

Willowbank County Service Area (WCSA) Advisory Committee

Final Minutes of the Meeting Held August 24th, 2021

Meeting conducted via Zoom, Hosted by Julie Auger

1.	Call to Order: Committee Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 7:02
	Committee Members Present: Liz McCapes, Anne Todgham, John Lindsey, Kent Calfee, Brian Morrissey and Olin Woods. Absent: Joanne Roy.
	Note taker: Anne Todgham
2.	Guests: Supervisor Jim Provenza, Deputy Supervisor Rich Reed
3.	Approval of the Minutes: Chair Woods ... MSP (Calfee, McCapes)
4.	Public Comments: No comments
5.	Yolo County Report: Provenza Embarking on the most important job of the Board of Supervisors (Provenza is Chair) - choosing a new Chief Administrative Officer. Highest position in the county bureaucracy because the CAO is in charge of all the county departments and also responsible for carrying out the policy of the board, fiscally and otherwise. Previous CAO was with the county for 10 years. Currently interviewing a number of candidates, including a number of internal candidates, and getting guidance from outside counsel. Process will be going on for the next month or so. American Rescue Act – One time \$ spread over 2-3 years. Looking for transformative projects that relate to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and groups impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. Want to spend \$ properly and effectively. A great opportunity to do things the County might not otherwise be able to do. South of I-80. Looks like they have funding for the I-80 expansion through new federal funding in the Infrastructure Act that has been negotiated. Assuming funding goes as planned, looks like they will add another lane to I-80 without adding additional real estate. Hopefully will relieve some of the back-up we are experiencing. Will take a couple years once started; therefore, looking at interim measures as it takes time to implement a new lane. One place is looking at reducing the back-up on I-80 and how to adjust regarding the 6 lane reduction to 3 lanes in the Eastbound direction from Hwy 113 to West Sacramento. Making the lane #s consistent through the corridor going east from Hwy 113 to try to reduce back-up. This will be studied and if shows that it could be positive it might be implemented as an interim measure. Mace Blvd Improvement Project (i.e. Mace Mess) - County provided a lot of recommendations but ultimately up to the City of Davis to figure out what they want to do.

	<p>City is looking for county approval of adding a light at either Mace & Montgomery or Mace & Tremont. County has agreed to a pilot study as to what that would do for traffic. County has some conditions for the pilot and the County is asking for restoring lanes, particularly those that affect safety. How many lanes and in what direction is under consideration. The portion of the road around the fire station is the most critical from a safety perspective. County has asked for a wider passage way there and that two lanes around the fire department section of Mace Blvd. are restored there. County is all in to making changes and is waiting on the city. Only leverage is that county approval is needed on the light. County will not approve the light until the road accommodations are made. Discussions are very friendly.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Water Rate Subcommittee Update: Calfee.</p> <p>Woods: Calfee has written a paper on water cost reduction in Willowbank.</p> <p>Calfee: Took the opportunity to take a historic look at the documents from public sources. Calfee summarized the document in the meeting (attached PDF to meeting).</p> <p>Main take home: The purpose of the water project was to solve the waste water treatment problems and to increase the quality of the groundwater. Currently the water users are paying 100% of the cost of the water project. It is unfair to those of us with septic systems in Old Willowbank who are paying for the benefits of the water project that reduced costs for the waste water treatment project.</p> <p>Motion - Calfee: Water Rate Subcommittee go forward and to make their case to the Supervisor about the lower water rates for Willowbank due to the inequity of the how the costs are being charged. MSP (Lindsey seconded)</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Subcommittee will engage with Provenza on next steps and the approach.</p> <p>Provenza: My first approach will be to talk to County Counsel to see if there is any anything legal to go one. Look at the contract and look into the laws around this. If no legal leverage it will be more difficult.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>WCSA Zoning, CC&Rs and Parking Regulations: Lindsey.</p> <p>Woods introduced the topic and interest from the community on this at the last meeting and people following up after the last meeting. Lindsey will bring us up to date incorporating resident comments.</p>

	<p>Lindsey: Paper is pretty much in final form. Thanked Tracy Gonzales from Yolo County Planning Department for making it more understandable and for clarifying rules and regulations and the subtleties in the documents. The goal is to provide ground rules for building and lay out the regulations to help with disputes. Hopefully this document will help clarify neighbor disputes since it is all laid out.</p> <p>Lindsey: Move to publish the document, with minimal changes he outlined on commercial parking, and send it out to neighborhood (Calfee seconded)</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Waste Removal Cost Increases: Woods.</p> <p>Woods summarizing document written by Joanne Roy. Current rates reflect what we were promised. A little higher but some things we were not charged for. Garbage rates will go up in the future. Points out we are the only area within the county receiving the claw service.* Projects that we might lose the claw service in the future. One member of the public expressed her view that the charges monthly charges for each component of waste pickup were unclear. Another member of the public suggested that she call the Recology office for clarification. He and his wife had done so and were satisfied with the explanation provided.</p> <p><i>*Note: In response to a resident's written query, Woods commented that it would have been more correct for him to have said that Old Willowbank is the only CSA or other rural area within unincorporated Yolo County to have the claw service.</i></p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Follow up: Old Willowbank Talking Points: Woods & McCapes.</p> <p>Goal of this summary is to be able to orient new County staff etc. to Old Willowbank. Prepared 1-pg Talking Points document with the principle items of Old Willowbank defining characteristics.</p> <p>McCapes: It is a working and living document that can grow through time. There is a lot more history to accumulate before it is lost.</p> <p>Woods: Suggestion that the continuation of the project will be outside of the WCSA. Perhaps GWIA or independent group of neighbors. Committee Member Liz McCapes volunteered to get the ball rolling.</p> <p>Discussion of others to include or reach out to for more information.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Drainage Channel Clean-up & Fire Season Tips: Lindsey.</p>

	<p>Lindsey is on the East Davis Fire Board. Issues on Land Use around the creek. Great partnership between the Fire Board, City and the County. Priority on fire management for fire safety along the creek and the houses that border the creek. Recent work has been done cleaning up the trees and brush along the creek and bike path. With the bike path and the potential to start a fire with a cigarette butt, this is great work.</p> <p>Recommendation for those bordering the creek, pay attention to small trees along the fence line that could allow the fire to spread. Maintain 6 ft between structures and fuel.</p>
11.	<p>Budget Update: Woods. Balance \$6,386 (does not include the influx from property taxes that come the first quarter that is not yet concluded). Expended \$586 in 4th quarter, ending on June 30, 2020.</p>
12.	<p>WCSA Advisory Committee Member Comments.</p> <p>Lindsey: Impressed with being part of a good active board. Calfee: No comment Todgham: No comment Morrissey: No comment McCapes: No comment. Woods: Covid testing is still fast and easy to access without an appointment. Mondavi testing center is closing. Olin reviewed the sites that will be open UC Davis ARC: Opens on Friday Davis Senior HS: Currently open Farmhouse at the Cannery. Opens on Sunday https://healthydavistgether.org site is the best place to get up to date information on testing sites etc.</p> <p>Dropbox folder to catalog our documents for online access</p> <p>I-80 project: Meeting Wednesday night – details in the agenda email (add details from email here)</p>
13.	<p>Adjournment (8:53pm) to the Next Regularly Scheduled WCSA Advisory Committee Meeting: Tuesday October 19th, 2021.</p>