

FINAL Minutes

ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Esparto Regional Library

17065 Yolo Ave, Esparto, CA 95627

Attending: John Hulsman Jr, George Pennebaker, Cynthia Havstad, Pat Harrison, Randy Jacobs, Jack Moris, Babs Beckwith, Susan Cooper

Absent: Sandie Reed

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

1. CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 by J. Hulsman

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF Feb 20, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

There was a motion by G. Pennebaker to approve the minutes, seconded by R. Jacobs. Vote: all in favor of approving the minutes, none opposed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) J. Moris will distribute a draft of a letter to the County and CalTrans on the concerns about a sidewalk on the west side of Yolo Avenue, crossing the slough.

b) The Met towers application has been withdrawn as per the Capay Valley General Plan advisory committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

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) S. Cooper expressed concern about the speed of traffic down Yolo Avenue.
- b) G. Pennebaker commented on the parking of an 18 wheeler on 21A in spite of sign indicating that it is prohibited. It was suggested that he call the CHP.

6. COUNTY UPDATE

- a) Esparto Community Park & Aquatic Center update: T. Campbell reported that the construction is delayed by the rain but the county is still expecting it to start this month. Jill Cook has the schedule for the construction.
- b) Ravine Bar & Grill: Building permit is ready but the fees have not yet paid.
- c) Gas station: proceeding with the study on the traffic. There is not a date for the permit application to come back to the BOS.
- d) No information on when we will see the Cannabis ordinance that was discussed at today's BOS meeting.

7. ACTION ITEMS

None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Solid Waste Franchise Agreement: Marissa Juhler, Sustainability Manager for the County indicated that the county's contract with WMA for trash pickup is ending in 2019. In 2020 CA will require that 75% of the waste stream be reduced, recycled or composted, with an emphasis on keeping green and food waste out of the landfill. There are two contracts in Yolo County: DWR and WMA. Currently we have a use agreement: the more trash you generate, the more you pay. The contract for Esparto includes recycling collection every two weeks. (This week is the annual bulky waste pickup that is part of our services.) M. Juhler is meeting with the community advisory committees between now and June to understand issues and to see if we want additional services in the next contract, in order to tailor the contract to the needs of each

community. By October, county staff will make a recommendation to the BOS on the details of a new contract. Then M Juhler will hold a second round of meetings with the communities by the end of the year. July 1, 2019 is when the new services will be implemented. The county is going to see with how long they can get away with phasing it in. 800 surveys were mailed to the households in Esparto. Only 36 were completed. M Juhler wants us to spread the word and get feedback from the community on our needs. One suggestion is green waste pickup for alley clean up, for example, which could mean a community dumpster once a quarter. J. Durst requested community drop off on a regular basis. Green waste drop off at the station is not free. Green waste cans are not free. Ideas from other communities: Current customers get a 96 gallon recycling cart serviced every other week. Other communities are requesting recycling every week. Illegal dumping is a concern. Exemption for bins for green waste in the fall for public buildings is recommended. There was a discussion of how to receive an exemption from service. Ms Juhler can be reached at M.Juhler@yolocounty.org

b) Capay Open Space Park (Nancy Ullrey & Mikayla Peterson) presented an update on a grant to restore health to Cache Creek. The three year grant ends in 2019. Planning and weed management has been completed. Now in the planting phase, though we are reaching the end of the planting season for CA native plants. 10,000 native flower and grass plugs have been planted, oak savanna has been planted, also 6 pollinator beds. There will be more planting days next year. Another piece is the conservation and interpretative enhancements which will include a 4 panel kiosk, new park entry signs and trail signs. Interpretive panels will cover 1) the regional setting, 2) human and cultural history 3) natural resources and 4) conservation and stewardship. Next public meeting will be late August, early September for getting feedback on panel ideas.

c) Posting ECAC Material to Nextdoor Esparto: S. Reed was surprised that items from our meeting were being posted on Nextdoor Esparto. All materials are public. Number of committee members felt it important and less confusing to wait for the final minutes rather than the draft minutes. Next month we'll try sending the draft to the ECAC with 2 days to get edits to C. Havstad so she can send a 'revised draft' to Evelyn at least 2 weeks before the next meeting.

d) Continue discussion of update of the Esparto General Plan, including issues of urban design guidelines, DMX zoning, future land uses on the 75 acres south of SR 16 and lands east of Alpha Street, and other identified issues:
JD Trebec suggested interim meeting on April 3rd. G. Pennebaker made the comment that this work always falls at the end of the meeting and thus our time gets cut short and agrees that we need additional time. P. Harris recommends that we start earlier. B. Burns feels that the interim meeting should also open the meeting to the public. ECAC agrees that we meet April 3rd from 6 – 9 pm.

JD sent out an issues list. Tonight JD wants to talk about land use and housing. He suggests that we consider adding an Economic Development Element. Other ideas for additional items are sustainability and resilience.

C Havstad recommended that the vision be brought forward. J. Hulsman and J. Moris recommend that our Area Plan follow the Yolo County General plan. There was some discussion about whether this is a community plan or an area plan.

Design guidelines: County now has their own design guidelines. It could be that the county guidelines now cover all of Esparto needs. New Season's may want to have input.

There was a discussion about how to implement the countywide and the local design guidelines. Streamlining act from the state says that the county has 30 days from the time an applicant pays the fees and making sure the packet is complete for moving it forward. This is not really a public comment period but it is everyone's best interest to get as much community input as possible.

Building permits are a separate process but are also subject to the streamlining act. ECAC does not vote on the building permit but can provide some feedback when it doesn't meet area design guidelines.

Codes enforcement has not been getting done. Planning department has been cut way back. Some of the codes will be shifted to environmental health for enforcement, especially health related code. Cannabis enforcement may offer an opportunity to also do other enforcement.

Chair calls a special meeting for April 3rd from 6 – 9 pm. Before that meeting we should each look at the grid of issues, and to start to identify the desired condition, and talk to the community members about their priorities.

What is our town character? Bedroom community?

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Cal Trans discussion of the Streetscape
- Update for the cannabis ordinance, gas station if there is an update available.
- General plan update

10. ADJOURNMENT

P.Harrison moved to adjourn, G. Pennebaker seconded. Vote: all in favor. Adjourned 9:18 pm

11. COMMUNITY FORUM

None