

ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
09/21/10

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

Absent: Pat Harrison,

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- 1) Call to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Hulsman.
- 2) Agenda:
 - a) **Motion** to approve agenda by G. Moris, Second by M. Jordan
 - i) Discussion. M. Jordan voiced objection to action item of a letter (distributed at the start of the meeting) without prior review.
 - ii) J. Hulsman – Diagonal parking was on the agenda last month.
 - b) Vote: C. Fescenmeyer, J. Hulsman, G. Moris, P. Scribner in favor; M. Jordan opposed.
- 3) Minutes:
 - a) M. Jordan will have the notes for August as G. Moris was absent.
- 4) Correspondence & Announcements:
 - a) C. Fescenmeyer attended ECSD ribbon cutting ceremony.
 - i) New system is all automated and safer compared to prior.
 - ii) Suggest we see for ourselves when they have these kinds of ceremonies (some professionalism lacking).
 - iii) Tour was good. Other land exists that could have been an alternative for office space.
 - b) M. Jordan – Walker ridge (Border of Lake and Colusa Counties) wind park comment period in progress - accepting comments until 10/13. Scoping session on 10/8 in Sacramento.
 - c) Yolo County landowners association annual dinner 11/4 at the Ag History center. John Brown will be the speaker. Tickets are available through members or e-mail.
 - d) Taste of Capay on Halloween (10/31) from 1:00 – 5:00pm.
 - e) Hoes Down festival is on 10/2.
 - f) Supervisor Chamberlain brought up back-in parking at the last Board of Supervisors meeting. Funding solution is needed for changing the stripes if there was a decision to reverse the original decision (for back-in parking). Unclear how the decision might be made.

PUBLIC FORUM

5) Public Requests

- a) C. Fescenmeyer – striping on 16? More towards casino – about a half mile is un-striped, will be dangerous.
- b) Jim Schulte - How do you get an agenda? Eric (County): Call Aundrea in the Planning office and then you'll get agenda sent a week ahead of time.

6) County Update (by Eric Parfrey).

- a) MERCSA – no action. Supposed to be a decision in 6-8 weeks.
 - i) M. Jordan attended special district finance class.
 - ii) C. Fescenmeyer noted that meetings have been sparse for the Parks subcommittee. She will e-mail Sue.
- b) Knocked Over Lamp Post – Eric talked to Darlene and Wes. Glass on the street and the pole is on the ground. It is in Caltrans jurisdiction – ask them to clean it up. Who owns it? PG&E likely.
- c) Proposed sign for ACE hardware presented for review.
- d) Granite mining Plan – Waiting for final EIR.
- e) Capay Valley Area Plan – Draft plan has been on the website since mid July. All Chairs have copies. The plan doesn't deal with Esparto directly, and is same as what has been talked about since 2004. Also is consistent with 2030 County General Plan. It will be heard by the Planning Commission on 10/14 for recommendation.
- f) Clustered Ag housing ordinance on the agenda for public hearing at 10/14 Planning Commission meeting.
- g) Water efficient landscape ordinance on the agenda for public hearing at 10/14 Planning Commission meeting.
- h) Portion of County Code article 1 and 2 of the zoning code general provisions in a work shop format in conjunction with chapter 10 local CEQA guidelines at the Planning Commission meeting.
- i) Stephanie Cormier doing a workshop at 10/14 Planning Commission meeting for ag zoning.

7) Community Updates

- a) NA

8) Action Items

- a) Back in Diagonal Parking
 - i) J. Hulsman presented drafted letter to Streetscape Steering Committee for discussion.
 - ii) P. Scribner suggestions:
 - (1) What is our committee's current feeling about back-in parking? He personally doesn't like it.

- (2) First paragraph, second sentence – eliminate “basic objection to anything new.”
- (3) Item 1 – strike second sentence.
- (4) Item 3 use “suggested” or “requested”
- (5) Item 4 second sentence is hearsay? – many community meetings on this re adjacent business owners.
- (6) Item 5 – ID block instead of ex chamber building.
- (7)
- (8)
- (9) Other minor edits noted.
- iii) How many people signed Mary’s petition? Over 300.
- iv) When is trial period over? End of this October (1 year). – Need to verify with Darlene or Sue. *Post meeting update: Trial period is 2 years.*
- v) Letter is bringing community concerns to attention, but not supporting or condemning the back-in parking.
- vi) Discussion – feedback at the meeting has only been negative.
- vii) Jim Schulte: This was presented numerous times at Chamber meetings and they had opportunities to provide feedback.
- viii) People may not know it was a trial period.
- ix) Poll the community? Note can be placed in Valley Voice. Make it clear that trial period is coming to an end and feedback is needed.
- x) It was suggested that we table the letter until we can include comments form next month’s meeting.
- xi) **Motion** to table the letter by C. Fescenmeyer, second by M. Jordan, all in favor, none opposed.
- xii) **Motion** to place notice in the Valley Voice by C. Fescenmeyer, second by P. Scribner. All in favor. M. Jordan volunteered to place the notice in the paper.
- b) Capay Valley Area Plan – Discussed briefly during County Update.
- c) Granite Mining Plan – Waiting for approval of draft EIR.
- d) Minimum parcel size. Part of the update to the zoning code, title 3 (update of A-1 and AP). Attachment A distributed for review.
 - i) Williamson act and zoning is one and the same now.
 - ii) Future state? What are the rights?
 - iii) Prime irrigated lands are “Intensive”.
 - iv) Range land is “Extensive”.
 - v) Big picture is how a property can be subdivided (for ag reasons preferably per County)
 - vi) Clustered Housing: TDR (transfer of development rights) has been dropped.

9:00pm: **Motion** to extend meeting by P. Scribner, second by M. Jordan – all in favor, none opposed.

- vii) Why have different zones? Not much difference. Differentiate the realistic amount of land needed to make a living for the potential ag use.
- viii) What happens to prior ag land that goes to a conservation easement for wildlife (for example)?

ix) This is going to the Planning Commission for a workshop on 10/14.

M. Jordan – Yolo Housing – possibility for community gardens out of 4 empty lots in Mercy Housing? Eric – talk to Lisa Baker (Yolo Housing Authority).

G. Moris – Representative needed to attend Energyshed meeting Wednesday 9/29.

Eric mentioned he will not be at our next meeting.

9) Future Agenda Items

- a) Back-in parking
- b) Lamp Post
- c) Striping on the highway.

Adjourned at 9:30pm

GLM
10/6/10