

Willowbank County Service Area Advisory Committee
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Meeting of October 28, 2010
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Committee members Terry Almeida, John Cooluris, Michael Dahmus, Marcia Kreith, Dick McCapes, and Olin Woods

EXCUSED: Committee member Kent Calfee

OTHERS PRESENT: Regina Espinoza – Yolo County Service Area Coordinator, Jim Provenza, County Supervisor, Martha Ramos-Hernandez, AT&T Public Works Manager, Donna Burke, AT&T Executive Director, External Affairs, Maureen Poole, Secretary/Clerk

Committee Chair John Cooluris called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

MINUTES: The minutes of June 30, 2010 meeting were approved as amended. (Woods/Almeida) [[My notes show Woods/Dahmus, but probably irrelevant.]]

COUNTY SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Provenza updated the Committee on the proposed Willowbank/ El Macero Advisory Committee. He stated that the logical coverage area for a Willowbank/ El Macero Citizen's Advisory Committee to make recommendations on proposed development projects is south of interstate 80 in the 4th District. It was reiterated that an Advisory Committee is a good idea as it provides a forum for the community which would also be a valuable opportunity for developers as well. It would provide advice to the Planning Commission. When asked how these committee positions would be selected, Provenza responded that these positions will be appointed by the Supervisors; however, the CSA and HOA's will be consulted as well as being widely publicized.

MSP: (Woods/McCapes) the Motion of Willowbank County Service Area Advisory Committee to encourage the Board of Supervisors to approve formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations on proposed development projects in their area was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Provenza reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed county moratorium on habitat mitigation for out-of-county interests. The Board of Supervisors are concerned about habitat projects and directed staff to develop an ordinance establishing a moratorium. This will assist in the process and address the needs of the county. It will extend to other projects that mitigate or concentrate on the out of county impacts. Provenza stated that we need to make sure that we preserve agriculture, our economic interest, and that flood control remains unaffected. The Board of Supervisors has directed staff to report back at a later date with recommendations of exemptions.

The City of Davis is talking about the possibility of installing Solar panels on their property south of interstate 80 and east of El Macero, and there is the Tsakopoulos property. The county does not have an ordinance covering solar panels, and there is the question whether lands would be removed from ag, which requires mitigation. Kreith mentioned transmission lines run through the area. [[Maureen: I don't know anything about transmission lines and ordinances. Any reference to such an ordinance should be attributed to someone else (maybe Cooluris?).

APPROVED APPLICATION OF RESULTS RADIO, LLC Cooluris updated the Committee on the status of the radio broadcast tower by Results Radio, LLC off Pole Line Road near the County landfill.

He stated that the comment period for the Environmental Impact Report has passed and Result will proceed with the project. Results Radio has proposed to install a tower that will minimize bird strikes.

AT&T SERVICE Kreith brought this item to attention of the Committee. AT&T representatives were invited to address the committee about problems people in the neighborhood were having with their phone and broadband service. Martha Ramos-Hernandez, Public Works Manager Construction & Engineering and Donna Burke, Executive Director External Affairs were introduced. Kreith recapped her experience with AT&T last winter when her phone service was interrupted for two weeks and her broadband unreliable for two and a half months. She explained that getting in touch with a person was frustrating and customer service was poor. Kreith further explained that once she finally was able to schedule an appointment no one showed up. Martha Ramos-Hernandez and Donna Burke both apologized for the difficulties that Kreith and other residents were experiencing with service interruptions. Ramos-Hernandez stated that the infrastructure in the area is old and has problems when it gets wet. Kreith suggested the need for proactive maintenance before the winter rains and fog. Discussion ensued regarding the old infrastructure and the possibility of an upgrade. Three other members volunteered they too have had problems. Ramos-Hernandez will investigate what can be budgeted for the area and report back at the next meeting. The committee requested she draft a letter for WCSA to send to residents inquiring if they had experienced problems in service. The letter should also provide information on how to communicate with AT&T, including how to reach a live person. In the meantime, Ramos-Hernandez will provide Cooluris information of who to contact when there is an outage.

PUTAH CREEK TRASH REDUCTION AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT: McCapes distributed pictures of the South Davis Drainage Channel dated September 30, 2010 as a follow up to the major clearing in 2009. He noted that there is still a concern over the year-round standing water in parts of the creek. It was noted that sumps are below grade and will never drain. Because of this it was suggested that vector control should be contacted and invited to the next Committee meeting. With respect to management of creek vegetation, Kreith stated that a number of large limbs have fallen and there are some large trees that are leaning.

FLOOD RISK NOTICE 2010: Woods presented a flyer that was distributed by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) Flood Risk Notice. He explained that this notice is for informational purposes only as state law dictates that the homeowner is to be notified each year about the potential risk for flooding.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

AT& T

Vector Control/Putah Creek

Gravel on Southside of Montgomery Ave.

ADJOURNMENT: MSP (Almeida/Woods) 9:13 PM **[[my notes show Almeida/Woods, but probably irrelevant.]]**

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Poole
Secretary/Clerk