

ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
10/19/10

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

Absent: None.

**MEETING ADMINISTRATION**

- 1) Call to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Hulsman.
- 2) Agenda:
  - a) **Motion** to approve agenda by M. Jordan, Second by P. Harrison.
- 3) Minutes:
  - a) Comments on the September minutes received from J. Hulsman.
  - b) Revised minutes will be sent out by G. Moris before the next meeting.
- 4) Correspondence & Announcements:
  - a) M. Jordan reported PG&E is waiting to move the street light further back from the street.
  - b) M. Jordan attended the SACOG 2035 metropolitan transportation plan in Davis aka "MTP2035".
    - i) She asked if they are going to complete the Streetscape project in Esparto and learned that it is not on the blueprint at all.
    - ii) She believes they need to finish safe routes to school.
    - iii) Dunnigan town site is not on the map at all (for transportation funds). 85% of the new housing goes to the incorporated areas of the County.
  - c) The Water Board is holding a special meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The General Manager is turning in his resignation.
  - d) P. Harrison: Capay Open space park has a new improvement – an aluminum walkway from the bank to the side of the creek. Wheelchair access? Might be taken out during the next high water levels.
  - e) M. Jordan thanked Nate Palmer for the Capay Valley cemetery clean up effort. Nate and Supervisor Chamberlain helped out. About 100 people attended. There have been issues with maintenance. The cemetery manager has been injured and she is unable to do the work. Burials are outsourced.
  - f) Taste of Capay is 10/31 (Halloween), 1:00-5:00pm, \$55.
  - g) G. Moris attended the Planning Commission meeting regarding zoning and watched a good discussion on Clustered Housing. 7 straw votes. Bonus parcel

was contentious. Nate noted that one of straw votes was to limit it to projects with 5 or more parcels. Idea was to limit the # of applicants that might arise.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

5) Public Requests - None.

6) County Update - None.

7) Community Updates

a) Striping at intersections is here on the Esparto side. Not sure if it goes all the way to Madison.

8) Action Items

a) Back-in Diagonal Parking.

- i) The history of how we got to back-in diagonal parking was discussed (Community workshops, Caltrans requirements, Streetscape Phase 1).
- ii) Cannot back up on the highway (Yolo Ave.)? Barry Burns says you can on a state highway per his CHP officer son-in-law, but not on an Interstate.
- iii) Dana from Burger Barn present. He is concerned about parking at his business. People have called him and said they cannot go to his restaurant. People are nosing in to the spaces (illegal). Their used to be no marked spaces in front and he would prefer it that way. Semi's used to park there.
- iv) Back-in parking is done in Japan and Hawaii.
- v) Resident (her name?) mentioned the lack of space when you turn onto Capay street. There have been two close calls already. Have to stop since someone is backing out and people are coming from behind. M. Jordan noted that the white lines are where they intend to raise the curb for bulbouts to make crossings safer.
- vi) J. Hulsman explained the rationale at the community meetings for streetscape. Idea for traffic was for slowing things down, reconfiguring the street to look narrower. Diagonal parking narrows the street and adds parking spaces. Other options would have prevented farm equipment getting through town. This is a trial, but longer than we thought – 2 years from July this year.
- vii) J. Hulsman – Mary Cornwall couldn't make it but is opposed and has sent a petition.
- viii) J. Hulsman received three e-mails against it (none for).
- ix) Dana offered to restripe himself – Nate explained Caltrans jurisdiction. Restriping might happen if Supervisor Chamberlain was able to convince a majority of the Board of Supervisors to direct Planning and Public Works, and approach Caltrans. John Bencomo recommended that Supervisor Chamberlain use the petition to bring it up. Chairwoman Thompson might be in support of changing it back as well.

