

Willowbank County Service Area Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
Meeting of Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Multipurpose Room, Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School  
1441 Danbury Street, Davis, CA

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Committee Chair John Cooluris called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Cooluris, Marcia Kreith, Olin Woods. Cooluris announced there was not a quorum. However Dick McCapes arrived at 7:13 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kent Calfee and Mike Dahmus.

OTHERS PRESENT: Gina Daleiden and Regina Espinoza (Yolo County), Eileen Gueffroy (M), Don Gueffroy (M), Gregg Roy (O), Joanne Roy (O), John Eisele (W), Mont Hubbard (W), Bill Corliss (W), Al Muir (M), Cynthia Muir (M) and others.

COUNTY REPORT: Daleiden reported that City has put out an RFP to develop their parcel of land at 4100 Hackberry Place for “affordable” housing. Proposal is in the early stages. Woods stated that project land is behind the old (Ricci) water pump north of North Fork of Putah Creek. He will provide a url on the RFP. McCapes arrived at this point (7:13 p.m.) in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 MEETINGS: Woods/Cooluris moved and seconded approval of September 24, 2014 minutes and the June 25, 2014 minutes as previously amended in tracking by Kreith. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joanne Roy inquired whether anyone has applied for the vacancy on the Advisory Committee resulting from Terri Almeida’s resignation. Cooluris stated that Bill Corliss has applied for Terri’s vacancy. There was widespread audience applause to this announcement.

MEMBER COMMENT: Putah Creek Winery on South Drummond has had about 4 public events. However on Sunday, Oct 26, from about 2-6 p.m., they had an extremely powerful PA system that broadcast music and announcements incredibly loudly—there was no escaping the sound. Several in the audience at much greater distance were very disturbed by it also, including Gueffroys on Meadowbrook Dr.; Mont Hubbard, Almond Ln.; and Kreith, E. Oakside Pl. Cooluris asked if the County regulates events and whether an event permit or any limitations on decibels are specified. Daleiden will inquire. After Kreith noted that the winery is in Solano County, Daleiden offered to give the owners, whom she knows, a friendly call. Kreith mentioned that about 35 years ago bands played at noisy parties a mile due south of Oakside in a structure at the South Fork of Putah Creek.

**WILLOWBANK IRRIGATION WATER OPTIONS:** Ballots have been mailed to WCSA property owners by the Clerk of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to indicate support or not for a one-time parcel assessment of \$235 to fund the Wood-Rogers feasibility study on the construction and operation of an irrigation water system for WCSA. Ballots must be returned by December 2. A simple majority (50% +1) will determine the outcome for or against the assessment.

Woods and McCapes walked a copy of the ballot around and discussed it with Meadowbrook/Almond neighbors, urging those that had not yet voted to do so. They gave a copy of the ballot to those who had not received their ballot, were unsure whether they had returned it, or had misplaced it. Willowbank Club has plans to get out the vote also.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kreith noted that the Clustered Ag Ordinance was scheduled for public hearing by the Board of Supervisors on December 16, 2014. In response to her question, no one in the audience had information to report from the November 13 Planning Commission hearing on the proposed Clustered Ag Ordinance. Kreith noted that ordinance could affect noise levels at events in Yolo County.

**QUALITY AND RELIABILITY OF INTERNET, TELEPHONE AND CELL PHONE SERVICE:** A show of hands revealed roughly half in the room use AT&T to access the internet and half Comcast. Some have had a lot of frustration dealing with AT&T (it takes a lot of time to get through on the phone) and a couple people mentioned switching to Comcast. When, from time to time, his AT&T line drops the internet, Corliss said he has had success when he called an AT&T man in Woodland. He will check if he still has the man's name. Roughly 3 years ago Kreiths replaced their DSL modem and AT&T replaced a line that dropped DSL whenever it got wet. (Update: however, since the November meeting, Kreiths have had 5 weeks of frustration with intermittent, unpredictable internet. They are hopeful the situation may have just been rectified by a field technician who came out and immediately identified a faulty line which he repaired.) Don Geoffrey stated his AT&T land lines work fine for them, but DSL is pitifully slow and he is disappointed that he can't get U-verse because optical cable does not exist in WB. Al Muir has found that for Verison's cell phone service 3 bars seems sufficient.

A couple of years ago representatives from AT&T met with the Advisory committee and these administrators promised to return to the next meeting with some answers for improving our landlines for reliability in all weather. However before they returned they both left AT&T employment. It was suggested we should invite AT&T and Comcast to come to a WCSA meeting. Cooluris offered to draft a rudimentary survey for the next meeting at which time we could discuss and approve sending it out.

**BUDGET:** Espinoza presented the Budget Status for WCSA for Fiscal Year 2015 as of 11/18/2014 (38% of year elapsed) and Fiscal Year 2014 (138% of year elapsed) and

Expenditure Account Detail (Fiscal Year 2015 from 7/1//2014 to 6/30/2015. (See attached.) Expenditures total \$2,280.76 for County Staff including Espinoza. However general ledger closeout is not in yet, so we won't necessarily end with a surplus. Largest budgeted item is for Professional and Specialized Services (\$23,465 for Wood Rogers). If Supervisors decide to approve the Wood Rodgers Feasibility Study at the December hearing, they will direct the auditor or staff about billing for the assessment, whether they can defer assessment to next year or if it will be billed for this year. (Staff is researching this question as they do not want to put a lien on property if they can help it.)

DETERMINATION OF 2015 MEETING DATES: Woods moved that in 2015 regular meetings of the WCSA Advisory Committee will be held on the third Wednesday of the odd months at the Montgomery Elementary School at 7 p.m. unless cancelled. This means we will schedule meetings for:

January 21

March 18

May 20

July 15

September 16, and

November 18, 2015.

Kreith seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Willowbank's irrigation water options and internet and phone service.

ADJOURNMENT: MSC: Woods / McCapes 8 p.m.