

## ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Approved MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Attending: George Pennebaker, Cynthia Havstad, John Hulsman Jr, Lisa Wyatt, Pat Harrison, Randy Jacobs, Giacomo Moris, Colleen Fescenmeyer,

Absent: Sandie Reed

1. CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 by Chairman G. Pennebaker

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a motion by J. Hulsman to approve the agenda, seconded by P. Harrison.  
Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 20, 2016 & JANUARY 17, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

a) December 20, 2016 minutes: Edits were provided by J. Hulsman and G. Moris re: clarifications on pool update, typos corrected.

b.) Motion to approve the December 20, 2016 minutes was made by J. Hulsman, seconded by C Havstad. Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

c) January 2017 minutes are not ready due to unforeseen illness.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) G. Pennebaker introduced a new member of the ECAC: Randy Jacobs. Randy works at UC Davis and moved to Esparto last May.

b) G. Pennebaker also informed the group that S. Reed was not able to attend tonight's meeting due to illness.

c) Reminder to all that the Almond Festival scheduled for this Sunday, February 26. Colleen has seen posts on Facebook.

## PUBLIC FORUM

a) G. Pennebaker introduced and read aloud the ECAC mission statement. He stated that there is a lot going on which is not strictly part of our business. In future, we may have to delay the public forum until after the close of the meeting, then pick up the discussion after adjourning. Tonight, we will run the meeting tonight as we have before.

b) J. Hulsman: our group is designed to give the county input when they are planning things. Over the years we have turned into a group that asks them to do things and they don't really have time to respond in this manner. Madison has their own separate group to talk about issues that don't come up in the advisory committee meeting. Capay Valley group had 150 people attending last meeting.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a) Resident: Speed reduction, undulations are needed. G. Pennebaker reminded the group of the discussion at the last meeting and acknowledged that there is concern about speed on Grafton and Capay. Years ago we did get a stop sign but that was a rare success. P. Harrison wonders if it is better not to have stop signs. One member of the public agrees and thinks that signs will not stop people, and are a waste of money. Rather, we need something physical to slow people down. J. Hulsman suggests squad car with a dummy. Another member of the public disagreed. They don't work. County needs to be made aware of the speeding concerns. A question of whether or not the sheriff should be made aware was followed by a discussion about whether or not they can handle speeding.

B. Burns: Complaints about traffic on Grafton since 1975 and nothing has been done.

Resident: There is a survey about speed undulations on the Esparto Watch Facebook page. Babs wants to make sure that everyone is invited to go to the Facebook page and take the survey.

Resident: Speeding is an issue that has been complained about for a long time. Grew up on 89 next to the road and has a good sense of speed. Not an exaggeration that people drive by at 60+ mph. Wonders what it is going to take to address the speed problem. And he feels that it shouldn't require a child getting hit to have the speeding taken seriously. He wonders if the public needs to get louder.

G.Pennebaker: used to go around the state giving talks and he strongly suggests that everyone attending our meeting put the issue in writing (emails, letters) to the county board of supervisors. Emails may be easier to ignore. Duane Chamberlain is our board of supervisors representative. Write to him, address at county website.

Denny Boyston: feels we will need a camera to register speed and issue a ticket, and asks if such a device is available.

G. Moris reminded group that we have had radar speed identifiers. Sometimes sheriff sits next to the sign, takes a picture and uses it to give a ticket.

Keith Wyatt: asked if we have accident reports to support the case of speeding.  
Response: CHP has the data.

B. Burns: They go off the percentages. If percentages aren't there, it won't happen. They use the statistics, which you must have to make a case that something needs to be done.

b) Resident: lives on Plainfield and watches from her desk, and has seen three accidents. She has noticed that there are no speed indicators on the west side of Plainfield.

Resident: Asks, outside of county public works, what options are there for illegally dumped trash in the alleys. G. Pennebaker: some discussion on citizen groups getting together to clean up the alleys.

Resident: has caught someone dumping on video but hasn't gotten a response.

