

CAPAY VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm in the Guinda Hall by President Ann Rawlins.

Attendees:

Committee Members Present: Paul Turnbull, Don Tompkins, Ellen Knolle, Anne Rawlins, Todd Gettleman, Vicki Murphy; Absent: Trini Campbell, Andrew Brait.

Public: Merrie Tompkins, Freeman and Carol Barsotti, (organic farmers) and Bridget Kurtt DeJong from HomeBase (Advancing Solutions to Homelessness) David Markum, Wayfarers Board member.

Also in attendance, Stephanie Berg, Asst., Yolo County Planning Department

Corrections: Paul Turnbull made a motion and Don Thomkins seconded the motion to correct the name of the Assistant Director of Public Works to be Panos Kokkas. The motion was unanimously approved. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Paul Turnbull made a motion for approval of the minutes which were duly approved by acclamation.

Public Comment:

Freeman and Carol Barsotti brought information to the committee regarding plans to build and provide a store on their property that would sell their organic home grown produce and other items. The store would also have a cold room and a small kitchen to prepare sandwiches for take-out as well as for prepping their products for delivery destinations in the urban areas. There was discussion regarding highway safety getting off of and onto Highway 16, as well as concerns for cleanliness around an organic farm/store operation. Barsotti has received \$9,000.00 in mitigation funds to provide safe highway access to and from the property. Cal Trans will make a 20 foot shoulder to alleviate any problems of access and exit from the Barsotti property. The discussion on the Barsotti Yolo Store was lengthy and informative. Don Thomkins made a motion to approve the application and Vicki Murphy seconded the motion. It was approved with one member abstaining.

Stephanie Berg presented the information regarding an Ad Hoc Citizens committee that will work on standardizing the by-laws of all of the advisory committees and their responsibilities. Two two-and-a-half hour meetings would be required for the volunteers to this committee to prepare the new by-laws.

Bridget Kurtt DeJong came to the committee to request information and input regarding homelessness in the Capay Valley. She will be writing about addressing the homeless issues in the Yolo County General Plan. David Markham said that the fact that homeless people with mental health issues are unable to receive any treatment in this County needs to be addressed. Also, rural areas are extremely difficult to assess because of the mobile nature of living outdoors with no public shelter. It was agreed that the urban areas are able to provide services and a more stable environment for the homeless. He also expressed serious concerns if 65,000 inmates are to be released from here, how much more intensive the need will be for services and for jobs, because mental health and housing has no funding in Yolo County and therefore there will be NO services for those released felons.

Old Business

The Supervisors did not make a decision on road abandonment in the Capay Valley area, but on Tuesday, March 10 it may be on the Supervisorial docket as well as possibly a vote to take the Williamson Act away.

Alcoholic beverage ordinance is under review for a recommended action at the March 12 Planning Commission meeting.

To receive a use permit on the Elden Property, the Tribe needs an updated site plan.

Future Agendas:

Form Ad Hoc Committee

Casino Expansion

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Murphy, Co-Secretary