

Willowbank County Service Area (WCSA) Advisory Committee

Adopted Minutes of the Meeting held August 15, 2018

7:00 p.m.

**Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School Multipurpose Room
1441 Danbury Street, Davis, CA 95618**

Committee Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Bill Corliss, Marcia Kreith, Liz McCapes, Brian Morrissey, and Olin Woods. Sara Ringen, standing in as Recording Secretary

Members Absent: Kent Calfee, Joanne Roy.

Others Present: Jim Provenza, District 4 Supervisor, Rich Reed, Deputy Supervisor, Dianna Jensen, City of Davis- City Engineer; Michael Mitchell, City of Davis-Principal Civil Engineer; Marissa Juhler, Yolo Co Integrated Waste Management, Waste Reduction & Sustainability Manager; Michael Curry, member of the ad hoc Willowbank Waste Management Advisory Committee; Marybeth Buchner, Eileen & Don Gueffroy, Jon Sack, Laura Schmidt, Mike & Kathleen Rockwell, Denise Rose, Mike & MaryAnn Sheele, and Ron Ringen.

Introductions: Committee members and guests gave self-introductions. Chair Woods thanked Committee members and guests for their patience in waiting for the meeting room to be opened and for their help in setting up chairs, tables, etc. He also thanked Sara Ringen for agreeing to stand in as Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Brian Morrissey and seconded by Bill Corliss that the minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting be approved after making 3 small corrections. They were unanimously adopted. (Approved minutes may be viewed at www.YoloCounty.org/Willowbank-CSA)

Public Comments: Woods invited comments from the public on items not on the agenda. One item brought up was the recent aerial spraying for mosquito abatement in the Willowbank area. The concern was the odor/possible health effects of the pesticides used and whether the residents get notified ahead of time. A few individuals heard the planes overhead, but did not remember getting a notice other than a remark in the Enterprise. The request was that Old Willowbank residents be notified in the future. Woods indicated that Advisory Committee would follow up.

County Report: Supervisor Provenza said a big issue with the county is regulation of cannabis. The county is working on an ordinance which will address the issue as to what people will be allowed to do in terms of growing, processing, and manufacturing. Yolo County wants to ensure the ordinance is done correctly so is taking its time to make sure all associated issues are given careful consideration. Provenza also

mentioned that his office sends out a monthly newsletter to keep people informed of various issues that the Board of Supervisors is addressing. Newsletters can be received by sending an e-mail request to Ms. Sandra Rodriguez Sandra.Rodriguez@yolocounty.org. Lastly, the Supervisor announced progress on a possible new animal shelter. It would be a significant improvement over the present one, allowing for better care and treatment of animals and a more pleasant environment for the public doing business there.

Yard Waste Removal Options: Michael Curry began this report by giving a history of yard waste pickup, the past practice of weekly street pickup, and how we have come to where we are now.

Marissa Juhler continued the presentation. Faced with the need to renegotiate a contract for yard waste removal when the current one expires in June 2019, and with considerable displeasure with the current yard-waste removal system, an ad hoc committee was set up to help look into options as to where things go from here. There were many requests for more than once/month street pickups. In order to deal with the situation between now and June, 2019 a survey was sent to all residents of the Willowbank area. The ad hoc committee received 58 responses, essentially a 50% response rate. There was a wide spectrum of comments; at the extreme some wanted weekly year round yard waste pickup, and a few wanted no pickup at all; the majority, believing that the current system is inadequate and results in large amounts of yard waste left on neighborhood streets, wanted more frequent pickups over a greater proportion of the year.

Through meetings with the ad hoc committee and discussions with Recology the County is working to negotiate a contract such that Old Willowbank won't be underserved during the period of heavy leaf drop this year and in subsequent years. To that end the County constructed a questionnaire offering, for the period between now and June 2019, two options; Option B leaves matters as they are, and Option A calls for every other week yard waste pickup throughout the year. Weekly pickups would continue from Oct. 15 through December 15 whether Option A or B is selected. Also, compost carts will continue because of a new State law which does not allow kitchen compost to be deposited in street piles or in trash bins. Juhler further noted that Option A costs are considerably higher than Option B costs, but pointed out that that is necessary to pay a driver to come to Willowbank on an overtime schedule.

