

MINUTES  
ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
Esparto Regional Library  
17065 Yolo Ave, Esparto, CA 95627

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

Absent: Sandie Reed

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a) **Motion** to approve the agenda by P. Harrison second by S. Cooper. Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a) Minutes of February 12, 2019:
  - a. **Motion** by G. Pennebaker to approve the minutes with a correction provided by JD Trebec that the name of the new CalTrans contact was Todd Rogers. Second by R. Jacobs.
  - b. Vote: all in favor, none opposed. Abstentions by B. Beckwith and S. Cooper.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) B. Beckwith announced the "National Night Out" event will probably be the first Tuesday in August. She is trying to get more people involved in putting it on, maybe high school kids too.
- b) G. Moris cautioned the committee concerning e-mail correspondence and using "reply all" while offering opinions – that may be a violation of the Brown Act.

PUBLIC FORUM

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (none)

6. COUNTY UPDATE – JD Trebec provided the following updates.

- a) The Esparto Community Plan presentation to the Board of Supervisors was moved back to the first meeting in April to group with other agenda items from Planning.
- b) The Story property (Emerald) development seems to be serious about moving forward. They have come back to the County with improvement plans.
- c) A cell tower application came in at Taber Ranch, which will be disguised to look like a water tower. (Just FYI, not ECAC jurisdiction).
- d) E. Parker property (ex Emerald) – Tribe is focused on the new health center for now, once that gets going they'll look at this property and engage the community.
  - a. B. Beckwith added that the Casino health center (for employees) is closed now.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

- a) ZF #2018-0088 Recommendation on Manas Cell Tower (JD Trebec)
  - a. Location of Septic needed to be determined (reason for delay since our initial presentation) – everything checked out OK.
  - b. They are intending to paint grey or light blue.
  - c. Negative Declaration is based on the fact that the County adopted a habitat conservation plan ACCNNCP (which covers 12 endangered species in Yolo) and includes standard procedures for avoidance and mitigation measures to protect the species. There is no specific mitigation measure identified for this project, but they are doing them anyway.
  - d. Alternative sites were the Fire Station and Jensen, and the latter wasn't going to cover as much area (for AT&T).
  - e. G. Moris – If Manas will be paid for the tower, is this an opportunity for us to get something beneficial or unique for the community? “Welcome to Esparto sign”. Others added water tower (like Taber's plans), artificial tree, etc. No consensus was reached.
  - f. JD Trebec noted there is a time limit per the FCC of 150 days to say yes or no and we are coming up on that deadline, after which the applicant can proceed anyway.
  - g. J. Hulsman – In the future, 5G will have more towers, require more power, due to less distance the signal travels.
  - h. **Motion** by G. Moris to approve the tower as recommended; however, the ECAC encourages the applicant to work with the committee on engaging the community for adding a feature and/or paint that benefits the community in terms of aesthetics or uniqueness. Second by Pat.
    - i. Discussion: J. Hulsman noted that other than this meeting there isn't a defined way for the applicant to work with the committee or the community.
    - ii. Vote (Motion carried)
      1. Yes: B. Beckwith, S. Cooper, R. Jacobs, P. Harrison, G. Moris, G. Pennebaker
      2. No: J. Hulsman

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (none)

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (none determined)

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

- a) **Motion** by B. Beckwith to adjourn, second by P. Harrison.
  - i. Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
  - ii. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Discussion centered around CalTrans and their projects.

- a) J. Hulsman noted lack of responsibility for the complete Streetscape project.

- b) B. Beckwith wanted to know where you can find the plan details. She has concerns regarding the loss of the right turn sweep at the 16/21A intersection as well as the Madison round-a-bout.
- c) G. Pennebaker had concerns regarding the Stop light at 16/21A and how traffic would manage the left turn from 21 A to Yolo Ave – left hand turn lane? For eastbound 16 traffic will there be a green arrow for right turns (like 128/railroad in Winters)?

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