- x) J. Hulsman presented the draft letter on the subject for review by the committee.
- xi) Radar sign – one of mobile trailers is intact and could be used. Staff acknowledged a couple safety concerns. At this point it is a funding issue. Barry – there is supposed to be one in front of school permanently. One was shot, and one parked somewhere. Charlie Shaupp – should have one set up just like Knights Landing’s 25 mph school zone.
- xii) The ECAC members took turns describing their position on the subject of back-in diagonal parking:
  - (1) C. Fescenmeyer – likes back-in parking but it is more effective in some places compared to others.
  - (2) P. Harrison – would be more against it if there were no other options. She does like it in front of ACE. If it is harming one of our local business then it should go away. She likes being able to pull out with a clear view.
  - (3) M. Jordan – uses, it and likes it. Feels safe. She would be in support of changing for local business interests. People need to try it more than one time. Believes it is an educational thing. 350 people signed the petition, 200 are residents (1/10 of population).
  - (4) J. Hulsman – thinks it works in front of the hardware store. He is concerned about people nosing in.
  - (5) P. Scribner – Can go with back-in himself, but talking to people over the last month feels it’s too difficult for them. They are afraid of winter, dark, fogged up windows. They are avoiding it, and the business. At the Ace location, it only adds one parking space. Both nose-in and back-in have safety issues. People he talks to like parallel. What would be wrong with parallel parking with expansions, then do a parking lot later for more spaces. Would vote against it based on what he’s heard from the community. Charlie Schaupp agrees with what he’s heard.
  - (6) G. Moris – was initially in support of trying something new during the community work shops, but is now against it. Ex CHP officers comments in the e-mail received are good – people (from out of town going to the Casino) are not going to get used to it.
- xiii) Barry Burns suggested to wait and let ACE open up first and see how people handle it. We lost front end parking about 5 years ago, and we never had a “reported” accident. P. Harrison witnessed one fender bender.
- xiv) Charlie Schaupp – need flashing lights at Madison and Yolo.
- xv) M. Jordan – go another month to see how it works.
- xvi) P. Scribner to call Dan McKenzie of ACE for his opinion.
- xvii) Resident (her name?) thanks the committee for listening and consider the business owners.
- xviii) Dana confirmed no one talked to him about it before they striped it.
- xix) Dana – can we get a brighter street light at the cross. Too dark, can’t see.
- xx) The Committee agreed to defer the letter to the next meeting.
- xxi) December meeting? Will discuss at November meeting.
- xxii) Friends of library dinner on 11/7 at Alice Marsh Hall.

- b) Energyshed Program – Some confusion as to exactly what the ECAC’s purpose was in response to this request.
  - i) Charts were presented at Tribal fire house.
  - i) Highest wind potential on ridge.
  - ii) Highest solar potential north of Taber.
  - iii) Aesthetic drawback – looking at solar panels on roofs.
  - iv) M. Jordan is concerned that getting people to save leads to PG&E charging more money. PG&E making up for lost revenue due to conservation/solar.
  - v) G. Moris – our role might be in advising land use for energy (like a few acres for a 1 MW solar field). Or incentives?
  - vi) C. Fescenmeyer brought up solar car parking lot shading.
  - vii) Wind – hazard for migrating birds. Wind ordinance was looked at by the ECAC a while back.
  - viii) C. Fescenmeyer noted the convenient systems available at Lowes or Home Depot – daisy chain panel system allows you to add on.
  - ix) 1 MW solar panel project at jail facility. Supervisor Chamberlain - \$6 million project – large part subsidized by grants.
  - x) G. Moris – maybe we could consider fees for developers that pay for a solar/energy project that would be waived if they installed solar panels on their new housing.

9) Future Agenda Items

- a) Back-in Diagonal parking continued
- b) Energyshed
- c) Granite EIR
- d) The streetlight.
- e) P. Harrison – can we get serious about radar feedback signs? Rotary Club? Nice signs in Sebastapol per J. Hulsman.
- f) C. Fescenmeyer suggested the topic of safety on main street.
- g) SACOG – jobs going to Sacramento.
- h) Zoning workshop at PC postponed. G. Moris suggested the ECAC should weigh in on this.

Yolo Landowners association meeting on 11/4. John Brown, part of the Delta Commission will be speaking on the high cost of doing nothing.

10) Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm

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11/3/10