

MINUTES
ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Meeting by Teleconference

Attending: Susan Cooper, Pat Harrison, John Hulsman Jr, Randy Jacobs, Giacomo Moris, Sandie Reed.

Absent: (none)

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- 1) CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 by Chair J. Hulsman
- 2) RENEW AUTHORIZATION FOR REMOTE MEETINGS
- 3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a) **Motion** to approve the agenda by S. Cooper, second by R. Jacobs. Vote: all in favor, none opposed.
- 4) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - a) G. Moris requested the following change for consistency with other changes made: Item 8-b-vii-6: Change the start to say "COA 3: " instead of "COA Page 1:"
 - b) **Motion** by R. Jacobs to approve the minutes with changes from February. Second by P. Harrison.
 - c) Vote: five in favor, none opposed. S. Reed abstained.
- 5) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a) S. Cooper asked for a Public Works contact for filling a few pot holes that were missed by her house. JD Trebec (County) provided the Public Works number 666-8775.
 - b) S. Cooper – Is there code enforcement for the violations by Dollar General? JD – Yes, a new officer just came on last month, Dawn. There is a requirement for property maintenance in their ABC permitting and JD will follow up. S. Reed – lots of trash outside the doors and down the sidewalk. They need someone to clean up.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 6) PUBLIC COMMENTS (None)
- 7) COUNTY UPDATE
 - a) Lisa with the Natural Resources department asked JD to let the committee know that OHV vehicles will be prohibited in Cache Creek starting March 23 per the new ordinance.
 - i) P. Harrison noted ATV activity on a ridge of hills behind her property.

- ii) S. Cooper – Will the County shut the gate (at the Road 87 access point)?
 - iii) S. Reed asked for clarification of Lisa’s office at the County. JD explained Natural Resources is under the County Administrators Office (CAO).
 - iv) J. Hulsman added that the issues with OHV’s leading to the ordinance included trash left in the creek, making their own trails, and damaging the creek.
 - v) S. Reed – Will there be Sheriff enforcement when it closes? G. Moris provided The contact info for the Sheriff’s detective in charge of OHV issues in the creek: Anthony Doreo, anthony.doreo@yolocounty.org, desk: 530-490-1253, dispatch: 530-666-8282.
- b) Story Subdivision.
- i) JD explained the project went to the Planning Commission last week.
 - (1) Once they get housing plans in, JD will bring them to ECAC for comments to make sure things meet the design guidelines.
 - (2) They also want to refresh the cultural sensitivity training before groundwork starts.
 - (3) They also asked about parks fees. JD found paperwork about an environmental study for parks. This needs to get straightened out at the County but a quick solution is to have the developer do a prop 218 while the owner controls all the property, then the future owners of the subdivision parcels will pay into the pot to maintain that park. J. Hulsman clarified that will also include the ag buffer and detention basin.
 - ii) S. Cooper inquired about her request for townhouses (vs apartments style). JD explained the Planning Commission agreed; however, JD is concerned that with two story units, this would not work for seniors and mobility impaired people, and mobility access was part of the Development Agreement. Maybe a combination will work.
 - iii) S. Cooper – Can they ensure the design/fencing will allow for the three trash bins we have now. JD – Let’s keep that in mind when we see what they propose.
 - iv) R. Jacobs asked for confirmation regarding the 218 that it applies only to the Story subdivision and the parks in that area? JD: Yes, that will be zone of benefit.
 - (1) R. Jacobs noted that people complain on-line about these 218’s like the High School Bond or Tuli-Mem Park and say they will vote against it.
 - (2) J. Hulsman explained the Tuli-Mem property history and promises for a Stadium, Parker naming rights, etc. County was maintaining things, then expanded the MERCESA CSA responsibilities to include parts of Esparto, then this was moved to the CSD.
 - (3) S. Cooper asked about the soccer field at Tuli Mem. G. Moris understands through WYORCA that this will be handled as an insurance claim.
 - v) R. Jacobs is concerned about drainage – was someone from Public Works going to come to our meeting? Willow slough seems over capacity already. JD will e-mail Randy with a contact.

8) ACTION ITEMS (none)

9) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Annual Community Plan Review (of the 10 Implementation Programs listed on Page 16 of the 2019 Esparto Community Plan)
 - i) Revise zoning/Map - Done
 - ii) Community Center – Health Center construction in progress.
 - iii) Local Organizations/Recruiting Industrial Development

- (1) JD asked where was the Food Hub? S. Cooper answered it was the metal building by train depot.
- (2) J. Hulsman noted we are losing the Manas cut and wrap explaining the Manas family situation triggered by Alice's paralysis in reaction to the Covid vaccine. Now the cut and wrap is closed and for sale; and peach trees are pulled up.
- (3) JD – Sam the mushroom man looks ready, but not open yet. R. Jacobs added he might be looking for employees.
- (4) JD explained the window fabrication place we previewed last month would be a use permit and will come to the ECAC for review.
- iv) Chamber/Seasonal Events – R. Jacobs noted they will be doing spring and fall festivals, and National Night Out.
 - (1) S. Reed asked about a parade? R. Jacobs explained it was not budgeted for this year. What about July 4th? Not considered yet.
- v) County and Caltrans – Caltrans is finishing up work on Yolo Avenue in a couple months.
 - (1) S. Cooper – Bump outs are into side roads, not highway.
 - (2) S. Cooper – No plans for sidewalk over Lamb Valley Slough? No. There is a new director at Public Works, Nick Burton, who is interested in complete streets and improving the sidewalks on the east side of town.
- vi) Bicycles and Transit – JD can bring this program up with director of public works and Natural Resources wants to take a look at more trail systems in the west part of the County.
 - (1) J. Hulsman – what happened to Granite? Trees and building went away. If they went to the new plan then it would be longer before the park would be dedicated.
 - (2) Regarding transportation, JD has been in communication with Yolo Bus regarding the pending new subdivisions, and potential need for a new bus stop.
 - (3) P. Harrison raised the issue of traffic, speed signs. It was recommended this be brought up to Supervisor Barajas.
- vii) Sidewalks – The new director is looking for grants
- viii) Drainage – Natural Resources is looking at the system to find an area to impound the run off in order to have less of a flood hazard between Madison and Esparto.
- ix) CSD revenue – This will be done through the 218 process where they will lead, and the County helps/advises.
- x) ECAC review – Done (per this meeting)

10) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) G. Moris inquired about infrastructure needs and possible Federal money coming from the infrastructure bill. JD explained this is more Public Works than Planning, but he does deal with SACOG. This year, they still have "Green Means Go" (for Esparto & Dunnigan), but this year focus is more on public water and sewer. JD suggested we put together a list and get it to Nick.
 - i) S. Reed noted she introduced herself to Supervisor Barajas and brought up this topic. He suggested we get him a list.
 - ii) It was noted he hasn't been attending our meetings as the past supervisor did occasionally. R. Jacobs heard the reason was because he has local office hours now.
 - iii) S. Reed – they are our elected officials and should hear our interests, so we should let them know.
 - iv) The committee discussed a future agenda item to develop a list of things that we want done in town and invite Angel. JD explained he is only to come when there are action items, but we can meet anyway.

- b) JD confirmed we can meet in person if we have a location. J. Hulsman has the Fire Station reserved if the Library is still not available.

11) ADJOURNMENT

- a) **Motion** S. Reed to adjourn, second by S. Cooper. S. Cooper thanked JD.
 - i) Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
 - ii) Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

12) COMMUNITY FORUM

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