

Unapproved Minutes  
Dunnigan Advisory Committee  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2009**

Country Fair Estates  
5130 County Road 99W  
Dunnigan, Ca 95937

**Call to order: 7:12 pm** by Vice Chairman Erich Linse

**ATTENDANCE**

- 16 members in attendance, quorum present
- 1 members absent, Keith Williams
- 8 residents, guests and county representatives were present at this meeting
- Total in attendance 24 members, guests and county representatives

**MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Linse called for the approval of the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> minutes. No corrections or additions were noted. He then called for a motion to approve.

**Motion by: Willard Ingraham; Seconded by: Greg Bickford to approve minutes of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Vote: Yes; 15, No; 1, Abstain; 0, Minutes approved.**

Vice Chairman Linse called for the approval of the minutes of the special meeting on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. No corrections or additions were noted.

**Motion by: Shirley Gooch; Seconded by Greg Bickford to approve the minutes of Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Vote: Yes; 13, No; 1, Abstain; 2, Minutes approved.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Vice Chairman Linse announced that all committee members had been re-appointed for 2009. Secretary Kirkland indicated she had distributed an "Information Update Sheet" and asked that all members complete the form and return it to her after the meeting. She also indicated everyone was given a set of ballots for voting purpose. If necessary to use these, she asked if Don Rust and Leroy Bertolero would count the votes.

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS, 2009**

Vice Chairman Linse opened the nominations for officers.

- **Chairman:** Shirley Gooch nominated Keith Williams, seconded by Wilma Gullatt. No other nominations were brought to the floor. Vice Chairman Linse asked for discussion, none noted. **N. Busch made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman, seconded by G. Bickford.**  
**Vote to close nominations:** Yes 15; No 0; Abstain 1, **Motion Carried**

Vice Chairman Linse stated that as there were no other nominations, Keith Williams would assume the position by acclamation.

**New Chairman for 2009, Keith Williams**

- **Vice Chairman:** Vice Chairman Linse was nominated and respectfully declined indicating it was time for a younger person to assume the position. Brian Stucker nominated Bill Weber, seconded by Mel Smith. No other nominations were brought to the floor. **Greg Bickford made a motion to close nominations for Vice Chairman, seconded by Carolie Long.**

Vice Chairman Linse asked for discussion, none noted. He then called for the vote.

**Vote: Yes 15; No 0; Abstain 1**

**New Vice Chairman for 2009, Bill Weber**

- **Secretary:** Erich Linse nominated Deanna Kirkland, seconded by Wilma Gullatt. No other nominations were brought to the floor. **Mel Smith made a motion to close nominations for Secretary, seconded by Greg Bickford.**

Vice Chairman Linse asked for discussion, none noted. He then called for the vote.

**Vote: Yes 15; No 0; Abstain 1**

**New Secretary for 2009, Deanna Kirkland**

Vice Chairman Linse called for a motion to close officer nominations.

**Motion by Mel Smith to close officer nominations, seconded by Wilma Gullatt,**

**Vote: Yes 15 No 0; Abstain 1, Motion Carried, process for nominations of 2009 now complete.** Welcome the new Dunnigan Advisory Committee Board of Officers for 2009, Chairman Keith Williams, Vice Chairman Bill Weber and Secretary Deanna Kirkland.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice Chairman Linse opened Public Comments.

- W. Gullatt: Presented a hand out on the idea of a community emergency plan for Dunnigan. Her major concern was that in the event of a major disaster, Dunnigan could be cut off from the rest of the county and we would be on our own.
- Consider formulating a plan to protect the citizens of Dunnigan and she asked we place this on the February agenda for further discussion.
- Wilma further suggested this project be turned over to our Safety Committee to explore and comment.
- Wilma indicated we don't have a water supply or place for resident to congregate should it be necessary. We have no plan.
- N. Busch asked if the Fire Dept. had any emergency plan for the community.
- It was suggested that members of the community with special talents be identified
- Wilma indicated this process would take some time to formulate
- V. Lovell suggested the community be involved and questioned whether this process should be separate from the Advisory Committee.

**Motion by:** W. Gullatt to add this topic to our February agenda for further discussion. **Seconded by** Willard Ingraham.

Vice Chairman Linse called for the vote to place this topic on our February agenda.

