

ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
03/16/10

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

Absent: Patrick Scribner.

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- 1) Call to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Hulsman.
- 2) Agenda:
 - a) **Motion** to approve agenda by P. Harrison, Second by M. Jordan, all in favor,
none opposed.
- 3) Minutes:
 - a) G. Moris summarized revisions to February minutes.
 - b) M. Jordan requested the additional clarification regarding 1990 emission levels
"once they are established".
 - c) **Motion** by M. Jordan to accept minutes as amended with this clarification.
Second by P. Harrison, all in favor, none opposed.
- 4) Correspondence & Announcements:
 - a) C. Fescenmeyer has been dogging Caltrans about the streetlights at I-505 and
16; and they are now replaced so she is to be commended.
 - b) Pot holes on Grafton have been filled with asphalt. It is unclear who performed
the work.
 - c) Handicap yellow markings have been coming up – who can we contact? Sue
Heitman explained that Biondi is doing the work through Yolo County so contact
Darlene Comingore.

C. Fescenmeyer arrived at 7:15

PUBLIC FORUM

- 5) Public Requests – None

- 6) County Update (by Eric Parfrey).
 - a) Speed Indicator Signs – Aundry talked to “JT” – these signs are first generation. Can they be replaced? County is broke. State hasn’t paid for gas tax yet – need by April or big cuts can be expected.
 - b) Casino “EIR” supposed to come out in April.
 - c) Workshop on County Code/Zoning to match General Plan.
 - i) Proposed Ag cluster housing ordinance and transfer of development rights.
 - (1) A1 and AP with 20 acres or less would be allowed to cluster their allowed housing to corners, creating lots in the process (lucrative for selling), deed over 75% to a conservation easement.
 - (2) Inspired by Brandenburg antiquated subdivision case near Davis.
 - (3) This will come to the ECAC at the next meeting for review.
 - ii) Restarting Ag advisory group – first meeting next Wednesday or Thursday.
 - iii) M. Jordan asked if landowners have been noticed? If greater than 1000 parcels, then notice will be in local paper.
 - iv) M. Joran inquired about clustering housing and septic systems. Depending on parcels and setbacks, about 1.5 acres needed.
 - d) Leroy Bertolero noted that there will be no April Planning Commission meeting. Next meeting will be second Tuesday in May.

7) Community Updates

- a) Recreation zone of benefit in MERCSA and Parks & Recreation Grant Application. Sue Heitman provided background and update.
 - i) County Level: County Parks & Rec are divesting themselves of parks in unincorporated communities.
 - ii) Local Level – Recreation Task Force was able to get funds for the park bathrooms, childrens area, and WYORCA feasibility study.
 - iii) LAFCO report provided two options:
 - (1) MERCSA
 - (2) Create a new CSD
 - iv) New group formed (Parks & Rec Task Force) to consider the options.
 - (1) CSD (like Arbuckle) was ruled out due to current economic conditions.
 - (2) Regina Espinoza (County) convinced group to go with CSA option under MERCSA, and ask MERCSA to increase the zone of benefit. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors in January. MERCSA will be the acting board with a subcommittee of 7-9 people from the district for Parks and Rec.
 - (3) Currently many of the people involved are in WYORCA but not in the MERCSA district. The whole Capay Valley may be too big to go after initially.
 - (4) The district could be expanded later with Board of Supervisor approval (not a vote), via annexation of land per LAFCO.
 - (5) Gretchen Adan is in the group, but no longer an ECAC member – may need new appointee.

- v) State Level – State issued RFP for Parks & Rec – new parks in underserved areas aka “park poor”. Esparto is the only town in the County that fits this description.
 - (1) Two grant applications went in to cover two separate parcels that were under consideration. Trini Campbell did much of the leg work.
- vi) Preferred parcel is EUSD’s 7 acres to the south of the High School. Herrera family that owns parcel fronting Yolo Ave. agreed to sign a willing seller agreement. If there is an easement, the Herrera property would keep the C2 zoning. Other location is the Westerdal property near St. Martin’s church.
- vii) Features would include a baseball field, walking paths, swimming pool. Sue offered to bring renderings for the next ECAC meeting.
- viii) Requires a 218 Vote (for a tax) to cover capital and maintenance costs. The grant, if awarded, would cover the capital costs. County Counsel is preparing the costs for both scenarios to be ready for the voter information packet (grant awarded or not).
- ix) M. Jordan asked if MERCSA would take over all park space in town. County owes the Esparto CSD \$20,000. Sue responded that the subcommittee would have its own budget. Barry Burns noted that the CSD is charging by size of pipe, not water use, even though it is going through a meter. Retention ponds cost \$600/month plus water use.
- x) C. Fescenmeyer – when will we hear about the grant? Sue - September we will know for sure. There are two rounds. If we don’t get the first we still have a chance. M. Jordan added we should take our time if necessary and make it successful.
- xi) Sue Heitman noted the last resort strategy if we get the grant but no 218, would be to find another non-profit organization to carry the grant parcel.
- xii) C. Fescenmeyer reminded us that the survey they did before the prison meeting showed that people want a pool.
- xiii) Barry Burns explained that the vote goes to parcel owners, unless County Counsel wants a majority vote (election). They have to prove that it benefits all parcel owners to avoid the election (more .costly and less likely to pass than a 50% + 1 “no” vote to kill it by mail)

8) Action Items

a) Standing Rules

- i) Example rules provided by Leroy Bertolero were reviewed and revised as follows:
 - (1) Meeting Date: Specify third Tuesday of the month.
 - (2) Meeting Location: Esparto Library, Wintun Room, or as designated by Chair.
 - (3) Meeting Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm.
 - (4) Delete - Committee Membership Number section.
 - (5) Delete - Seating Arrangement section.
 - (6) Sign-in Sheet: Mandatory sign-in of public not permitted. “Secretary . . . will be responsible for having a sign-in sheet available. . . a space for e-mail and telephone numbers will be provided”.

- (7) Details of Taking Minutes: Rearrange order to reflect our agenda structure.
- (8) Minor text changes regarding officer resignation, diversity of committee.
- (9) New and reappointed members to have a copy of Bylaws, standing rules, brown act, etc. provided with appointment letter from County and verified that they have reviewed this info (capturing this in the minutes) prior to taking part in meetings.
- (10) Attendance: Minimum 24 hour notice for chair if member knows they cannot attend. Special meetings should not count towards attendance.
- (11) Standing Rules: May be amended by 50%+1 vote . . (instead of two thirds). *This change was removed later after learning that the 2/3 requirement is in the Bylaws (#3).*
- (12) G. Moris to type up the Standing Rules as revised and attach to minutes. They will then be approved with the minutes at the next meeting.

Motion to extend meeting past 9:00pm by C. Fescenmeyer, second by M. Jordan, all in favor, none opposed.

- b) Speed indicator signs on either side of high school.
 - i) Since the Caltrans signs in Capay work, it was suggested that a letter to the Streetscape Steering Committee could be written to add this to the scope to mitigate the higher speed effect of losing the left turns.
 - ii) One could be by the school, the other on the north end.
 - iii) Motion by M. Jordan for the letter, second by C. Fescenmeyer, all in favor, none opposed.
- c) Stop signs on CR-85B at CR-21A – deferred to April.

9) Future Agenda Items

- d) County Zoning per General Plan update.
- e) Park features layout for State grant.
- f) Stop signs on CR-85B at CR-21A

10) Motion to adjourn by P. Harrison, Second by M. Jordan, all in favor, none opposed - Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

GLM
4/07/10