Jim Durst: New Season Development Corp has met with the county and public works. Alleys are owned by the property owners but the county has jurisdiction. Community service district has a say in how they are managed. NSD is going to meet with community service district, to walk alleys and identify problems and priorities, then organize work days. Property owners will be notified about pruning of any vegetation growing into the alley. Next step will be grading and gravelling one alley at a time. Some work has been done by Ruth's, which wasn't hard or expensive. Jim invited public to be a part of it, inviting interested parties to give him their name and contact info. NSD isn't going to do the work but facilitate the project. . In the long term, some cities have taken the alleys back. It was suggested that the alleys be kept as narrow as possible to serve as pedestrian right of ways.

## 6. COUNTY UPDATE

a) No representatives from the county tonight.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

a) None

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Park/Pool update:

G. Moris provided this update: The last pool team meeting cancelled. The county is currently in negotiation with the Herrera's for the purchase of their 2 acre property. The county is also still waiting for the state to approve the school site as an alternative to the Westerdahl property. State had one issue with the MOU with the school: after some amount of time it would go back to the school. State requires that the park/pool must be for public use so this clause needs to be clarified. County is proactively pursuing the new site, feeling there was community support for the new site.

b) Street lights and new crosswalk lights.

Caltrans had to wait 21 days for concrete to set before putting in the poles for the crosswalk. They were working on them today. Street lights are coming in 2018. Colleen: PG&E will change out all have LEDs sometime before then.

c) Transportation (bus) options

G. Pennebaker recalls this came up at a previous discussion. There was concern about timing of the buses and difficulty getting to winters without going through Woodland. Resident: we need transportation for disabled persons. Yolo bus does provide service for disabled citizens. Resident was informed that you must submit paperwork for this service. After approval, they will come to pick you up with 24 hours of notice that you need transportation.

d) Esparto Area Plan chapter assignments

G. Pennebaker: has gone through the section on implementation and feels we need a computer readable copy. County website has an electronic copy.

C. Havstad asked for clarification on this project.

G Moris: The goal of our assignments is to identify what is out of date and what is controversial. The area plan doesn't necessarily need to be revised. He is wondering if people have different opinion about how we require development, especially considering the potential for development to pick up again.

G. Pennebaker: had the impression that the county felt it was time to review and identify.

C. Fescenmeyer: In the section on Public safety and emergency services, the statistics need to be updated. Some of the projects have been done. Some of these items can be removed. Taro wants us to flag items that need review by the county. Doesn't feel there is a time crunch.

G. Moris: initially suggested so that we could coordinate with Capay Valley Vision.

There update is further along. Esparto is biggest city in the unincorporated area of Yolo County. Three subdivisions are on the books and they could start at any time.

Previously, we wanted to have more say in the developments (e.g. no front porch) Chamber was coming to us that we were slowing down the permits for developments. We must balance our requirements with Chamber and Capay Valley vision plans.

J. Hulsman: Maps are pretty well set. The question is whether the developers will follow the guidelines. He is concerned about zoning and mixed use discussion.

G. Moris: The projects J. Hulsman mentioned could be controversial. He wonders how much teeth our design guidelines really have. Much of the language is suggests what should be done rather than directs what is required. We need a read on it from the county. Are the design guidelines consistent with county development standards. Perhaps the guidelines include more detail there than should be there. He suggests we identify items of controversy or concern.

C. Havstad: suggested one or two of us meet with Taro to clarify what has been completed and what he thinks needs to be done. For example, for the section on Safety: what programs have been completed. E.g. Program 2

C. Fescenmeyer: suggests we could set up a workshop. Duane Chamberlain might also come with enough notice. Special workshop is a printed posted meeting so we don't have a violation of the Brown Act.

C. Havstad will call Taro to set up a meeting with him. G Pennebaker also wants to attend.

Attendees asked for websites where they could get this information on upcoming developments.

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Pool update.

Follow up on crosswalks.

Traffic calming & speeding: Should we draft a letter from our committee (based on federal state safety requirements)

## 10. ADJOURN

There was a motion to adjourn by P. Harrison. Seconded by C. Fescenmeyer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27p.m.