

Unapproved Minutes
Dunnigan Advisory Committee
Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Dunnigan Fire House
29145 Main Street
Dunnigan, Ca 95937

Call to order: 7:03 pm

ATTENDANCE

- 14 members in attendance, quorum present
- 4 members not in attendance, Mel Smith, Erich Linse, Vaughnette Lovell & Anita Tatum
- 48 members, residents and guests were present at this meeting

MINUTES

Chairman Williams called for the adoption of the May 21st minutes. Chairman Williams called for any correction or additions to the minutes, none were noted.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by: Shirley Gooch; **Seconded by** Wilma Gullatt

Vote: Yes 14, No 0, Abstain 0 Minutes of May 21st approved.

Community Tour

Chairman Williams introduced the Union Church of Dunnigan and commended the residents who have worked so hard over the years to preserve this beautiful building. He then introduced Pastor Bob Langfield who gave a brief history of his experience and how he ended up here in Dunnigan. Chairman Williams then invited everyone to follow him for a tour of the church. Documentation of the history of the Union Church was provided for all committee members. Secretary Kirkland who had prepared the information thanked Willard Ingraham, Shirely Gooch, Carolee Long and Mr. & Mrs Schadd, who were not present this evening, for the information they provided about the church in order for the article to be written. She went on to indicate the history of Dunnigan has been provided through news clippings she received on the history of this town. Chairman Williams thanked Willard Ingraham for setting up to tour.

Public Comments

Chairman Williams opened Public Comments. He first accepted comments from area residents who were in attendance this evening.

- D. Hunt, Dunnigan Fire Chief, advised everyone that this year is a very dry year. He cautioned residents to clear space around their homes.
- M. Lane asked about the re-entry Prison. Chairman Williams indicated he had information to share later in the meeting.
- B. Elliott, Roads Committee presented a report on the roads which had been listed for repair. She checked the roads listed to see what progress had been made. On

Road 4, half of the road had been done, pot holes only. County Road 84, between County Road 2, nothing had been done. County Road 5, West of I 5, nothing has been done. County Road 2, West of 84, some pot holes fixed others not, same as she noticed in the Hardwoods. Two sections on County Road 2 have been fixed but where the wash is, nothing has been done. She noticed nothing had been done on the ditches; some had been mowed, she believed this was done by local farmers. She also noted that traffic flow on most of these roads were very low, however the Hardwood area seems to be traveled more.

At this point a member of the audience asked if we could have a moment of silence for Yolo Sheriff Deputy Diaz. Chairman Williams asked Pastor Bob Langfield if he would lead us in prayer for the fallen officer.

- Secretary Kirkland indicated the Yolo County Public Works Dept. would begin work on the drainage ditches identified as immediate problems the beginning of August. A resident inquired how to go about having a drainage ditch pulled in front of their property.
- Chairman Williams explained how the ad hoc committees being formed this evening would operate. In the past the committees have surveyed areas of concern and offered recommendation to correct the problems
- W. Ingraham concerned about the police coverage for the area. Felt there should be two officer's to a car patrolling the area from 6pm to 6am. He went on to indicate as a community we need to ask for better police protection to keep up with the crime. A comment from the audience referenced the Star's Program and asked if this could be useful in our area. This program is staffed by senior citizen as a community volunteer service.
- W. Ingraham also referenced a concern about Road 89, Road 4 and Road 5 stating the grass and debris around these areas were fire hazards
- Chairman Williams thanked Willard for his comments and indicated the Fire Dept. has identified some of the problem areas and some of the budget had been used over the last year for clean up
- Chairman Williams referenced the community clean up, thanked everyone who participated. Special thanks to Supervisor Chamberlains deputy's who provided coffee and donuts as well as participated in the clean up effort
- Chairman Williams provided information on the re-entry facility. He indicated that Sheriff Prieto had put in an application for state money for a new jail. The grant would be for \$30 million, however in order to receive the funds the county would have to accept a state re-entry facility. Apparently the two areas being looked at are I 505 at Road 14 and Road 6 at Road 86. The Board of Supervisors would begin looking at this in Sept.
- Supervisor Chamberlain thanked Chairman Williams for bring this to light because most of the discussion on this prison had been in closed session with the Board of Supervisors, he indicated he was not in favor of these close session discussion referencing issues that effect the resident of his district. He stated Chairman Williams had pretty well summarized the information. Supervisor Chamberlain referenced a pointed discussion with Sheriff Prieto and Supervisor