The questionnaire was mailed to all households in the neighborhood, with a request that it be returned by August 24. At the time of the meeting, responses had been received from about one half of the households. Juhler indicated a second and final survey, would go out on Monday, August 20th, to any residents who have not responded to the first survey. Results from the questionnaire vote should be available sometime during the first two weeks of September. It is assumed that if Option A is picked by a majority of neighborhood residents the every other week yard waste removal that begins later this

year will be extended through June 2019, with the higher rate going into effect on January 1.

Many questions were asked at the meeting to which Juhler responded and other queries were asked for which she did not have fully developed answers because of the fluid nature of the project. Looking ahead to next summer's RFP, Juhler indicated that she cannot at present be sure how rates will be affected by more frequent street pickups. She indicated that she would continue to work on getting answers to all of the questions asked at the meeting. Lastly, she stated that her intention is to labor on Old Willowbank's behalf to obtain the services desired by the neighborhood at an affordable price.

Mace Boulevard "Road Diet" Project: Although this project is within the city limits of Davis, it was felt that residents of the Old Willowbank area would be interested in having a good explanation of the project because of the impact to the neighborhood. Michael Mitchell began by giving a history of how the project came about. The City has been evaluating this area for 3-4 years, looking at the safety issues to pedestrians and bikers, especially for the Pioneer School children walking and biking to and from school. He presented a handout with the history, project details, costs and funding sources, the status and schedule. He explained how notifications were made to the local residents and left contact information for city staff on the project. The project begins just south of Redbud Ln. and travels all the way north to just beyond the intersection of Mace and Cowell Blvd. There will be a change to the Mace/Cowell intersection with the free right turn lanes as they are now being eliminated and extending "refuge islands". Protected bike lanes on both sides will be installed and the vehicle lanes will be reconfigured from four to two, one lane in each direction, plus turn pockets. A HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalk) signal will be installed at San Marino Drive. The project contract was awarded to Ghilotti Construction at a cost of \$2,377,359 and is underway now. With design and other soft costs, the total cost project cost is estimated to be \$3,068,328. Of that total, roughly 80% is from a SACOG grant, 15% is from Roadway Impact Fees and 5% is from the Davis General Fund. As a result, there isn't a significant amount of local taxpayer money involved in this project. After completion, this project will be continually watched and evaluated for one year to see the affect especially of the new changes, specifically, bike lane stripes. Mitchell advised that during construction, Old Willowbank residents driving in the direction of the El Macero Shopping Center, the eastbound I-80 on ramp, or Pioneer School would be well advised to detour to the West on Montgomery and then Right on Danbury, Right on Lilliard, Left on Drummond, and then proceed through the round-about to Chiles Rd and on to Mace Blvd. The initial contacts for this project are: City Engineer Dianna Jensen (DJensen@cityofdavis.org; 530 757-5686) and Project Manager Michael Mitchell (mmitchell@cityofdavis.org; 530 757-5686, cell - 530 628-0086).

Budget Report: Chair Woods commented, per the County's preliminary budget report that we have FY 17-18 Year-to-Date total revenues of \$4235, Year-to-Date total

expenses of \$2600 which leaves a Net Fund Balance of \$1635. He stated that there were no extra charges for the irrigation water project and the final budget report will be out in October. Woods also announced that the WCSA had lost the services of its long-time recording secretary, Maureen Poole. This was due to an agreement with the County Administrator's Office to reduce costs unrelated to the provision of water to the WCSA. Woods stated that Maureen's loyal service and her upbeat attitude will be very much missed.

Member Comments: Woods: Possible agenda items - 1) 2019 WCSA Meeting Schedule, 2) Possible action item to change meeting nights for WCSA to 3rd Thurs or 3rd Tues instead of current 3rd Wednesday. Kreith: Possible agenda items - 1) Follow up on Street Green Waste Pickup/Organic Cart survey, 2) Water Rates. Corliss/Buchner: Announcement - date and place set for Greater Willowbank Improvement Association Fall Social – October 27th at the Gary Petersen residence.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2018 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Woods at 8:40pm.