

DRAFT MINUTES  
ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Esparto Regional Library  
17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, CA

Attending: George Pennebaker, Cynthia Havstad, Pat Harrison, John Hulsman Jr, Randy Jacobs, Sandie Reed, Jack Moris

Absent: Colleen Fescenmeyer, Lisa Wyatt

#### MEETING ADMINISTRATION

1. CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 by G. Pennebaker

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### 3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Draft 9.19.17 minutes: One edit was provided by G Pennebaker. There was a motion by J. Hulsman to approve the minutes, with the edit, seconded by S Reed. Vote: all in favor, none opposed. C. Havstad abstained.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Speed bumps have been installed. Repairs are being made to reduce the height and they are being painted. Traffic speed has been significantly reduced and the neighbors are very happy.

b. The County is planning a cannabis update meeting scheduled for November 30, 2017 in **Marsh** Hall. The meeting will not be an ECAC meeting.

c. The gas station project has been approved by the planning commission without a restaurant. It will go next to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 *(This statement turned out not to be true – the Board of Supervisors was not going to hear it; but due to an appeal by the Tribe, they will hear it after all in January)*. The project can't sell tobacco *per a recent*

ordinance implemented by the Board of Supervisors. Beer and wine permit will be at the approval of the State.

d. The Valley Voice has recommended a regular column on the work of the ECAC. The deadline for submitting an article is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. G. Pennebaker will talk to Taro about it and we will request that it be put on a future agenda for action.

e. J. Moris has had a chance review the pool project drawings. Plans are available to the public from the clerk of the Board of Supervisors. There is a website for the project on the county administrator's website.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This agenda item provides the opportunity for members of the public to address the Advisory Committee on any subject not related to items on the agenda. The Chair reserves the right to impose a reasonable limit on the time afforded to any individual speaker.

a. Public question at about the energy commission. J. Hulsman indicated that SMUD has agreed to manage the project.

## 6. COUNTY UPDATE: NONE

## 7. ACTION ITEMS: NONE

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Safety Improvement Project along HWY 16 (Doug Lange and Sutha Suthahar) S. Suthahar provided fact sheets that include a project description. Website for the fact sheet is: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d3/projects/subprojects/4F170/index.html>

Three locations for improvements were originally planned. Location #2 was completed last year. Locations 1 and 3 are in design, and the last parcel was just purchased. PG&E needs to move their poles at both locations, closer to the new property line. They will start in November and are planning to finish by April 2018. Then AT&T will start moving their phone lines, with the expectation that it will take at least 9 months, and as many as 14 months. The only place that the lines will go underground will be at the Madison roundabout. This schedule is included in the Fact Sheet. It is expected to take until November 2019 to be completed. Four public meetings were held to discuss the corner of 89 and HWY 16 in Madison. A replica on the proposed roundabout was built on Supervisor Chamberlain's farm to determine that it was wide enough for farm vehicle traffic, as it is 150 feet wide. There will be no landscaping or boulders in the middle of the roundabout. It will be concrete so the fire department can move their equipment

over. There will also be a signal at Co Rd 21A, at the turn on HWY 16 into Esparto to provide gaps in traffic as they approach the roundabout. Cal Trans will also place **underground conduit** for the **potential future** power to a meter to allow access to Madison drivers during high traffic events. CHP believes that the roundabout will be safer than a signal which can be run. Comfortable speed will be 20-30 mph. The road will not be elevated although the roundabout will be raised with a mild slope. S. Reed asked about a walkway across HWY for access to the pool. There will be 8 foot paved shoulders which will accommodate bikes, with rumble strips between the road and the shoulder. Total paved area will be 40 feet wide. Another 3 feet on each side for dirt before the ground slopes away. Sections 1 & 3 will have the same configuration as Section 2 of the project. The goal is for the sections to be a lot safer. Cyclists have been consulted and are happy with the plans. The entrance to Migrant Center will not move but a sidewalk to the bus stop will be installed. Turn lanes will be installed at the Migrant Center and at 86A from east of Dollar General to a little past the Meat Market. G. Pennebaker has requested a safety evaluation of the turn into Dollar General and Road 86 with the goal of moving the speed limit sign ½ mile east to get people to slow down before reaching the store. The design for Section 3 does accommodate a gas station at its future location. Traffic safety will analyze the stoplight and the need for crosswalks and lights at the corner of HWY 16 and County Road 21A. **Sutha** is only now learning about the Park and Pool project. Community expressed significant concerns about safety in crossing Yolo Avenue to reach the Pool and Park. N. Pennebaker would like to be part of the decision making process.

