

Minutes of the Clarksburg General Plan Advisory Committee
March 12, 2015

Dominic DiMare convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. in the Clarksburg Library activity room. Committee members in attendance were Phyllis Dutra, Linda Waits, Amanda Beck, Dominic DiMare and Gary Merwin. Absent was Mike Heringer.

Gary Merwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote with a motion by Linda Waits and a second by Gary Merwin.

There were no minutes to approve.

DiMare gave the floor to Supervisor Oscar Villegas so he could introduce several key county employees. The Supervisor introduced his new Deputy Mary Ann Estes and the Assistant Deputy Jennifer Perez. He went on to introduce Phil Pogledich the recently appointed County Counsel and Taro Echiburu the Director of Planning, Public Works and Environmental Services. Lastly he recognized Cindy Tuttle who in addition to her existing responsibilities as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Regulatory Manager has also been given the responsibility of working with local communities on implementation issues around the recently passed state ground water laws and outreach concerning the National Flood Insurance Program.

After Supervisor Villegas completed his introductions both the County Counsel and the Director of Planning, Public Works and Environmental Services provided brief introductions. They were followed by Cindy Tuttle who discussed her new roles as well.

Business returned to the Agenda where Marissa Juhler (nee Miller) announced a special water event for April 25th, where the county will be providing the community the ability to dispose of various waste materials including, small house hold electronics, paint, agricultural chemicals, tires and other difficult to dispose of waste. The event will occur at the county corporate yard on Clarksburg Road across from Julietta Winery.

Phil Pogledich provided the committee with a brief legal consideration of the distinctions and roles of the County General Plan and the Clarksburg Community Plan. He likened the General Plan to a Constitution for the development in the County. The Community Plan serves as a part of the general plan like an amendment to the constitution. He went on to explain the legal hierarchy of the general plan community plan relationship.

Mary McTaggart noted the tradition of calling the Clarksburg community plan a "general" plan for the community. She asked if there was any loss of Clarksburg distinct nature or preferences with the community plan distinction. The county stated that there would be no loss of the distinct nature of the community plan with a proper naming. They argue that the nomenclature is there to avoid confusion

Phyllis Dutra asked how the special agricultural district interplays with the general plan. The county responded that the special ag district overlays the general plan and serves as a distinct guide for local land use and zoning.

Mark Pruner asked if the county would consider calling the document under review the Clarksburg General Community Plan. The county declined. Pruner went on to ask if the Delta

Plan and the General Plan would be inconsistent with each other when done. The county did not necessarily have a definitive answer as neither is done. However, County Counsel indicated that the General plan has considerable weight and that by extension so does the community plan. He referred to the community plan as an arm of the general plan.

Pruner went on to add that he views the Community plan as needing to be a more robust document than just an appendage of the general plan. He sees it as a bulwark against the future incursions of the Delta Plan.

County Counsel wrapped up discussion and departed.

The committee elected new officers. Dominic DiMare was elected as Chair, David Ogilvie was elected Vice Chair (in abstentia), and Amanda Beck was elected Secretary.

Discussion then turned to the second action item on the Agenda, consideration of the revised Community Plan. It was suggested by Mark Pruner that there be a general community meeting on the topic either March 17 or 18th, where anyone can attend to review the proposed community plan and make suggested changes. There was general agreement that this was a good idea. There was also much discussion about the importance of the measures included in the plan.

Pruner agreed to hold the meetings in the Clarksburg Library Activity Room and to send out a meeting notice via email to the North Delta Cares meeting list to ensure notice. Stephanie Cormier agreed to send out a link to the most current version of the Community Plan.

Pruner provided several updates on items of interest in the community.

- 1) The Fire District completed a structure elevation assessment and found that the flood elevation is 19.5 feet abs. Pruner offered to provide this information to citizens.
- 2) Emergency Draft Regulations for drought relief were released from the State Water Resources Control Board. Comments due by March 17.
- 3) Draft Strategic Plan will be presented to the Delta Protection Commission on March 19. Provisions helpful to the district should be embedded in the Community Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.