

DRAFT NUMBER TWO 7/06/08

Yolo-Zamora Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
 June 23, 2008

Location: Zamora Town Hall **Time:** 7:05 – 9:05 P.M.
Chair: Warren Berg. **Recorder:** Charla Parker
Committee Members Present: Warren Berg, Mary Jo Hoes, Alex Long, Charla Parker, Jack Rexroad
Committee Members Absent: Roy Wilson
Invited Guests: Don Rust, Planning Department; Matt Rexroad, County Supervisor; Duane Chamberlain, County Supervisor
Others Present: per sign-in sheet

Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome
Call to Order	7:05 P.M.	Quorum present.
Approval of Minutes	No minutes from May due to lack of quorum and cancelled meeting. April minutes carried forward for approval.	Motion to approve minutes of April 28, 2008 meeting by Alex Long. Second Mary Jo Hoes. M/S/C.
Announcements	Introductions were made of committee members and County planning staff and Supervisors	
Public Comment	Rachel Long asked to address the community concerns about the proposed early release facility. Approximately 60 local residents were in attendance.	Discussion was deferred to later in meeting as part of agenda item
ACTION ITEMS	Zone File #2008-029: Use Permit for a bio fuels production facility – Application was withdrawn.	Item tabled.
Recap of Joint Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting on June 12, 2008.	Jack Rexroad represented the advisory committee at the meeting and reported that conversations focused on the proposed Re-entry Facility, Ground Water Ordinance, Tribal expansions, and the General Plan release for mid-December. Janet Berry attended as a community member and pointed out that many attendees shared	Information only.

	the concern of local citizens about the lack of effective two-way communications between the County Planning Process and the local citizen groups.	
Groundwater Ordinance	Supervisors present reported that they opposed the ordinance as presented because it would create a separate taxing agency, would tax exported water and would regulate ground/well water usage. No incidents of inappropriate sales of ground water have been identified in Yolo County. There has been no approval of consultant fees to conduct a further study.	Continue to monitor discussions.
Re-entry Facility	Planning staff and supervisors responded to a multitude of questions and concerns raised by the 60-some residents in attendance. See attached list of questions and responses.	Everyone in attendance was in opposition to the proposal. Members will attend the Planned Hearing in July and take a formal position after that hearing and after receiving additional input from the community.
Confirm next meeting date and agenda priorities	Review results from July hearing on re-entry facility and adopt a position. Receive updates from County staff on projects affecting the local community.	Next Meeting: July 28 th at 7:00 P.M. at the Zamora Town Hall
Adjournment	Chairman Warren Berg adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM	
Attachment		Summary of discussion on re-entry facility

Comments Regarding the Proposed Re-entry Facility in Dunnigan and Zamora areas

Opposed:

Rachel Long – Oppose the facility because it is inconsistent with agricultural zoning and open space as outlined in the Strategic Plan for the area, will have a negative environmental impact and will degrade property values and sense of security of the rural dwellers living near the facility.

Sue Riley – The Supervisors don't care about their constituents, just the \$30 million to do with as they see fit.

Bob Grant – We are probably slaying the messenger here but we want to be sure you take back the message that we want you to withdraw the application and decline the money.

Alex Long – Once again, the County is pushing un-desirable projects into unincorporated rural areas because we don't count against the cities.

Chris Carpenter – There is no public transportation system to the country. How does the County justify all the increased traffic on the rural access roads? Who is going to pay for the additional maintenance? What is the plan to mitigate the traffic impact of all the cars driven by employees, supply delivers and prisoners being transported back and forth? I moved here from Capay Valley because the County has done such a poor job of mitigating the impact of the Casino growth and now they are in my back yard again!

Mark Mezger- Why not build adjacent to the Monroe Detention Center where the infrastructure already exists?

Grady Connolly – This is just another money grab with no benefit to the local residents.

Keith Williams, Chair of the Dunnigan Citizens Advisory Committee – I have never seen anything so uniformly upsetting to the residents of Dunnigan. My phone doesn't stop ringing with everyone strongly in opposition to what this will do to the character of our small town.

Jack Rexroad – This is just a slick political move by the State to get its foot in the door of Yolo County. Once they get here, there is always the possibility of expansion and the Governor can always declare an emergency allowing the facility to take hard core prisoners and ones from out of the area. It is really hard to fathom 500 prisoners a year being released into this small rural area with no jobs and families on welfare. What are they thinking?

Chris Long – The State goes with the path of least resistance and if we don't make a big fuss, this thing is a done deal.

Chris Lewey- What does it take to point the State and the County in the appropriate direction, e.g. to build where there is already infrastructure? How can they expect our volunteer firemen to answer all the increased medical aid calls from auto accidents and handle the increased fire exposure?

Charla Parker – What criteria did you use to decide that the rural sites were the best location?

Unknown Speakers

How can the County get by with holding discussions in closed sessions: that is a flagrant violation of the Brown Act?

Why can't you spell out what the mitigation measures will be for the local community?

What is going to be done to provide additional law enforcement? We just had a sheriff's deputy killed in our neighborhood by an early release prisoner right near one of the proposed sites. How are you going to keep that from happening again?

Supervisor's Response –

Matt Rexroad – This opportunity has come about as a result of AB900/Corrections Reform whereby monies are made available to counties to improve and increase the capacity of correctional facilities. The County has already supported the Sheriff's Department in approving \$42 million to increase the capacity of the Monroe Detention Center. By taking this \$30 million we only have to spend \$12 million of County monies on the Detention Center and can use the other \$30 million to improve our libraries and other facilities. I want the money and I don't think the impact is going to be that negative. Woodland has been dealing with the early release of prisoners for a long time. The site will only require 15 acres and will create 350 – 375 jobs in the community. This is a state-run facility, so it will not cost the County any operating money but we get the benefit of the salaries being spent in the County.

Duane Chamberlain- I am opposed to this project because it violates our commitment to preserve the agricultural nature of the community. And, I was informed that there would be prisoners from Solano and other neighboring counties in addition to the Yolo release candidates. I don't think it is a good idea to take the \$30 million dollars for the benefit of Woodland and the detriment of the rural areas.

