

Unapproved Minutes
Dunnigan Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Dunnigan Fire Hall
29145 Main St.
Dunnigan, Ca 95937

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Busch called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

ATTENDANCE

- 7 Members in attendance, "NO" quorum present.
- Members Absent, Bill Weber, Mel Smith, Anita Tatum, Carolie Long, Shirley Gooch, Eric Linse, Sid Mumma and Adella Backhaus.
- 5 County representative was present at this meeting
- 2 residents and guests
- Total in attendance, 14 members, guests and county representatives

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Busch opened Public Comments

- Hard copies of agenda/minutes not received by Advisory members, no notices posted for community.
- Road 4 safety issue, crossing too narrow to accommodate both vehicles and pedestrians. Sun blinds drivers a certain time of day. Hardwood subdivision, no emergency exit, locked into one way in and one way out in the event of a major disaster, such as a fire storm. Existing, ongoing community problems not known if you are not a resident of the area.
- Comment by Commissioner Williams, incorporation is before LAFCO, fees have been paid, company selected to begin process.
- Supervisors meeting regarding roads, clear supervisors will do nothing about the road issues. W. Gullate very disappoint in lack of interest displayed. Representative from Public Works Dept. provided incorrect, made up, answers to respond to concerns. Evident a serious accident must occur before any action taken to remedy the roads problem.
- Supervisor Chamberlain indicated roads are being worked on. John Bencomo assured supervisors all pot holes will be fixed within the next two months.
- W. Gullatt - asked for direction to proceed on roads issue, which agency, state wide are responsible for directives to county regarding road maintenance. This issue will move forward until a positive result is accomplished for resident safety.
- Condition of County Road 85 versus County Road 84, question why one road is in good repair and the other is not. Number of residents perhaps is not the issue. Reference to incorrect information provided to the supervisors referencing when road repairs took place on County Road 7 and 84. Incorrect information provided by the Public Works Director at recent Supervisors meeting. Both roads were

worked on within days of each other, not one in winter and one in summer, both were done early spring 2011.

- Secretary Kirkland stressed the need for correct accurate information to be provided. Incorrect unsubstantiated statements coming from the county's department heads do not present a good image for the county.
- Commissioner Williams - mentioned the newly planted freeway areas next to on and off ramps by RCD. Asked if residents would be interested in forming a committee to maintain these areas. He would contact the proper agency to obtain permission and the information needed if an interest is shown by the community.

No further Public Comments, comment period closed.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS MINUTES

Vice Chairman Busch indicated the minutes could not be approved this evening as we did not have a quorum present. Minutes will be carried forward to the June meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Vice Chairman Busch called for correspondence. No correspondence received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Vice Chairman Busch opened discussion items. Topic this evening was a presentation by the Planning Commissioners ad hoc committee on the proposed realignment of existing advisory committees.

- Establish regional Advisory Committees to represent combined areas, county would select a limited number of representative from each existing advisory to form new regional committee. Regional committees would only be required to respond to land use issue. Reasoning for this suggestion, county does not have planning staff to continue current policy of a planner at each advisory meeting.
- Benefits to plan would be better use of staff time, county feel land use issues are regional in scope, add more efficiency. Hand out presented to committee members explaining proposed changes.
- Existing advisory committees would be eliminated and become local subcommittees who meet informally in a town hall atmosphere at their discretion.

Considerable discussion followed. Members present voiced concerns. No formal action by committee on this topic as a quorum was not present. Members comments and concerns as follows:

- Main concern, county's attempt to silence the voice of the residents in the rural communities by establishing a regional committee to only deal with land use issue and eliminating the existing advisory committees.
- No need for another level of political government just to appease the planning staff. This issue can be simply accomplished by allowing the existing advisory committees to do their job and handle the requirements.
- Existing committees can handle addressing land use issues by receiving action item documents in a timely manner to allow for a proper response, together with a request for comments form. Representatives from the advisory would attend a

- centralized planning dept. meeting on a specific date to provide committee comments and vote. Not necessary for a planner to be present at each advisory meeting. Suggest committee chairman and one representative be selected to represent the advisory committee. Questions could be directed to the Planning Staff by phone or email prior to Advisory meetings by committee members.
- Existing committees are appointed by the supervisor to represent each specific area of the district. Responsibility is to bring issues and concerns which need to be addressed in the various communities to the attention of the supervisor. Not just land use issues which are the direct concern of the Planning Staff.
 - County government is required to provide a method of communications with all the unincorporated areas. The idea being presented would limit the input to just land use, and that is not the biggest concern of the residents in the unincorporated areas.
 - Concern referencing statement made by a Commissioner that when and if the Specific Plan moves forward the Dunnigan Advisory Committee will have no input. This is in direct conflict to what has been presented and told to this advisory committee from the very beginning regarding its interaction in the development of Dunnigan.
 - Dunnigan Advisory has a diverse representation from all areas of this community to establish a regional committee would destroy this diversity. This diversity works well for this area. Taking away our ability to present our community concerns and be recognized as a viable advisory committee is unacceptable.
 - Overall members present did not approve of the county's suggested plan. Other comments and ideas were offered. Committee members recognized the issue of diminished staff in Planning Dept. but felt a simpler solution could be found to address the problem. No need to destroy what has been working so well for so long.

No further discussion took place, discussion items closed.

ACTION ITEMS

Vice Chairman Busch indicated we could not address the action item this evening as no quorum was present. The item will be carried forward to the June meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER UPDATE

- Solar Ordinance has been before the planning commission four times, conflict is the use of prime farm land for solar facilities. Placement of fields is a concern, especially the larger ones.
- Commissioner Williams indicated he had a solar system on his garage and it was operating well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Approve minutes of the April 20 meeting
- Address Action Item - second letter on road to county
- Formation of RCD Committee

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- W. Ingraham thanked the commissioner for bring this issue to the committee this evening for their comments.
- Supervisor Chamberlain indicated the county was looking into solar projects.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Being no further business, Vice Chairman Busch asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Greg Bickford, **Second by** Madalene Lane, **All in Favor.**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52 pm.

Meeting minutes recorded on tape.

Respectfully Submitted
Deanna Kirkland, Secretary
Dunnigan Advisory Committee