

FINAL Minutes

ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Esparto Regional Library

17065 Yolo Ave, Esparto, CA 95627

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

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

1. CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 by J. Hulsman

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) Approval of May 15, 2018 meeting minutes:

There was a motion by J Moris to approve the minutes, seconded by S Reed. Vote: all in favor of approving the minutes, none opposed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Tomorrow night, June 20, 1028, the regional chamber of commerce will be hosting a mixer at 6 pm at Ace Hardware.

b) Capay Valley Vision's meeting will be rescheduled from the 20th to the 27th in order to avoid conflict with the Chamber Mixer.

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.

None

6. COUNTY UPDATE

a) None

7. ACTION ITEMS

a) None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Caltrans Esparto/Capay SR 16 Corridor Safety Improvement Project Presentation of June 5, 2018:

J Hulsman's impression is that project as presented by Caltrans is not Phase II of our Streetscape Planning. He asked Doug Lane about back-in parking. His answer was that it would be the county of Yolo who would be responsible for changing the parking. E Parfrey expressed the opinion that the county is not going to do anything that the CalTrans can pave over. S. Cooper found the presentation unclear. CalTrans indicated that their project stops at Plainfield. They provided vague answers about how to address the pool. S. Reed also found it confusing with a number of different answers to their questions. Project was planned 5 years ago. Rumsey sued Caltrans to change the plan. J. Moris also wondered if the organization of the meeting was to avoid community feedback. Presentation online indicated that the project was at 30% and there may still be opportunities to provide feedback. P. Harrison felt the meeting was better than previous CalTrans meetings in that they tended to listen and give contact info for including on comments. Woodland Ave/Yolo Avenue was a topic she discussed with the reps and felt they were interested in hearing ideas. G. Pennebaker did not approve of the format of the meeting because it didn't provide the community with the opportunity to offer valid feedback. B. Beckwith was writing down what people were saying. We should commit to submitting any additional comments in writing, especially in regards to safety. G Pennebaker added that without a town council we don't really have someone to speak for Esparto. Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce could do so. We could also send a letter of concern to T. Echiburu with cc to Supervisor Chamberlain. B. Beckwith has a form from CalTrans to providing comment. S. Reed said that she'd draft a letter for the group to address safety issues. Discussion of the lights: standard cobras will be installed, adding to existing lights. Randy has concerns about safety in crosswalks all along Yolo Avenue. Plan calls for bump outs in two

places to slow everyone down so that crossing is safer and includes additional parking in front of old bank building. Lamb Valley Slough bridge was discussed by a number of ECAC members.

b) Continue discussion of update of the Esparto Community Plan:

First draft has been circulated. J. Moris sent a thorough review that will serve as basis of tonight's discussion. Overall comments: concern that it is becoming too lengthy and developers will not read. E.g. Can we trim down or reference history in an appendix? G. Pennebaker disagreed and thinks the history informs the background of our planning. J. Moris: in that case the history should not be duplicated. County policies should be referenced. G. Pennebaker disagreed. B Beckwith also agrees that it should be streamlined. JD Trebec tried to use Section 3 for the facts and use other parts of the document to give the background on why the policies are important. JD Trebec agrees he was a bit redundant in some sections and agrees to cut back in some areas.

JD Trebec reviewed the Table of Contents. He agreed that Section 4 can be thinned.

Specific comments shared with JD Trebec. There was a long discussion on the comment area map and whether or not it belongs in the Area Plan. A review of the bylaws for the citizens advisory committee revealed that the comment area map is specified in the bylaws and need not be in the Community Plan. He wants feedback on the Vision and Guiding Principles at the beginning of Section 3. Yolo County General Plan Report is available online. Esparto is important to Yolo County for meeting the state's affordable housing requirements.

Review and comments on LU Policies is also requested. Input is especially important on the highlighted policies. Economic section is vague and also needs feedback. Identify community strengths and opportunities. A policy on broadband will be added.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Draft letter with comments to CalTrans

Continue discussion of Esparto Community Plan

10. ADJOURNMENT

B Beckwith moved to adjourn, P Harrison seconded. Vote: all in favor. Adjourned 9:05 pm

COMMUNITY FORUM

None