

Willowbank County Service Area Advisory Committee

Minutes

Meeting of Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Multipurpose Room, Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School

1441 Danbury Street, Davis, CA

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Committee Chair Cooluris called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He noted that Christa Piazza resigned as secretary after the January 2014 meeting.

PRESENT: Mike Dahmus, Marcia Kreith, Kent Calfee, John Cooluris, Dick McCapes and Olin Woods.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Crites, Regina Espinoza, Linda Sinderson, Joanne Roy, Gregg Roy, Bob and Liz Sagehorn, John Lutch, Eileen Gueffroy, Don Gueffroy, Paul Brady, Kathleen Rockwell, Seth Brunner, Linda Clevenger, George and Sandy Ely, Hodge Kawakami, Brian Morrissey, Katie Flaherty, Mark Sheeley, Susie and Terry Miller, Don Erman, Mont Hubbard, and others.

COUNTY REPORT: Supervisor Provenza was absent. No report was given.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kreith noted that the proposed zoning rules, including those for Willowbank, have yet to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

WASTE REMOVAL: Linda Sinderson, Deputy Director at Planning, Public Works and Environmental Services, spoke on several items. She reported that the County's existing contracts that would have expired Tuesday with Davis Waste Removal (DWR) that services Willowbank and El Macero and Waste Management that services other areas in the County have been extended for five years. She added that the County will be looking at future green and food waste removal options and possible neighborhood pilot programs in the interim. One option would be the continuation of the existing service in which loose green waste is placed on the street for weekly pickup and food and trash waste is placed in a cart with another for recycling solid waste. The second option would be to discontinue weekly loose green waste pickup on the street and instead require green waste to be put into a new cart, with an occasional loose green waste pickup on the street. The third option would be to discontinue green waste pickup on the street and combine green waste and food waste in a new cart. Sinderson indicated that one of the County's objectives is to divert by 2020 up to 75% of the waste presently being sent to landfills. This objective is not presently required by law, but she believes it will be law for residential properties by 2020. Sinderson added that the landfill is developing a composting facility at the landfill.

There were many questions raised about these options. Sinderson stated that we could continue to have all green waste on the street for weekly pickup, or place it all in new carts or a combination of carts and street pickup when there is more green waste (e.g., fall leave drop). She emphasized that Willowbank could determine how to deal with its green waste at least until 2020. A number of those present expressed concerns about the feasibility of discontinuing weekly street pickup and using carts, the main point being that carts could not satisfactorily deal with the considerable green waste generated by our

large lots and mature vegetation. It was also mentioned that reduced street pickup, such as monthly pickup, would be problematic in terms of the interim storage. Cooluris asked for an informal vote of those present who would want to discontinue the weekly street pickup of green waste. After some discussion, no one present was in favor of any change. Sinderson noted that the continuation of weekly street pickup of green waste would become more costly, especially if the City of Davis discontinues street pickup and requires new carts.

The matter of dealing with food waste was also discussed. Several people noted they compost food waste in their yards and would have nothing further to reduce. Calfee asked for a show of hands of those who currently compost food waste. It appeared that about 75% of those present already compost.

The county contracts for us with DWR but individuals pay directly to DWR. Although the next 5 years rates and services will not change, Sinderson had wanted us to respond to a survey ideally by July. This was discussed and it was agreed there is no urgency for a survey but that the WCSA Advisory Committee should form a committee to focus on our neighborhood interests.

WILLOWBANK'S IRRIGATION WATER OPTIONS: Cooluris noted that at the January 22 meeting, the Committee recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the County proceed with the Wood Rodgers feasibility study with some changes to their October 2013 proposal. The cost of the study was to be the subject of a Proposition 218 process. Espinoza summarized the different approaches that the County has considered in order to meet Proposition 218's requirements. She mentioned that there were issues about proceeding with the Wood Rodgers study without already having an engineer certified feasibility study done. She added that according to County Counsel, the feasibility study that Ron Crites had undertaken in May 2013 and revised in June 2014 could satisfy the Proposition 218 requirements if it were certified.

Cooluris reviewed the revised study prepared by Crites that had been sent to the neighborhood before the meeting. Cooluris added that the Committee would likely review and consider taking action on the revised study at its July 9, 2014 meeting.

Espinoza outlined how the Proposition 218 process would work and its time frames. Joanne Roy asked about the costs associated with the Proposition 218 process. There was a related discussion about whether or not the Wood Rodgers study could be paid for by private contributions. The decision of the City of Davis to drill new wells to supply water for City parks was also noted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Willowbank's irrigation water options and County survey on solid and green waste removal.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 9, 2014

ADJORNMENT: MSC: Calfee/McCapes 8:21 p.m.