Rexroad, who is on the committee for this re-entry facility, about the facility and that no information had been provided to the communities that could be affected as yet. He stressed the need for discussion with the Dunnigan people before making any further decision. He went on to say it's not something he would like in his area, however if the people of Dunnigan would be happy with it then he would be in favor of the location. He indicated the prisoners would all be from Yolo County and would be released within a year. The problem is so many of the inmates would have relatives move into this area and this would not be the best element for the development of Dunnigan whether it is for one year or longer.

- D. Rust indicated a joint meeting is being planned with Yolo/Zamora, Esparto, Madison and Dunnigan Advisory Committees' to speak with the Department of Corrections for the State of California, the Sheriff's Dept and someone from the County Administrators Office. A date has not yet been determined. We will be notified and it would be open to the public
- Secretary Kirkland referenced the joint advisory meeting held last week. The consensus of the committees at that meeting felt the prison issue was an under the table, under handed deal and it was not brought to anyone's attention until it popped out in the Sacramento Bee. That's not the way to have a respected open working relationship with anybody. The point being, the other committees felt, if we are here as Citizen's Advisory Committees for our area and it is something that will affect us, we should, out of respect, have been notified prior to any announcement being made. This would have provided the opportunity for community input as to whether or not a facility of that nature would be welcomed. We have nothing here in Dunnigan; we are trying to develop in order to have businesses and homes. You put a prison out here in the middle of this valley or up on 505, you are right Pastor Bob, its going to completely demolish this area. The developers are not going to want to be here and neither is anyone else. Not only that but you will bring in a crime element that we don't need. We don't have the necessary police protection now to handle the crime that is here already.
- W. Gullatt questioned Supervisor Chamberlain referencing the bill about this issue which indicated before anything could be approved by the Supervisors there would have to be a public comment period, the community would be put on notice and the issue would have to be discussed, is that your understanding?
- Supervisor Chamberlain indicated yes and no, if we can't make up are minds the state can actually come in and override the Board of Supervisors and make the decision. I was told that and I'm not sure where it's at. He went on to say the first he heard about it was in the Sacramento Bee. He referenced the Candidates Forum where he was asked about the prison. Other than that he referenced information he received during a closed session of which he was not allowed to comment on.
- B. Stucker asked if he could provide a suggestion on the best way for us to mobilize are efforts to fight it, you can tell us that?
- Supervisor Chamberlain restated if the people of Dunnigan are for it then okay, otherwise I am against it.
- B. Weber referenced the inmates, it doesn't make sense; they need some where to go, not just throw them out in the country.

- W. Gullatt made reference to an article about this happening in Concord, people banded together to stop the city and state from putting the facility in Concord. We could probably do the same, but we have to keep informed and move forward rapidly.
- Secretary Kirkland stated that besides just stating our objections, we should offer solutions as to where this facility could be placed that would benefit everyone.
- B. Elliott suggested we invite Supervisor Rexroad to speak to the committee and we could voice our objections and concerns.
- A community resident brought forward a complaint about the mess at the end of Road 88 and who could they notify to get the debris removed.
- D. Rust indicated if it is on private property the county could not handle it. Suggested they file a Code Enforcement complaint.
- Chairman Williams referenced that the Fire Dept is looking for volunteers
- G. Bickford referenced the local news stating our sheriff has been on it three times due to the court room being locked preventing the defendant's family and the media from the hearing. Sheriff indicated it was a mistake by his deputy's.

Chairman Williams called for any further Public Comments, as none noted, Public Comments were closed.

Correspondence

Chairman Williams asked if we had received any correspondence.

Secretary Kirkland noted correspondence had been received from Assistant Deputy Maya Walker informing the committee of her departure from Supervisor Chamberlain office to take a position with the Tribe. The second was a letter from Mel Smith informing Chairman Williams of his absence from the meeting and asking to be included on the Water/Ground Water committee.

No other correspondence had been received, correspondence was closed.

