

Madison Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes
June 23, 2011

MAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Carla Phillips Sherrie Barnett, Bonnie Stormont and Rachel De La Cruz

OTHERS PRESENT:

Keith Williams - County Planning Commissioner
Leo Refsland Betsy Marchand, Hendrick Feenstra, Nate Palmer

1. Chair Carla Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL & SIGN IN:

MAC members present were Carla Phillips, Bonnie Stormont, Rachel De la Cruz and Sherrie Barnett. Steve Gomez was absent.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Approval of May 26 2011 minutes was moved to end of meeting to give members a chance to review prior to approval. At that time Bonnie made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rachel Sherrie, and Carla voted yes, and minutes were approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nate Palmer, representing Duane Chamberlain. County reviewing proposals on wind energy projects in various areas, Dunnigan, Lake Berryessa. Proposal is to install 197 ft. towers to record wind, weather to determine the potential for future solar projects.

County is reviewing a proposed solar project development at Road 87D, Winters. Project would be at the base of PG&E substation. Solar Ordinance is going to Board of Supervisor for approval in July. Planning/Public Works busy with EIR's. Since the solar ordinance is not in place this requires a negative declaration process.

Carla Phillips/Betsy Marchand - there will be a Yolo Leader Summit on Wednesday, June 29 from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Purpose of the Summit is to share ideas/services and to work together to improve services. Several representative from different service areas (Transportation, Energy Shed, Rural Economics, Overview of Capay Valley) , they will have speakers then break into table talk groups to discuss similar interests. Each table will have a facilitator to lead discussion on the various topics. If interested in attending/participating write a paragraph on the issue and give it to the facilitator. Issues that concern Madison at this time are in the area of Transportation, CHP not allowing residents to turn into Madison when they are directing traffic at Hwy. 16 and Road 89 and the Bus Shelter installation and location.

Sherrie Barnett
MAC Secretary
10/13/2011

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Carla reported no changes to Madison Service District Master Plan at this time. She also reported that no news on the lawsuits on the Caltrans Hwy. 16 project. Carla provided an overview of how the Hwy. 16 project is supposed to help with Madison flooding issues with the culverts that will be added and what was discussed at the May 26, 2011 meeting. County has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CALTRANS that will allocate the funds (1 million plus) provided by the Casino and Sylar Industries for Madison flood protection. Carla and Leo have talked to CALTRANS and the County to make sure they understand that Madison flooding issues need to be addressed during this project.

Keith Williamson reported that most committees had the same feelings that MAC had regarding the Regional Committees. The Ad Hoc Committee still needs to meet with Duane and present recommendation on how make the Advisory Committee and Planning staff meeting time more efficient. Nate Palmer said one of the ideas is creating designees to be on call to a single meeting to have the information presented by the planning staff, however, voting decision still has to be decided on.

Keith Williams also reported that he has received several inquires on green energy as far away as Hawaii. One caller is interested in placing solar panels over sewer ponds. Another is to set-up towers to get data over a 2 - 3 year period to see if it's feasible to install wind turbines in the Dunnigan area.

Carla presented draft letter on concerns that MAC has with a Regional Advisory Committee. Motion made by Bonnie Stormont to send the letter on behalf of MAC to Planning Commissioners and Board of Supervisors. Motion was seconded by Sherrie Barnett. Carla will finalize the letter and email it.

Carla discussed that the County has been awarded \$150,000 for Yolo Bus route 215 for Madison and Woodland. Madison has a shelter in storage but has not had the funding to install and finding a suitable location is also a problem. The bus comes through Madison 34 times a day and causes damage to water/sewer lines. Current bus stop is in front of the town hall but this is a problem when the hall is rented and cars are parked all up and down the street. The hall is rented almost every weekend. MAC wants to make sure the funding allocated for Madison is spent on Madison. MAC is very interested in working with all the parties to have the Bus shelter installed in a safe location as we have many community members that use the service to get to work at the casino and to Woodland. Nate will schedule a meeting with Terry from Yolo Transit, Leo from Madison Service District and MAC members to determine the best location for this bus stop.

Betsy Marchand reported that funding is from the State Gambling fund and is for mitigation of issues related to having a casino in the area. She also reported that the turnaround time to receive the funds was very short and decisions had to be made quickly.

Nate provided MAC with a breakdown of the award and Madison was allocated the largest amount of the grant. Estimated cost for the project ranged from \$252,500 to \$337,500, however, our understanding is the total grant received was for \$150,000. It will need to be determined what amount will be designated to Madison.

Nate also reported the Sheriff's Office has received funding for scanning license plates and 3 vehicles will be outfitted with Life Scan this will help identify criminals in the area.

Future MAC Agenda Items:

Bus Stop/Shelter

Madison Service District Master Plan - Leo Refsland

Cal Trans/Hwy 16 update

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Next meeting October 27, 2011