

ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
05/17/11

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

Absent: Melissa Jordan.

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- 1) Call to order at 07:10 pm by Chair Hulsman. Members P. Harrison and C. Fescenmeyer were not present at this time (no quorum yet). But with their arrival uncertain and with three planning commissioners, the District 5 county supervisor, and several Mercy Housing personnel present the meeting started with Item 5), Public Requests. P. Harrison arrived a couple of minutes into the Planning Commissioner Report. C. Fescenmeyer had suffered car trouble and arrived at 7:40 pm. At the conclusion of the Planning Commissioner Report the meeting continued with Item 2).
- 2) Agenda:
 - a) **Motion** to approve agenda by G. Moris, Second by P. Harrison. Vote: all in favor, none opposed.
- 3) Minutes:
 - a) **Motion** to approve minutes of 3/15/11 by P. Scribner, Second by P. Harrison. Discussion: J. Hulsman noted that 3b should be changed to "February". Vote on motion amended to include revision of 3b: all in favor, none opposed.
- 4) Correspondence & Announcements:
 - a) J. Hulsman received notice about arsenic removal on the school's almond orchard property starting May 9 and we can expect additional trucks travelling on county roads 85B and 23. The trucks haven't been noticed yet.
 - b) G. Moris passed on info from Capay Valley Vision regarding the upcoming Yolo leaders meeting (Wednesday in June TBD at the Middle School multi-purpose room). Typically elected officials and top management in local governments. They have been discussing ways to share services with the current economic situation. Don Saylor interested in the Capay Valley community and local representatives will have about 30 minutes to make a presentation to the group. Additionally, an ECAC representative will be invited. G. Moris to e-mail Monique at CVV and cc J. Hulsman to get more details.
 - c) Colleen – meeting with Caltrans/CSD to discuss issues with widening of road and the sewer ponds.

- d) CVC lawsuit against the Caltrans project has not been decided yet.

PUBLIC FORUM

5) Public Requests

- a) Jeff Riley of Mercy Housing was present to say he has heard what we were saying at the last meeting with respect to the downtown revitalization plan, and aesthetic input. They have attended Capay Valley Vision and New Seasons meetings. They intend to stay in touch with ECAC and would like to get on the agenda next month.

6) County Update - None

7) Planning Commissioner Report regarding realignment of existing advisory committees. ([Refer to the companion pdf file.](#)) Richard Reid, Planning Commissioning Chair led the discussion.

- i) There is a new Willow Bank CAC. Now we have 9 advisory committees ~~committees~~, and some areas are still not represented.
- ii) A subcommittee ~~subcommittee~~ was formed on how to make advisory committees more efficient.
- iii) Their ~~There~~ idea is to create four regional committees. The West region would include Esparto, Capay, Madison, and areas around Winters, and Wildwings up to the west side of Woodland. Plan was to include the Highway 16 and 505 corridors in this region.
- iv) The larger committee would have more to consider. We could still have local committees that would meet informally - not approved by supervisors, and not constrained by the Brown Act.
- v) Leroy Bertolero explained the problem is the number of committee members and quantities if they simply just combined all the committees. They could reduce the number of reps from each area and have back ups to ensure a quorum.
- vi) Typically a County rep has to go to multiple meetings when there are new issues. Their staff is down to a couple planners so this is taking much of their time.
- vii) Plan would be to have regional group's meetings in locations most affected by action items.
- viii) Lead person on the local committee would be notified of a new issue and a special meeting can be called. No quorum needed or minutes.
- ix) How do they determine size of regional committees? Population – so Esparto would have the most representation. Appointed people by Duane will be the one's making the recommendations.
- x) They want to keep the meetings with a planning/land use focus. More applications for solar panels and wind generators are expected.
- xi) They are looking for feedback.
- xii) ECAC comments:

- (1) P. Scribner.: Doesn't like the 9 independent committees system. They can get protective of their turf. This regional proposal is a wise concept and will raise members to a higher level of service. There is a big influence from Davis into Winters. He would take the South region and go over to Winters. Leroy clarified that the incorporated cities (incl. Winters) are not included. Duane – Winters (country) folks don't want to join the Davis zone.

Colleen arrived at 7:40

- 2) Keith Williams - ???? Board of Supervisors feels this is a serious issue, and they (Planning Commissioners) are volunteers as we are.
 - 3) J. Hulsman – getting meeting rooms for “meetings in locations most affected by action items” locations and dates may be a problem. Without a regular date and time, people and rooms are hard to get together. Suggest sending planning reps out to do a road show in an auditorium for example. The ECAC has a regular date for meetings. Getting a room in Esparto is difficult for special ECAC meetings not on the regular date.
 - 4) P. Harrison. In some ways it could work well. Some similar interests with Capay Valley. Overlap with Capay group has been contentious.
 - 5) C. Fescenmeyer – number of people?
 - 6) G. Moris – Local committee will lose clout/standing in the community. Currently ECAC is a formal meeting, with voting and making formal recommendations.
 - 7) P. Scribner. See's himself as listening to voice of community and conveying that to the Planning Commission.
 - 8) G. Moris – Concerned with loss of regional influence – developers often attend so we must have some perceived influence. An alternative could be to hold fewer ~~less~~ meetings, but keep current committees, and then focus on applications or group meetings of committees.
 - 9) J. Hulsman – What about local General Plans? Who would generate them? The original idea ~~point~~ was to get local people involved in their general plan. This change has the potential to reduce what little influence townspeople have over the development of their town. ~~Concern might be that people of town are getting overrun by people from other areas from the region like Wildwings for example.~~
 - 10) P. Harrison. How do we get other non land-use issues escalated to other areas of County Government?
 - 11) Provide feedback by e-mail (yoeloplan4@yahoo.com)
 - 12) Duane – committees form when there are the issues that come up. Don't need standing committees all the time.
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- 8) Yolo County General Plan Amendment to Update Flood Information
 - a) Comment period ends on 7/18 and will be presented to Board of Supervisors in August.
 - b) The 200 year map looks less inundated than the 100 year map – is this an error?

- 9) Future Agenda Items:
- a) Mercy as requested.
 - b) Parks fees.
 - c) Wes Ervin draft of water sewer and drainage in rural Yolo (for CSD, present to us).
 - d) County zoning changes?

10) Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm

GLM
5/21/11