

CLARKSBURG GENERAL PLAN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Clarksburg Library Activity Room
52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg, CA
Thursday, July 11, 2019

1. 7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

Committee Members Present: James Johas, Steve McCormick, Jamie Reamer, David Ogilvie, Amanda Beck, Phyllis Dutra

Committee Members Absent: Mike Heringer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

First Motion: BECK
Second Motion: JOHAS
Approved unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First motion: BECK
Second motion: DUTRA
Approved unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Ogilvie: Mr. Ogilvie visited the State Capitol and observed that Yolo County's display looks a little dated. He wanted to ask the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to work on updating Yolo County's exhibit.

5. ACTION ITEMS

None

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

(a) Update on responses to CGPAC Transportation Subcommittee Recommendations

The recommendation to reduce the lawful maximum speed on South River Road between the Freeport Bridge and West Sacramento was forwarded to the California Highway Patrol.

CHP Officer Sean Tatum was present. The CHP are continuing their enforcement of the Clarksburg area. Officers are encouraged to patrol in Clarksburg as often as possible. Yolo County Public Works will need to complete a new speed survey. It is his understanding the road is not identified as residential nor does it have a disproportionate number of crashes. After the speed survey, the 85th percentile of average driver speed would likely prevail as the maximum speed limit (although an increase in the speed limit above 55 is unlikely). Officer Tatum encouraged residents to call the CHP Office (530-662-4685) with concerns.

The following recommendations were forwarded to the Public Works Department:

- remove all passing zones on South River Road between the Freeport Bridge and West Sacramento;
- install driver feedback signs;
- add stop signs at the intersection of South River Road and Netherlands Road

The possibility of eliminating all passing zones is still being researched. There are guidelines for a change like this that must be considered. The installation of radar speed signs is doable. They have been ordered and their installation time and location is pending. Marianne will report back in August. The stop sign installation at South River Road and Netherlands Road looks reasonable. The plan is to secure funding for the three way stop (the Board of Supervisors will need to allocate the funds), alert the community to the proposal so that residents can weigh in, and then install the stop signs if that is the ultimate decision.

The recommendation that the Yolo County Sheriff's Office acquire speed radar detection equipment and increase their patrol of South River Road between the Freeport Bridge and West Sacramento was forwarded to the Yolo County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Ryland of the Yolo County Sheriff's Office was present. He was not sure if there are any sheriff's departments in the state that have radar in their cars (except in cases of contracted services), however they are looking into the feasibility of acquiring and training their deputies to carry and use this equipment. Clarksburg is the only area in Yolo County to have resident deputies. These deputies are currently on duty from 2PM - 2AM but modifying their schedule is possible if it would better serve the community. They are called up to the northern parts of the county quite a bit for backup since there are usually only 4 or 5 deputies patrolling the whole county at any time. Sergeant Ryland reminded the audience that the Sheriff's Office's primary responsibilities are the jail and the courthouse. Traffic is a lower priority, and they usually only assist CHP on these matters.

Regarding the question about the non-operational radar sign on South River Road just north of Clarksburg Road, the theory is that CalTrans might operate it. Marianne will look into why these have not been repaired.

The subcommittee offered updates on some other ideas. They discussed the viability of constructing a new road between Clarksburg and West Sacramento on the old rail bed that cuts through Lisbon Island. The idea would be to then close to through traffic the portion of South River Road between the Freeport Bridge and West Sacramento. This proposal includes reallocating the funds for the repaving of South River Road to this project. The objective is to make driving through Clarksburg take 10 minutes longer than it currently takes in order to dissuade commuters from taking this route. One positive consequence for Clarksburg residents would be that this new road would increase response time - by 5 minutes - of emergency services. There was a concern that more traffic would be pushed deeper into the Clarksburg area. The committee requested a better understanding of this proposal and the subcommittee will offer that at a future meeting.

The subcommittee asked for further clarification regarding the committee's hesitation to recommend that South River Road between the Freeport Bridge and West Sacramento be deemed closed to through traffic thereby removing it from traffic mapping apps. The committee's feedback included concerns that businesses could be negatively impacted by such a designation and the fact that county counsel stated the road is public and cannot be closed.

(b) Update on Solid Waste Franchise Agreements (Marissa Juhler)

Ms. Juhler is currently negotiating with Waste Management regarding the food waste and green waste pick up service that will be required statewide on 1/1/20. She is currently presenting rate and service options to the various Yolo County communities and seeking their feedback. She will present her final recommendation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in November.

Clarksburg has participated in Yolo County's organic waste pilot program for approximately 3 years. The current fee is \$10/month for pick up every other week. If Clarksburg elects to continue with bi-weekly pickups, the cost will be \$8.50/month. If Clarksburg increases to a weekly pickup of organic waste, the cost will be \$11.75/month. In a survey completed 18 months ago, 32% of respondents preferred weekly service. There is a program to reduce the bill of low income families by 20%. The rest of the county will contract for organic pickup every other week beginning in 2020. By 2025, however, Yolo County expects to contract for weekly organic pickups countywide. Anyone can opt out of these services if they prove they have an alternative plan for both yard waste and food waste.

Every July, a 3% Consumer Price Index increase is possible. Ms. Juhler is negotiating to include these increases in a long term contract to make rate changes more predictable. Disposal fees - which are different and less predictable - can also increase.

FYI: Waste Management offers a service to communities to handle illegal dumping. They will deliver a dumpster, the community deposits the illegally dumped trash, and Waste Management will haul it away.

Alternatively, here is the online form to alert Yolo County's Road Crew to illegal trash dumped roadside:

<https://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/public-works-division/road-maintenance-request>

In order to prosecute, illegal dumpers have to be caught in the act. This crime is very difficult to prosecute. Any information regarding illegal dumpers can be sent to Ms. Juhler (marissa.juhler@yolocounty.org) or the District Attorney's Office.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

A presentation from Steve McCormick about the Transportation Subcommittee's recommendation to construct a new road from West Sacramento through Lisbon Island to Pumphouse Road.

Marissa Juhler will return on September 12 to hear from the community and for the CAC to vote on a formal recommendation to her regarding the Solid Waste Franchise Agreements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

First Motion: BECK

Second Motion: MCCORMICK

Approved unanimously

10. COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER UPDATE AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delaney Bird is volunteering in Supervisor Villegas' office this summer.