

MINUTES
ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Esparto Regional Library, Wintun Room
17065 Yolo Ave, Esparto, CA 95627

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

Absent: Pat Harrison

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- 1) CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 by Chair J. Hulsman
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a) **Motion** to approve the agenda by S. Reed, second by S. Cooper. Vote: all in favor, none opposed.
- 3) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - a) **Motion** by S. Reed to approve the minutes from April. Second by S. Cooper.
 - b) Vote: all in favor, none opposed.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a) G. Moris – Valley Voice missed our April update.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 5) PUBLIC COMMENTS - None
- 6) COUNTY UPDATE
 - a) Orciuoli (NW of town) - JD needs to check in with CSD who needs to sign off on water, and where well is going to go.
 - b) Story (North of Mercy) – Apartment complex will be first. He has worked out stormwater, and submitted something to Public Works. Nothing new on main subdivision.
 - c) E. Parker (East of pool) – Not heard (Tribe has 2 year extension on map)
 - d) Parcel for sale on east end of town has had interest. Waiting for utility lines coming through E-parker. Zoned RL – required to hook into utilities. Some interest in Ranchettes (2 units vs 2 dozen). If they wanted to do that it would be discretionary (come to our committee).
- 7) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (none)
- 8) ACTION ITEMS (none)

9) DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Esparto Community Park

- (1) Ryan (County) introduced the topic and his team: Emily (Park Planner) and Mike (Capital Projects Division Manager).
- (2) Emily – This is a preview of 3 options from contractor. Later there will be a public outreach meeting expected first week of July.
- (3) Project is replacement of existing play structure and shade structure over picnic area.
- (4) Emily presented slides (see attached).
 - (a) Jamie (public) – asked about fill material bark vs something safer?
 - (b) Jeff (public) – great to see the inclusivity features – current bark does not allow for total inclusivity. Their daughter requires a walker or wheelchair and can't use this park. Ryan described a park in Sacramento that is well built for inclusivity. They need to get more funds for this. Jeff asked about funding they have received – how many parks does that include? Ryan: Tuli Mem and Esparto, Grasslands (south of Davis), and Cache Creek campground solar carport – total 5 projects back in 2019. 3 coming to Esparto (Seasonal pool cover at Tuli Mem as well).
 - (c) G. Moris explained how the current wood chips were put in by volunteer parents who also removed the prior rubber chips that were creating dust and smelled in the heat. The playground in winters has paths of bonded rubber chips within the wood chips – would that work for them? Jeff was not familiar with that park in Winters, but the one near Bel Air market in Woodland is good and has paths.
 - (d) S. Cooper – Suggested the County look at the Elementary school, Kindergarten playground. These options do not look challenging enough for 5-12. What about musical elements?
 - (e) G. Moris – for the shade structure are there hard cover options for rain? Mike - Not enough money.
 - (f) J. Hulsman – Is the whole dining area covered? Mike - Not all.
 - (g) S. Cooper – Anything for the younger kids? G. Moris explained that this was discussed for Tuli-mem which was initially planned as a 2-5 but they decided it was better to have more versatility and parents typically supervise those younger than 5-12.
 - (h) G. Moris – Does not like plastic in sun/heat and static electricity effects, but shade covering sounds good if the structure strong enough.
 - (i) Jeff – who is responsible to fix a failed shade structure? Ryan – The County.
 - (j) R. Jacobs – what is the lifetime of shade cloth? Ryan – probably 15 years.
 - (k) Jeff – Can we have a 4th option where we can pick and choose what is best for this community?
 - (l) Jamie – How much does the shade structure over seating area cost? \$90K. How much for rubber access? Not sure but Emily can look it up.
 - (m) Next meeting July 6 or 7, the community will be notified.
 - (n) G. Moris – For the meeting a cafeteria plan would be good if the County and Designer have that flexibility, you could use sticky notes for people to post their priorities. They may decide priority is path over shade structure as Jamie said.
 - (o) G. Moris – Thought Tuli Mem playground was a different funding source and could be done earlier? Ryan, concern is the safety issues at Esparto Park so focusing on that first.

(p) Jeff – ask Tribe for help on the project? Ryan – we haven't made an ask yet. Some internal changeover within the County and people handling Tribal relations. Grateful for contributions to Tuli Mem, Health Center, and others.

b) Rezone to Remove Planned Overlays

- (1) JD presented slides on the subject to explain the overlays. Most already built, some out of compliance with State Law (lot size for example – 6000 minimum is too high, State can override and lot can be split). 3000sf might be non-discretionary, smaller would be discretionary.
- (2) G. Moris - Maybe keep design standards? Covered by County Code now? JD: For the most part, yes. Lopez specified specific colors and materials. Any impact on inclusionary housing still not built? JD not sure.
- (3) JD would like to remove all the PD's in Esparto when Orciuoli comes in for clean up/removal.
- (4) JD explained Flood Control has deeded access to canal from Esperanza and Orciuoli. No easement on land along canal to 85 B. Considering to allow parcel to be split in order to allow easements; in exchange giving Raul more residences to be built. Split into 5 parcels R-L. Supposed to have a trail that connects to Capay along 19H to 85B and High School's land.
- (5) G. Moris – Doesn't like the look of that many small parcels out to 85B. Maybe a couple parcels/4 houses vs 5 parcels/10 houses? JD: Well and septic requires 2 acre minimum.

10) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Cannabis? – JD: Projects not moving.
- 2) G. Moris – will be out during the time of the July Meeting. An alternate secretary will be needed if there is a meeting.

11) ADJOURNMENT

- a) **Motion** R. Jacobs to adjourn, second by S. Reed.
 - a) Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
 - b) Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

COMMUNITY FORUM

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6/24/23