Presentations:

Waste Management

D. Rust indicated he did not receive the boundary map for our review. Ask we reschedule to next month's agenda and he would get the map. Re-affirmed this new program would affect the densely populated areas only; people in the outlying areas may be able to participate, but not sure. A. Backhaus mentioned her current problem with Waste Management and the cost of her garbage receptacle. D. Rust suggested she discuss the problem with waste management because the new franchise agreement has not been approved.

Formation of Ad Hoc Sub Committees

Chairman Williams opened the discussion on the formation of sub committee's to explore crucial problems that affect Dunnigan. He referenced past committee's were effective in getting problems addressed. After input and discussion from committee members the following topics were listed as issues which could benefit by the formation of ad hoc sub committees, Roads, Drainage, Prison, Safety and Water.

Chairman Williams then called a five minute recess so committee members could sign up on the ad hoc sub committee of their choice. The following ad hoc sub committee's were officially formed:

- **Roads:** Greg Bickford, Mel Smith, Deanna Kirkland, Betty Elliott, Wilma Gullatt, Willard Ingraham, Erich Linse
- **Prison:** Wilma Gullatt, Shirley Gooch, Bill Weber, Deanna Kirkland, Karene Harris, * Mel Smith
- **Drainage:** Greg Bickford, Mel Smith, Deanna Kirkland, Brian Stucker
- **Safety:** Willard Ingraham, Keith Williams, Erich Linse, *Anita Tatum
- **Water:** Brian Stucker, Mel Smith, Bill Weber, Neil Busch, *Erich Linse

*These members were not present at the meeting but notified the Secretary of their desire to serve on the committee.

- D. Rust indicated the Dunnigan Advisory Committee was for community input.
- Chairman Williams indicated the Fire Dept. looks into property clean up. Fire Dept. does issue citations and signs are posted for property to be cleaned up. Property believed to be a fire hazards should be reported to the Fire Chief.

Discussion Items

Newsletter:

- No newsletter report at this time

Rooster Report

- D. Rust, Planner presented a map on the areas which had been identified as having crowing fowl.
- Certified letters have been sent to resident in residential zones to remove the roosters. Crowing fowl is not allowed in residential zones. Residents have 15 days to comply or a fine of \$500 will be imposed.
- Areas 1, 2 and 7 are in Ag zones, which might be exempt.
- Question posed as to whether a business license would be required in the Ag Zones if it was evident a business was in fact in operation.
- D. Rust to check and respond next month
- Chairman Williams thanked D. Rust for his assistance with this community problem
- Place on next month agenda for update

Planning Commission Update

Planning Commissioner Leroy Bertolero indicated the commission met last Thursday and it was business as usual. They reviewed planning permits in the Cache Creek area, there are six or seven companies in that area, every year we review their activities, one company was out of compliance and they were given six months to come into compliance, all others were approved.

A joint meeting with the community advisory committees took place, he hope it proved to be beneficial. A lot of discussion centered on Madison and Esparto with regards to the problems associated with the proposed expansion of the casino. 11,000 car trips a day pass through there now and they expect this to double, concern as to how the highway would handle the additional traffic flow.

On Sept. 16 there will be a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to work on the General Plan. He asked for our participation and attendance. It was estimated the new General Plan would be completed by August, 2009. The EIR's are now being done, there will be a lot of public hearings; there also will be an opportunity for us to review the document. W. Gullatt asked what is going to happen at this meeting. Commissioner Bertolero responded he had not received an agenda as yet but he has an idea that there is a lot of environmental impact reports and research to be reviewed. He indicated that it's starting to come together but he is not really sure, all he knows is that it is a joint work session.

D. Rust indicated the county staff and the consultant working with them will make a presentation to the Board. The Planning Commission and the Board will discuss the entire document.

Future Agenda Items

- Ad hoc committee reports: Drainage, Prison, Roads, Safety and Water
- Follow Up on Waste Management Boundary Map
- Newsletter
- Rooster Question Update

Committee asked for letters to be prepared inviting Supervisor Matt Rexroad and Sheriff Ed Prieto to our next meeting to obtain input on the re-entry facility targeted for Yolo County.

Motion to Adjourn: Betty Elliott; **Seconded by:** Willard Ingraham; All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Deanna Kirkland, Secretary
Dunnigan Advisory Committee