

Willowbank County Service Area Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting Held September 28, 2017
7:00pm
Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School Multipurpose Room
1441 Danbury Street, Davis, CA 95618

Committee Chair Cooluris called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

COMMITTEE: Kent Calfee, John Cooluris, Bill Corliss, Marcia Kreith, Dick McCapes, Joanne Roy, and Olin Woods.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Maureen Poole, Secretary, Jim Provenza, Yolo County Supervisor, Richard Reed Deputy to Supervisor Provenza, and Willowbank Residents: Kathleen Rockwell, Michael Curry, Brian Morrissey, Laura Schmidt, Mike Skeels, Mary Ann Skeels, John Eisele, and Julie Auger and others.

INTRODUCTIONS: Committee members and guests gave self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of March 15, 2017 were approved as amended. MSC: Calfee/Cooluris.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cooluris invited anyone interested in addressing the Committee. Pat Reynolds, Willowbank Club, announced that the WHIP Project is underway and encourages participants from the rest of the neighborhood to get involved. Reynolds distributed the project schedule. He stated that free seeds will be available but donations are welcome. On October 14th and 21st, there will be planting demonstrations and someone available to answer any questions. Reynolds reported that our neighborhood project will be a capstone class for UCD honor students. If have questions or are interested in participating, please contact Pat Reynolds.

A community member asked about flood safety, levees and permeability of the soil in the area. Richard Reed, Deputy to Supervisor Provenza, said that he will put something together and report to the Committee at the next meeting. A community member from the East Davis Fire Protection District announced that they are working with John McNerney, City of Davis Wildlife Resource Specialist, to remove invasive plants along Putah Creek in October. Kreith stated the North Fork of Putah Creek no longer has natural flows and it is critical that the City keep the trash gates at Mace Blvd clear of trash.

MEMBER COMMENT: Cooluris congratulated Bill and Gail Corliss on their marriage.

COUNTY REPORT: Supervisor Provenza reported on the sale of Davis Waste Removal to Recology, a Bay Area firm. Provenza stated that the City is in discussions

with the company as they have first right of refusal. Provenza reiterated that he would like to have a working ad hoc committee made up of interested individuals from Willowbank CSA, the community, and GWIA for options related to garbage and organic waste removal services. He noted that the service contract expires with Davis Waste Removal in 2019, which will allow time to work on this issue. Provenza asked Cooluris and Corliss to be participants. Cooluris stated that he is pleased to take on this task. Kreith inquired where our loose pile and yard-waste cart materials are currently disposed but those present did not know.

Provenza also reported that they continue to work on the cannabis ordinance. He indicated that they have put a moratorium on it and have limited the amount of growers in the area. Provenza also noted that they are currently working on a tax to ensure that all law enforcement expenses are covered because if you regulate growers then you need to eliminate the illegal growers.

INCREASE IN DAVIS WASTE REMOVAL'S WASTE REMOVAL RATES FOR WILLOWBANK - Cooluris addressed the letter Willowbank residents received from Davis Waste Removal in June signifying the rates have gone up. Cooluris reported that one of the problems noted was the 38% increase in the cost of disposal of Organic/Greenwaste tipping charges at Yolo County Landfill.

CURRENT STUDIES OF CITY OF DAVIS ON WASTE REMOVAL OPTIONS - The City is exploring alternative services for yard waste removal (see memorandum attached to today's meeting agenda.)

MACE AND MONTGOMERY INTERSECTION TRAFFIC CONCERNS - Brian Mickelson, Assistant City Traffic Engineer, reported that the City is aware of the safety and traffic concerns on the corner of Mace Blvd and Montgomery Avenue. The city has performed prior road analysis to determine if a stop sign should be placed in that location; however, at the time, it was not justified under state guidelines. Mickelson stated that next week, they will be placing a traffic counter at the intersection to do another analysis. In addition, Mickelson reported this summer the City plans to reconstruct Mace Blvd. from South El Macero Drive to Cowell Blvd. Mickelson said that the project includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements. He added that during construction project, it is anticipated that traffic patterns will change and the WAZE app will readjust traffic back to interstate 80 and avoid the area. Panos Kokkas, Director of Yolo County Public Works, stated a road diet will be created north of South El Macero with the current 4 lanes converted to 2 10-foot lanes, rather than the standard 12-foot lanes. Mickelson stated that he will report the results of the analysis to the committee; however, his recommendation is that we wait until after the construction project is done and reevaluate it to see if the traffic patterns have changed. Discussion continued regarding the safety issues at the corner of Mace Blvd. and Montgomery and the state guidelines required to place a stop sign.

CITY WATER RATES – Cooluris reported on the letters Paul Brady wrote to the City of Davis regarding why the City's water rates should be reduced. Cooluris added that the

City is now looking at the assumptions of the 2014 Water Cost of Service Study. If the assumptions are no longer valid then the City will engage someone to perform a water cost study next year. The outcome of that will effect rates going forward. Cooluris added that when he met with Bob Clarke back in January, Clarke said not expect rates to be retroactively changed; although we could expect smaller increases overtime. Cooluris will check on the status of City's Water Rate Advisory Commission input on this issue.

WATER SUBCOMMITTEE - Cooluris reported that the last action the Water Subcommittee did was meet with Bob Clarke on January 11, 2017, and it does not have plans for the future. Thanks to Paul Brady, the City is looking at the assumptions in it's water rate schedule.

BUDGET UPDATE (BUDGET LOOK AHEAD - FY17-18; and LOOK BACK - FY16-17) – Reed distributed a Budget report for the fiscal year 2016-2017 ending June 30, 2017. He reviewed the adjustments made and expenditures. Reed noted that anytime County Counsel or County staff time is involved it is billed to Willowbank CSA.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Cooluris announced that after 21 years he will be stepping down from the Committee in December or January and asked that the Election of a New Chair be placed on the next agenda. Other agenda items include: Permeability of Soils Study / flood maps; Davis recommendations or actions on future water rates; and a presentation by the East Davis Fire District.

NEXT MEETING: November 15, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35PM MSC: (McCapes/Woods) unanimously approved.

Minutes unanimously approved on January 31, 2018.