**Vote: Yes 16; No 0; Abstain 0, Motion Carried**

## **Road Repair on County Road 85**

- Wilma questioned why this road was patched. Referencing the road between County Line Road and County Road 2 which run along the side of Don Perts property, why was this done? It was not on our list.
- County Road 84 has large pot holes the size of large garbage cans all the way down and not one has been patched. This road was on our list.
- She questioned the reasoning for this repair versus the repair of County Road.
- County's Public Works Road Supervisor indicated there were a lot of roads in the county that needed repair and this was done on a priority basis, County Road 85 was not a priority, why was it fixed
- B. Weber referenced the comment made by P. Kokkas about the money spent here in Dunnigan. Wilma responded by saying if they spent more money here it's because our roads are worse than other areas. The roads in Dunnigan have not been maintained as well in the past.
- D. Rust referenced other areas have road repair issues as well. He will speak to Pannos and find out why this was done if it was not on the list we submitted.
- LeRoy Bertolero mentioned the Capay Valley and the Roads Dept. suggestion that four roads there no longer be maintained.
- Secretary Kirkland indicated we also have roads here that they no longer wish to maintain, those being County Road 6 between 89B and 91A; County Road 91A between CR6 and 7; County Road 7 east of the 90 degree drainage ditch to CR 91A and County Road 10 from 99W to 91A. Chairman Williams is aware of this issue.
- Chris Lee provided a copy of a map with the roads listed. He indicated public hearings would take place on these maintenance closures on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Stucker indicated he had property in this area and the county then decided to forgo the maintenance. Will this go through the same process that was followed when he asked for the abandonment of his road, No. This is simply a request to stop maintaining these roads.

Vice Chairman Linse asked if there were any additional Public Comments. He then went on to address our list of request for changes to the GP document. After attending the Board of Supervisors meetings on these revisions the last two days, he indicated that some of the items we turned in did get some kind of comment. We sent in 19 request for revisions, it

appears from reviewing the revisions, no changes that we requested were evident. He suggested we write a letter asking our supervisor to provide the other supervisors pertinent information about the issues or changes several days prior to the meeting so they would be informed prior to discussion.

Secretary Kirkland indicated she compared our list to the revisions to see if any items we had requested be changed took place, there was evidence of a very minor change to one item, the rest not one indication or change. They may be talking about this but nothing is in writing. Vice Chairman Linse indicated he felt we did get some support from Supervisors on some of these issues, one in particular, flexibility on road width. Secretary Kirkland referenced the statement made by Heidi Tsuden regarding changes to the GP document. She indicated if the changes were not made at this time the document would be the set guidelines and no deviations could be made without a revision to the General Plan.

He indicated there was some discussion on narrow streets; he felt there may be some kind of minor wording changes, but this was questionable.

300ft buffers, had support from Rexroad and McGowan, then the Ag commissioner was asked about the background, buffers were for aerial spraying, 500ft desirable, compromise was 300ft but it was mentioned that there could be some variation between 100ft and 300ft depending on the area.

Site 505 at 12A was not appropriate for development, County Road 14 would be better, but there are no plans for either one at present.

There was some support on County Road 99W enlargement plan. Supervisor Chamberlain supported us on our concept; felt there was not enough room between the railroad and the housing to accomplish four lanes.

Vice Chairman Linse mentioned the placement of farm dwellings on property, some sympathetic to the process, but concern was for large homes on Ag acreage. County wanted control of this process. They were sensitive about property rights.

The idea to use lakes as retention basins was well received. Lakes would fit well within the communities and could have other uses. Supervisor Rexroad commented you could have house on lakes.

At this point no further Public Comments were brought to the floor, Public Comments were closed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Vice Chairman Linse called for any correspondence. Secretary Kirkland indicated we had received a memorandum from Erich Parfrey to Chairman Bertolero, Planning Commission and a letter from Chairman Bertolero to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors referencing the Advisory Committees.

Both of these documents referenced the request to establish an ad hoc sub committee to make recommendations regarding the standardization of the bylaws and operational procedures for the Citizen Advisory Committees.

Committee members were not in favor of this un-necessary process, the following comments were received from the committee on this issue.

- Members felt this was not an issue that needed to be addressed at this time whether it was done by volunteers or not. County has many issues that need attention rather than this.
- If certain advisory committees are in need of assistance it is the responsibility of the Supervisors office to help them.
- Members asked what took place to simulate this action by the Planning Dept. (ie Eric Parfrey)
- Members viewed this as a method of over control.
- Vice Chairman Linse reference a statement in the letter stating that some brief standards for all Advisory Committees have been established by the Board of Supervisors, Vice Chairman Linse requested a copy of these standards which appear in Title 2 of Article 36.
- This request will go back to the Board on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Members felt the comments in this letter were directed not only at the Esparto Advisory Committee but Dunnigan as well.
- Reference was made to the County Committee bylaws which would be the document that should be used to govern Advisory Committees.

