

MINUTES
ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 19, 2024
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: None

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- 1) CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 by Chair J. Hulsman
 - a) It was determined that P. Harrison, not present, was no longer on the committee as her term had not been renewed and expired in January.
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a) **Motion** to approve the agenda by S. Cooper, second by R. Jacobs. Vote: all in favor, none opposed.
- 3) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - a) **Motion** by R. Jacobs to approve the minutes from October 17, 2023. Second by S. Reed.
 - b) Vote: all in favor, none opposed.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a) G. Moris described recent Yolo transportation group's meeting that was very preliminary and abstract. They were not a County organization, but working off grant funds (*Post meeting note: They are created by the Yolo Transportation District and are called Yolo Active Transportation Corridors (YATC).* He advised them of our General Plan and Planning Departments efforts and vision for sidewalks, bike paths, etc.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 5) PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - a) Curtis Lawrence, Esparto Fire Chief explained he was attending to make the committee aware of a solar project he is working on.
 - i) Federal funds are available through the Fed appropriations committee. He met with our representative congressman Mike Thompson. Curtis is looking to find revenue sources for doing solar at the station to cover PG&E costs.
 - ii) The project is turning into something more community based: A shade structure on the north side lawn with solar panels on top. Under the structure would be a public use picnic area and electric vehicle charging station.
 - iii) He has put in a request letter already to meet the deadline, but is looking for more letters of support, including from our committee if we choose to support. He asked if the committee could put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

- iv) J. Hulsman noted the County would be interested too in this project too.
- 6) COUNTY UPDATE (No County staff was present to provide details beyond this brief discussion)
 - a) Modena Apartments seem to be moving forward.
 - b) Orcioli developers are negotiating well costs with the CSD.
- 7) INFORMATIONAL ITEM (none)
 - a) G. Moris inquired if this agenda category could be removed from future agendas if it was a relic from a presentation the County was going to do about a year ago that never happened and we have carried it forward ever since.
- 8) ACTION ITEMS
 - a) Election of Officers
 - i) After some initial discussion among committee members. . . . **Motion** by J. Hulsman for the following slate of officers:
 - (1) Chair R. Jacobs,
 - (2) Vice Chair: J. Hulsman
 - (3) Secretary: G. Moris (S. Cooper offered to be a backup Secretary).
 - ii) Second by S. Cooper. Vote all in favor, none opposed.
 - iii) G. Moris noted we need to recruit more members. Committee members shared that they had made some contacts with people that may be interested.
 - iv) S. Reed suggested we put something up on Facebook.
- 9) DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a) None
- 10) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
 - a) Letter of support for the Fire Department's project. R. Jacobs to follow up with our planning representative, JD Trebec, if we are allowed to send such a letter as a committee.
- 11) ADJOURNMENT
 - a) **Motion** S. Reed to adjourn, second by S. Cooper.
 - i) Vote: All in favor, none opposed.
 - ii) Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

COMMUNITY FORUM

- 1) Discussion with Captain Ivan Tien, California Highway Patrol Woodland Area Commander
 - a) Captain Tien is responsible for all CHP in Yolo County, and has his office in Woodland.
 - b) Regarding jurisdiction, the Sheriff deals with the penal code and the CHP handles all vehicle code, DUI.
 - c) Esparto is not a problem area for them. They look every year to make sure they deploy resources appropriately.
 - d) The CHP provides educational programs
 - i) In the past they have done the "Every 15 minutes" safety class for EHS students. They do about one or two of these a year.

- ii) Start smart is a class 15 year-olds can sign up for. A dedicated officer does the class, two times per month. A fine can be reduced if they attend and write an essay.
 - iii) G. Moris will bring this info to the school administration for consideration.
 - iv) They do child passenger safety seat checkups.
 - e) Although the Esparto community is safe, we occasionally see people speeding down local streets. If you see aggressive driving, call their office to make a complaint (530-702-6250). Note the time of day, stretch of road. A tracking system logs complaints, and goes to the shift sergeant's podium so they can send an officer.
 - f) CHP performs vehicle inspections.
 - g) All the money collected from citations goes to the County where issued or State. The CHP can claim hours, costs for dealing with DUI if the person with the DUI caused the crash. CHP gets funded from vehicle registration and the Federal Government since they are responsible for title 13 rules of the road – commercial vehicles. They also have money through grants for special task forces. They may also be allocated a portion of cash seized from busts.
 - h) Captain Tien meets monthly with the Yolo DA.
 - i) S. Cooper – what about speed on highway 16 to Woodland?
 - j) Captain Tien noted I-80 construction has many people bypassing – Davis area especially. South river road, old river road.
 - k) S. Reed – what is his opinion of our new crosswalk/signals. Yes, it seems speed is coming down. Speed limit changes have to have surveys done. If 85% are already going 45, can't reduce to 40. Crash data is also looked at. Most major crashes – are on Highways 80, 5, and 50.
 - l) S. Cooper – what about parked vehicles that don't move? If they are on a State facility – removal within 4 hours. They look to see if it is abandoned or blocking the road.
 - m) G. Moris – how are we doing with flooding response, are there areas for improvement? Every year, Captain Tien gets an updated map of possible flooding locations. For natural disasters, evacuations, etc. the local sheriff will be primary and CHP does traffic controls.
 - n) Curtis knows the roads well, some people in the Fire department have been trying to get info out on Social media. Highway 16 closes 2-3 times a year, and traffic is diverted to road 23, which is less deep, but is narrower and in bad condition.
 - o) R. Jacobs - are ambulances able to get through in flood event? Curtis will get resources moved as needed – ambulance staff can ride in their higher clearance vehicles to provide medical response.
 - p) J. Hulsman explained the history of how the farming change to orchards changed the flood protection plans, impacting Madison
 - q) J. Hulsman – Has the CHP seen impacts – good or bad – of the Highway 16 improvements? Captain Tien explained that with the roundabout, there were initially more crashes, but is now getting better.
 - r) How many are on patrol at any given time? 5 in daylight, 6 at night. Daytime administrative staff can support too.
 - s) The committee thanked the captain for attending.
- 2) Curtis and the committee discussed insurance rates and Fire Dept ISO rating / grade. 218 didn't pass so that is why they are looking for reducing costs.