Doug **Lange**, project lead for collision reduction in Capay and in Esparto also spoke. In Capay, Cal Trans will increase the width of the shoulder. The location will be at the inside curve west of the Road Trip where there have been many accidents, including two fatalities. Current speed limit is 35 through town. Other improvements include street lights to improve the lighting at the curve and minor storm drain work. In Esparto, another project to improve safety from Plainfield Road up to Woodland Road, in particular at the intersections is being planned. Improvements will include bulb outs made from concrete, which shortens the crosswalks and increases visibility. This project is different from the StreetsScapes project. Drainage will be addressed. Mr. **Lange** hopes to have a draft of the project planned and submitted to the county in a couple of months. A meeting will be scheduled for ECAC after the submittal to the county. Project is on the Caltrans website called the Capay Esparto **Improvement – Collision Severity Reduction** Project. Cal Trans indicated that concerns about pedestrian traffic from Plainfield to the gas station, raised by G. Pennebaker, are within the jurisdiction of the County.

A resident pointed out that where Parker Place hits HWY 16 has been painted to allow passing. Cal Trans agreed that should be a solid line for both directions but would like the concern to be submitted in writing.

P. Harrison asked about the safety of 85B and HWY 16. Cal Trans has agreed to evaluate the safety of that intersection. She also asked about speed bumps on HWY 16. Mumble strips will be evaluated.

Fremont Street Bridge is the initial barrier for debris coming down the Lamb Valley slough and causing flooding. **There have been past recommendations that** the Bridge should be arched to

limit this difficulty; and if so, the Highway 16 bridge just downstream should be considered for upgrade – possibly including provisions for a sidewalk. J. Moris asked how to get it on the radar. Cal Trans recommends a letter to the district director. S. Suthahar will provide G. Pennebaker with the address. G. Pennebaker will draft a letter and we will request that approval of the letter be included as an action item in an upcoming meeting.

b. Officer Stephanie Amato, Animal service officer from Sheriff's office, discussed what to do when encountering loose animals. There are 7 officers that patrol the entire county, working 8 am to 5 pm, with no more than 4 are on patrol at any one time. Some are also on call from 5 pm to 8 am. Each officer is assigned a specific area. They handle wildlife as well as domestic animals. The city or county has to approve an officer going into the field. The Sheriff's officers can also help contain an animal but only if they are not addressing human issues. If an animal is loose and not actively attacking someone or other animals, it is many times a repeat offender. Fences are often not adequate. Education is a priority. The owner can be cited but the owner must be found, and often animals have no ID. Officer Amato recommends that if you see a loose dog, the neighbors should call in a complaint, in order to develop a written history. A visit by an officer will likely not be approved, especially since often the dog wanders home before the Officer arrives.

Sheriff's office is also working to revise the code around barking. Sheriff Amato handles all the dog bites in the county, and she described vicious behavior. There are no breeds that are inherently vicious. It is the owner and the training that determines the capacity of biting.. There are no rules about the number of bites. Dog bites do not automatically mean the dog is removed. Dog must be quarantined for 10 days if the dog has not been vaccinated, but that can happen in the home with responsible owners. If the animal must be quarantined, the fees are significant. If you are being attacked and you can get to safety, you are not allowed to get a gun and then leave safety to shoot an animal. Dogs that worry livestock can be shot. Once a complaint is made to the Sheriff, a ticket is written on your behalf, and then the person who makes a complaint must testify in court.

Complaint forms are on the Sheriff's website, as well as phone numbers for dispatch.

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Letter to Cal Trans
- b. Lamb Valley Slough
- c. Valley Voice article

No ECAC meeting for November.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn by P Harrison, seconded by S. Reed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

11. COMMUNITY FORUM: NONE

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