

Yolo-Zamora Citizens Advisory Committee

MINUTES

MONDAY
JANUARY 28, 2012

7:00 P.M.

YOLO COMMUNITY CENTER

MEETING CALLED BY	John Davis, chairman
MINUTES	No minutes read
CORRESPONDENCE	None
NOTE TAKER	Adele Daily
TIMEKEEPER	Adjourned 9:15 p.m.
ATTENDEES	Committee members: John Davis, Jack Rexroad, Adele Daily; no absentees

Agenda topics

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION	The matter of taking and reading of the minutes commented on by Mary Jo Hoes; apparently minutes of some meetings were not posted publically. Committee also assumed, since we did not have a quorum, voting to approve the minutes was unnecessary.
	BIKE TRACK -- Mr. A. Sargent commented that he still dislikes the bike track and lack of over site by agencies involved. He said that, for example, there are four on site water discharge violations that he knows of currently. His home is on county road 98 and south of 16 and this lack of enforcement by all agencies involved is a big concern of his.
	Mary Jo also voiced the opinion that the chairman should have called a special public meeting of the comm. before the Public Comment deadline expired regarding the mitigated application of Northern Recycling. Chairman stated that in his opinion, we voted on it once already, committee members reviewed the mitigations, and, when polled by email, stood by their original vote, therefore did not find it necessary for a special meeting. Mrs. Hoes was encouraged to voice her concerns to Supervisor Chamberlain, and, in addition, she has every opportunity to bring concerns directly to county officials and staff regarding the Northern Recycling application or anything else, regardless of whether there is a timely committee meeting or not.
CONCLUSIONS	Comments taken under advisement; once minutes are passed on to county staff, it is up to them to publish.
	Point of Order: Leroy B. noted that a quorum could be two if there are only three members of the board, but in that case both would have to agree to pass motion.

NORTHERN RECYCLING EXPANSION

DISCUSSION	Greg Kelly owner of Northern Recycling, LLC and Rick Moore of Edgar & Associates, Inc. presented a lengthy in depth report complete with a 12 page handout including pictures for Northern Recycling Compost Zamora Proposed Facility Expansion. The many concerns of flies, odors, traffic, water quality and flying debris were addressed and promised to be fixed by improving handling of food waste, yard waste which would be increased from 300 to 700 tons per day. Increase of on-site material storage from 50,000cubic yards to 190,000 cubic yards. This is to accommodate growing seasonal sales.
	The addition of two electric grinders replacing the one portable grinder they currently use would provide quicker processing of material rather than having it sit for months waiting for the grinder to be delivered. They will be using a pilot scale system placing compost over inflated tubes and installing blowers for feedstock aeration, and bio filters with irrigation tubes for moisture addition for emission and order control—keeping wood chips moist. Covering food waste with finished compost if it cannot be immediately incorporated into the aerated static pile system. These methods, plus maintaining the proper carbon/nitrogen ratio, will control odor. Vector control has been implemented with the assistance of a company that specializes in fly control at dairies. Employing the fly control methods prior to the establishment of a fly population from establishing. In addition the use of organic insecticides and fly traps will reduce the fly population. Surface and ground water will be regulated by the water board requirements. Ponds would be lined with a geomembrane material laid over compacted geosynthetic clay liner to contain the water and prevent in from seeping into ground water.

Mr. Kelly noted that traffic would be kept mainly to Interstate 5 per business model. As a condition of the project approval, the applicant would be required to maintain the roadway section on county road 94 from southernmost project access to county road 13, and the roadway section on country road 13/94 Main street intersection. Also a fence and other practices would be used to control flying escaping plastic bags and trash.

Questions were asked for specifics on how these control measure would be monitored. It is basically a matter of their promises to implement all of these measures that are to control the problems now being experienced by neighbors.

One of the suggested procedures was to involve the fire department and allow them periodic training and acquire the equipment that may be needed to control any type of fire that might happen. A major concern is how the county will monitor the conditions detailed in the mitigated application.

Road safety was also addressed as a concern. One because bicycles have been using county road 13 at an increasing amount. It was noted that truck and bicycles don't mix. With regards to trucks parking on county road 94 waiting for the plant to open, it was suggested that a spot be provided for the trucks either by adding a wide pad or setting back the gate. It was stated by more than one person the fact that the county has had problems of limited funds etc. to enforce and control traffic and other stated concerns. Mr. Kelly commented that no more than one truck is supposed to arrive prior to their business hours and he would address this with the trucking companies.

CONCLUSIONS	It is a matter of trusting the accuracy of the design improvements to be installed with this new expansion, the validity of the science, if the food products are processed in a timely manor, and, more importantly, how well the county and other agencies monitor the conditions of the permit. It seems the main concern is not the expansion of the facility, but including food waste, specifically meat & poultry scraps and the potential for transmitting disease, flies, etc. to adjoining property if not handled properly. The application will be on the next committee agenda in February for a formal vote and recommended to the Planning Commission.
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ACTION ITEM:

**SEWARD APPLICATION FOR A
MINOR USE PERMIT**

DISCUSSION	Bill Seward spoke regarding a request for a minor use permit to construct a third residence of a 51-acre agricultural parcel located on county road 95B. He is planning to live there with his wife and son in order to assist his mother and sister in maintaining the grounds and provide assistance to his mother who is 76.
The purposed home will be approximately 2,200 sq. feet with a three car garage placed on 31,350 sq. Ft. of land (.75ac) and located north of the existing structures. The remainder will continue to be farmed.	
It is within the 250 ft. cluster housing ordinance and title will remain in the K & B Reiff trust.	
CONCLUSIONS	Approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be February 25, 2013, 7 p.m., at Zamora Town Hall.