron Voss provided a summary of where they are with the CVV subcommittee for a potential Recreation District.
 - i) Until the County does something about the fees, there will never be enough fees to develop the park amenities. Even tripling them may still not be enough.
 - ii) CVV and WYORCA agreed to Co-lead a community discussion on forming a special district for recreation since the County wants to unload parks.
 - iii) This would require a vote to tax ourselves (prop 218).
 - iv) They will be meeting with two other communities in Colusa and Butte counties who have done this already.
 - v) Then there will be a discussion with many local organizations invited.
 - vi) They plan to develop a fact sheet.

- vii) Targetting November 2010 ballot to combine with General Election to save some costs, but \$50,000 estimated.
- viii) Need a decision by next spring.
- g) M. Jordan – how do we ensure fees stay in Community.
- h) Eric Parfrey reported the pool from fees is \$150,000 as of May 2007.
- i) Eric – MERCESA could take over but that is unlikely.
- j) Some people want more than a rec district, some want incorporation, economic development.
- k) G. Moris noted that a list was created last year on this subject. M. Jordan added that there are the results from the survey at the special meeting, and there is a WYORCA survey. We should gather this data and create a wish list at the next meeting.

12) Future Agenda Items

- a) Valley Voice article – new street crossing sign/signal for middle school.
- b) Streetscape – G. Moris explained that street print and some back-angle parking will hopefully start later this summer and the “Complete Street” \$5-7 million project is THE application to SACOG from the County.
- c) P. ~~Scribner Harrison~~ – suggested the topic of joining Madison and Esparto CAC’s.

Jim Shulte mentioned the new multi-purpose room is almost complete – seats 350+.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 with approved extension. ??

GLM
7/31/09