

SOUTH DAVIS GENERAL PLAN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SDCAC)
MINUTES OF MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2012
Approved 5/15/2012

COMMITTEE: Jim Bernardy, John Cooluris, Stan Dean, Maureen Guerreri, Matt Williams, Olin Woods (absent)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Provenza – Yolo County District 4 Supervisor
Leroy Bertolero – Yolo County At-Large Planning Commissioner,
Rich Reed – Yolo County District 4 Planning Commissioner
David Morrison – Yolo County Assistant Director of Planning and Public Works,
Members of the Public: Grant Chappell
Lois Chappell
Landon Scarlett (recording secretary)

1) Call to Order

Vice Chair Matt Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at 600 A St., Davis.

2) Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as written.

3) Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2011

Re: "Standing Rules" (on page 2), it was noted that according to the By-Laws "*Standing Rules are adopted by a simple majority vote and may be amended by a two-thirds vote at a regularly scheduled meeting.*" The minutes were approved unanimously with this one correction.

MOVED BY: Dean / SECONDED BY: Williams

AYES: Bernardy, Dean, Williams

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Cooluris, Guerreri

ABSENT: Woods

4) Election of Officers

Steve Cole tendered his notice of resignation from the SDCAC on January 25, 2012 leaving the Chair position vacant. The members agreed to hold a new election of officers, a motion was made nominating Matt Williams as Chair. No other motions were made and the election of Matt Williams as Chair was approved.

MOVED BY: Bernardy / SECONDED BY: Cooluris

AYES: Bernardy, Cooluris, Dean, Williams

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Guerreri, Woods (Maureen Guererri arrived after this vote)

A second motion was made nominating Maureen Guerreri as Vice Chair. John Cooluris suggested that it would be good policy to have the Chair and Vice-Chair be from different CAC neighborhoods in order to reduce appearances issues. After discussion John's suggestion was tabled until the discussion of Standing Rules later in the agenda. No other motions were made and the election of Maureen Guerreri as Vice-Chair was approved.

MOVED BY: Cooluris / SECONDED BY: Bernardy

AYES: Bernardy, Cooluris, Dean, Guerreri, Williams

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Woods

A third motion was made nominating Landon Scarlett, a non-committee member, to be Recording Secretary. No other motions were made and the election of Landon Scarlett as Recording Secretary was approved.

MOVED BY: Cooluris / SECONDED BY: Bernardy
AYES: Bernardy, Cooluris, Dean, Guerrerri, Williams
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Woods

5) Correspondence and Announcements

David Morrison announced that a lawsuit had been filed in Superior Court by two private landowners and a group called Greenbelt Neighbors, asking the Court to issue a restraining order to suspend all activity in furtherance of the Results Radio Tower project until the County brings its actions into compliance with CEQA and Yolo County Code.

6) Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

7) County Update on Status of Davis Solar Ranch Application

David Morrison asked the committee to disregard the Davis solar array project update memo that he had sent out by e-mail prior to this meeting, because the applicant has placed the project on hold while revisions are made to the application. David then reviewed the history of the application and its series of changes to date. He noted that when a final application is made, under the By-Laws the SDCAC will have only one meeting to vote on the project. David noted that this voting restriction does not mean the SDCAC must limit its opportunities to review and discuss the project prior to the actual vote. The SDCAC can hold workshops to obtain information from the applicant and/or feedback from the public. A project EIR is required, will take about 6 months to prepare after the application is finalized, and once complete will be circulated for 45 days. The County will hold a workshop on the EIR, and the County will hold a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for public comment.

The SDCAC decided that it would be useful to invite the applicants to address this committee at a future meeting to better understand the business and public objectives of the project. David Morrison will communicate with the applicants on this matter.

Further discussion included questions on other solar array projects in the County that have been approved to date by the Supervisors or Planning Commission on prime farmland, mitigation requirements, changing subsidies for the solar industry, location of towers for transmission wires, and advantages/disadvantages of various sites on the AKT (Tsakopoulos) property. Mitigation requirements are currently 1:1 for prime farmland, plus 1:1 for Swainson's Hawk habitat, for a total of 2:1 for the site under consideration. Supervisor Provenza noted that the Supervisors have not resolved the issue of solar on prime farmland. Project approval (or not) will depend on the Supervisors' decision on a case-by-case basis based on what is best for the public at large.

8) Draft Standing Rules for SDAC

Based on five example "Standing Rules" provided by other Yolo County Citizens Advisory Committees, Stan Dean developed a draft set of standing rules for SDCAC consideration. Stan walked the committee through the draft, made adjustments based on committee recommendations, and agreed to distribute a revised draft to the committee and the County for consideration and approval at the next meeting.

It was agreed that within two weeks of a meeting, the Recording Secretary will electronically send draft minutes to SDCAC members and County representatives in Word format so that any corrections/changes/suggestions can be made electronically and returned to her prior to finalizing the minutes for approval at the next meeting. To help formulate each meeting's minutes, the meetings will be electronically recorded, and each recording will be deleted after that meeting's minutes have been approved.

Locations for posting agendas and minutes (after approval) are: the County Web site, Willowbank's glass-fronted case on the north side of Montgomery Blvd., the glass case in the Breezeway at the El Macero Country

Club (EMCC), and the El Macero Homeowner's Association Web site. John Cooluris suggested that the draft minutes be posted prior to their approval.

Regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm, as needed, at the discretion of the Chair, at the El Macero Country Club clubhouse. Maureen Guerreri will check with the club to see if it's feasible to use their facility for SDCAC meetings.

Agendas will be coordinated by the SDCAC Chair, but input is welcome from all committee members.

9) Future Agenda Items -- for the next meeting on Tuesday May 15, 2012, at 5:30 pm, EMCC

- Standing Rules
 - Posting of Minutes
 - Other
- Pass Through Agreement (discussion)
- Preserving Farmland (discussion)
- Solar Array Project Applicant
- Any New Proposals Received by County Staff

10) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by:



Recording Secretary