- Members asked if we were being told we have to participate in this process. Decision of whether this goes forward or not will be made on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Leroy Bertolero stressed the idea that standardization was needed and agreed there were some good points listed.
- Wilma questioned the position of the committee if we choose not to participate. Her concerns is the statement if we choose not to participate we would not have a voice.
- D. Rust indicated in that case we could come in as community members and state our opinion. He went on to explained the idea behind the formation of the ad hoc committee, he felt strongly we should participate to voice our concerns and opinions
- Wilma indicated what she did not like about this whole thing is the idea that Yolo County is paying county employees to talk about something like this, given that they are laying off people. There are many more issues that are more important and as a tax payer I object to discussing something of non importance given the county problems at this time.
- She referenced the fact that the county doesn't have money, at least that's what she is told when she asks about road improvement, and here they are on another tangent about something that could wait. I want to see our local government officials concentrate on the big picture, the major problems that the county is having. Bring those types of items to the committees for their input and this issue does not qualify. I want them to keep there eye on the ball. The ship is leaking and I don't know why were talking about this type of insignificant issue when there are other more important topics at hand.

Vice Chairman Linse asked about the procedures we follow referencing becoming a member of this committee. Secretary Kirkland explained the process. Vice Chairman Linse went on to state his concerns about the age of the members we currently have and felt we should encourage a younger group of people to attend meetings and participate with the idea of eventually becoming a member.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Newsletter:** No report, Keith Williams not present this evening.
- **ABC Ordinance:** Don Rust presented the changes to the alcohol beverage ordinance. Basic change was that a minor conditional use permit would be required to open a business that wish to sell alcohol even if they had the required ABC license, this procedure was suggested by the Alcoholic Control Board as a way for counties to have better control over business that wish to sell alcohol. The CUP does not apply to festivals.

**Motion by** Secretary Kirkland to approve the proposed revisions to this ABC Ordinance to include the Conditional Use Permit requirement. **Seconded by** B. Strucker.

Vice Chairman Linse called for any discussion.

- M. Smith questioned if this was a redundant process, given that the Board of Supervisors has the option to reject. He questioned if the use of a minor use permit would be effective.
- D. Rust responded by saying the ordinance allows the local community to have a say and for the county to have control.
- N. Busch asked if this only applied to alcohol. D. Rust responded, alcohol related business only.

Being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Linse asked for the motion to be re-stated and then call for the vote.

**Vote: Yes 13; No 0; Abstain 3, Motion Carried.**

**Capital Improvement:** Vice Chairman Linse referenced the topic at hand to discuss the possibility of requesting a Capital Improvement from the county. Secretary Kirkland referenced the request from Chairman Williams to add this topic for discussion.

- Discuss composing a letter to the supervisors requesting a capital improvement.
- The improvement would be the establishment of a drainage ditch to direct the excess water towards Byrd Creek from the Road 8 interchange.

**Motion by:** Greg Bickford; **Second by:** Shirley Gooch to compose a letter to Request a Capital Improvement to establish a new drain.

Vice Chairman Linse called for discussion.

- S. Mumma questioned the other drainage issues in Dunnigan. Why was this area picked
- Secretary Kirkland referenced the list of drainage problems prepared several years back along with a map of the drainage problems in Dunnigan. She went on to reference the map being turned over to the Public Works Dept. and we were able to get a lot of our drains cleared at that time. The map was shown to the committee before it was submitted.

- Chairman Williams wanted to discuss this issue due to the fact that every time we have a major storm the senior park floods and there is a quick fix to the problem.
- Concern was the disbursement of funds by the county, and that if it all went to one area no other area would receive funds. Capital Improvement funds are separate from maintenance funds.
- Vice Chairman Linse indicated that Keith was concerned about people being flooded and it affects the most populous area in size for density.
- Questions were brought to the floor referencing if residents there paid property tax or the main property owner. Every household in Country Fair Estates pays personal property tax at the same rate as real property.
- After continual discussion the recommendation to table was restated.

**Motion by:** Mel Smith; **Second by:** Deanna Kirkland.

**Vote:** Yes 13; No 1; Abstain 2, **Motion carried**

## **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS UPDATE**

Leroy Bertolero indicated he had requested to be reappointed to the Planning Commission as a member at large, he was reappointed for four more years. He went on to indicate that Don Pert had resigned and there was no replacement for him as yet. The new Supervisor Jim Provenza would be appointing a new commissioner to represent District 4.

He referenced the Planning Commission meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> and encouraged advisory members to attend to keep updated on the issues at hand.

He briefly mentioned the prior discussion on the idea of the formation of an ad hoc sub committee to set standards for the Advisory Committees.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Guest Speaker Bridget Kurtt DeJong, Ending Homelessness in Yolo County
- Community Emergency Plan
- Capital Improvement, Drainage

Being no further business, Vice Chairman Linse called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion by** Wilma Gulatt; **Seconded by** Vaughnnett Lovell, **All in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm**

Respectfully submitted

Deanna Kirkland, Secretary

Dunnigan Advisory Committee