

**Willowbank County Service Area (WCSA) Advisory Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held 13 March 2019**

**6:00 PM**

**Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School Multipurpose Room**

**1441 Danbury Street, Davis, CA 95618**

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Call to Order:</b> Committee Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 6:00 and thanked the Greater Willowbank Improvement Association (GWIA) for agreeing to a "coordinated" meeting of the WCSA Advisory Committee and GWIA.. It was noted that the Annual Meeting of GWIA would take place immediately after the WCSA meeting, and that in the interest of conserving the audience's time, a number of items on WCSA's agenda had been consolidated and, in the case of Item #6 Update on Yard Waste Removal, it would be taken up during the GWIA meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Joanne Roy, Brian Morrissey (via teleconference), Liz McCapes, and Olin Woods</p>
	<p><b>Members Absent:</b> Bill Corliss, Marcia Kreith, Kent Calfee</p>
	<p><b>Recording Secretary:</b> Michael Curry</p>
	<p><b>Others Present:</b> Pam Eisele, Don Gueffroy, Eileen Gueffroy, Marybeth Buechner, Kathleen Rockwell, Michael Rockwell, Gary Mattesen, Dave Hills, Pat Reynolds, Jon Sack, John Cooluris, Gail Cooluris, Ron Ringen, Sara Ringen, Francie Lawyer, Artie Lawyer, John Eisele, Betsy Peterseon, Gary Peterson; and Jim Provenza.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Introductions:</b> In the interest of time, the committee members gave self-introductions, but audience self-introductions were deferred to the GWIA meeting.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Approval of the minutes:</b> It was moved by Roy and seconded by McCapes that the minutes of the meeting of 16 January 2019 be approved. They were unanimously approved. (Approved minutes may be viewed at <a href="http://www.YoloCounty.org/Willowbank-CSA">www.YoloCounty.org/Willowbank-CSA</a>).</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Public comments:</b> Jon Sack suggested that, since the County/ad hoc Willowbank Waste Management Committee meeting had been rescheduled from April 3rd to May 1st, perhaps the WCSA's May 15th meeting could be rescheduled to May 1st, allowing for a joint meeting. Chair Woods indicated that he would consult with WCSA Advisory Committee Members and respond to Jon.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Yolo County Report by District 4 Supervisor Jim Provenza:</b> Addressing the issue of property-tax revenue, Mr. Provenza noted that only a small portion of property-tax funds—about nine percent—ends up in the County coffers. He further pointed out that the County</p>

	<p>is fiscally conservative, and routinely maintains a rainy-day fund, which diminishes what might seem to be enough to fund a large number of projects.</p> <p>He noted that preliminary planning for a South Davis library is under way. It is proposed that the new library would include a community room available for public meetings. In response to a question, Mr. Provenza commented that before construction begins, plans must be developed and funding sources identified. It is likely four to five years before construction could commence. The location under consideration is immediately east of Montgomery School, fronting on Lilliard Drive.</p> <p>Finally, he noted that there is an ongoing discussion at the County level about the issues raised by the legalization of cannabis. Of particular concern are the environmental impacts of commercial-scale cannabis production.</p>
6.	<p><b>Update on yard waste:</b> <i>(This information item was included on the WCSA Advisory Committee agenda, but discussed during the Annual Greater Willowbank Improvement Association (GWIA) meeting. The WCSA and GWIA meetings were held in coordination at the same location and on the same date. The WCSA meeting was convened and adjourned first with the GWIA meeting followin immediately after. The notes included here were written by the WCSA Recording Secretary for the information of the WCSA Advisory Committee.)</i> The question of yard waste and the appropriate system for loose-pile collection in Willowbank continues to be the subject of discussion. While the range of opinions is broad, with some wanting to negotiate a return to the old system and some believing that loose-pile collection should be an individual matter, it appears likely that the outcome will be a compromise. As the current waste hauler, at the expiration of its current contract Recology has the right to offer a first bid on a new one; if the county does not accept it they will then request proposals from alternative waste haulers.</p> <p>Complicating the situation is that Recology recently sold its “best” claw to Waste Management, which will use it in Woodland. There is concern that this may mean that Recology will be unwilling to continue the loose-pile collection in the neighborhood, and this concern is heightened by recent discussions in the City of Davis about discontinuing street pickup there. Moreover, there is a further concern, that the current loose pile pick up equipment is likely to become obsolete or non-functional and require replacement in the near future at a cost that is not likely to be appealing to Recology.</p> <p>These matters will be discussed at a community meeting on May 1, with representatives of the county and members of the Willowbank Ad Hoc Waste Committee in attendance. Concerns have been voiced that this late date might push back the making of a decision until after the expiration of Recology’s contract; Recology, though, has agreed to continue service at the current level through the end of September, and county representatives believe that a resolution can by then be reached.</p>
7.	<p><b>Budget:</b> The WCSA financial statement, reflecting preliminary quarterly totals through 12/31/2018, was made available to Committee members and the audience. There were no comments. The report is available on the Yolo County WCSA web site.</p>

8.	<p><b>Comments:</b> Chair Woods reported that, at Supervisor Provenza's request, the WCSA Advisory Committee is putting together a brief history of Old Willowbank. The report will be used to orient new elected officials and staff to the history of different areas within Supervisorial District 4. Liz McCapes is heading up this effort and she has received offers of assistance from Gary Patterson, Rosie Cushing, and others. Anyone else interested in contributing, please contact Liz.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Michael Curry for serving as Recording Secretary for the meeting and acknowledged the favorable past contributions of Kathleen Rockwell and Sara Ringen.</p> <p>Lastly, the Chair indicated his intent to invite Stan Gryczko, City of Davis Assistant Public Works Director, to the next WCSA meeting to discuss possible participation in the 218 process by WCSA residents. Also, whether or not the new rate study could take into consideration the anomalies and disparate impacts resulting from WCSA resident being water customers but not sewer customers.</p>
9.	<p><b>Adjournment at 6:15 PM: Next scheduled WCSA Advisory Committee meeting: 15 May 2019; Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School Multipurpose Room</b></p>