

ESPARTO CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
02/17/09

Attending: Gretchen Adan, Wayne Belshaw, Colleen Fescenmeyer, Pat Harrison, John Hulsman Jr, Melissa Jordan, Giacomo Moris, Patrick Scribner.

Absent: None

MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- 1) Call to order at 7:01pm by Chair Jordan.
- 2) Agenda: **Motion** to approve agenda by P. Harrison, Second by W. Belshaw, all in favor, none opposed.
- 3) Minutes and Notes from previous meetings:
 - a) **Motion** to approve minutes of 01/20/09 by J. Hulsman, second by W. Belshaw, all approved, none opposed, one abstention by P. Scribner.
- 4) Correspondence & Announcements:
 - a) Letter from Tribe received by some community members regarding County-Tribe negotiations,
 - b) P. Harrison provided the following announcements:
 - i) Chamber update: 2/24 is final almond fest meeting at the scout cabin – pizza to be served
 - ii) 3/7 Queen ~~pageant~~ pageant at the Guinda Grange – starts at 7:00pm
 - iii) 3/11 Chamber membership meeting at Chamber office.
 - iv) 3/14 Yolo agridining tour – at RH Phillips- tickets \$50 ea.
 - v) 3/15 Almond Festival – booths free this year.
 - vi) Lions Club – student speaker contest.
 - c) Sue Heitman provided the following update on the Streetscape project:
 - i) Three local reps meet monthly – Tammy Fullerton, Alice Manas, Sue, and Mike McDonald (alternate). They meet with the Tribe, County and consultant – Mark Thomas.
 - (1) Street Print (Similar to Capay) will be implemented first.
 - (2) Community sessions and polling regarding roundabouts, diagonal parking, or other proposals.
 - (3) Complete Street Application to SACOG, to include the streetlights – initial bid was \$581,000 for 32 lights – far beyond our funds for initial effort.

- ii) M. Jordan asked if ECAC rep is needed if Tammy is no longer on the committee.
- d) M. Jordan – Castle sent out a rendition of the planned office building – doesn't look like it fits in. Supervisor Duane Chamberlain mentioned he checked on this but it can go through by right; but it would be nice to go through ECAC for courtesy.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 5) None noted.

COUNTY UPDATE

- 6) Casino Expansion – Eric Parfrey stated that County and Tribe are in arbitration – picking judges.
 - a) G. Moris – County Tribe discussions are mentioning 85B / 21A bypass – may need to have as a future topic for ECAC.
 - b) M. Jordan – can we get copies of what final position(s) are? Supervisor Duane Chamberlain – call Cindy Tuttle. Tribe's last best offer is on their web-site.
 - c) P. Scribner – we need a solution if we are going to comment against it – Road 19 may be best option. P. Harrison – that's costly. Duane – tribe reluctant to condemn private property. County talked about road 23 – but more landowners on that path.
 - d) C. Fescenmeyer – for safety we need another solution – temporarily blocking road 21A?.

7) Yolo County General Plan

- a) M. Jordan requested hard copy of latest draft General Plan with revisions.
- b) G. Moris – went to BOS sessions twice (Wednesday evening and Thursday), but found them closed. He wanted to comment on 75 acres – keep industrial – next chance to comment is EIR process.

8) Ending Homelessness in Yolo County: Bridget Kurtt DeJong of Home Base, presented on Ten year plan on ending homelessness. Flier distributed. What struggles for people in Esparto for housing/homelessness?

- 1) Crowded rental homes. Often workers at Casino that live in Bay Area.
- 2) Multifamily issues.
- 3) G. Moris - CVV housing study is a reference.
- 4) Rise – Yes, they have been contacted.
- 5) People that lost out at Casino

- 6) G. Adan mentioned “resident” of park. P. Harrison – he used to live in garage.
 - 7) Sue Heitman – Working at CVV office near the park, noticing more people hanging out in the park during the daytime in the last 6 months.
 - 8) Homeless shelters in Sacramento shutting down this week.
 - 9) Sue Heitman – It would be nice to have locally controlled services and not rely on Woodland.
 - 10) M. Jordan – need awareness so we know who to call to help.
- 9) Esparto Convenience Center - \$20,000 shortfall. Marissa Juhler and Linda Simms presented.
- a. This was brought to Board a couple months ago, revenues not keeping up with expenses. Board wants it to run as a business, not subsidized. They get zero general fund dollars.
 - b. Proposing to close it 1 day a week and raise fees by 5%.
 - c. Annual expenses are about \$116,000/yr. Revenue about \$95,000. Fees for metal recycling helped but metals cost went way down, so we are short even more.
 - d. Staff: (3) 8 hour days, total labor cost about \$60,000 year. Total for County Division of Integrated waste management labor is \$2.6 Million/year. \$157 per haul based on old agreement rate with Waste Management \$45K/year. Regulatory permits, utilities, etc.
 - e. Resident – Does County get glass redemption values back. Yes.
 - f. Jim (at convenience center) does surveys once a quarter to determine if other residents are coming.
 - g. G. Adan – what are the alternatives? Could we do something with Arbuckle & Dunnigan who have to go up to Maxwell? Marissa – option 2 was to leave hours as is, but raise fees by 25%.
 - h. G. Adan – large yards generate normal garbage plus hauling green waste.
 - i. M. Jordan – ~~Mike McGowan~~ County getting \$100k back from Waste Management for mandatory pick up. Can we get some of that? Supervisor Duane Chamberlain agreed.
 - j. Numerous residents complained about mandatory pickup.
 - k. If we lose convenience then people will not take care of their places and dump it on the county roads.
 - l. P. Scribner – mandatory totes took income away from Convenience center – how much was that? 98% of everyone that was in the mandatory area was already a customer of Waste Management so it was small. Landfill tonnage is down too with the economy.
 - m. M. Jordan. At this table 3 people were not customers of Waste Management.
 - n. B. Burns – if Fire Dept. gets called out there to deal with illegal dumping of oil, etc. This will add a cost.
 - o. Mike McDonald – Will there be a public hearing on recouping the \$20,000? Let us know so we can comment.

- p. M. Jordan – draft a letter to BOS to recommend that the shortfall come out of \$100,000 franchise fee. C. Fescenmeyer suggested some funds for awareness advertising. Marissa – current grant could cover that.
 - q. P. Scribner – resident told him Colusa charges \$90 for a pick up load (compared to our \$22).
 - r. P. Harrison – how many ~~unincorporated area~~ counties have mandatory pick up in unincorporated areas? Marissa estimated in California about 15-16 counties. Sacramento – no, but they have one of the worst illegal dumping problems she’s seen.
 - s. Duane – what is ECAC’s preference – lose a day or pay more?
 - t. Melissa – will this lose some of Jim’s time salary? – **No**, Jim will transfer to the Landfill.
 - u. P. Harrison - G. Moris – support dropping one day a week (likely Wednesday) – add this to letter per Duane.
 - v. Add Mitigation fees to the letter as an alternative? Barry Burns – what would be the impact to justify it?
- 10) DMX Commercial zone – letter to Board of Supervisors. Due to lack of time, ECAC will plan to discuss at the next meeting since this will go to the Board on 3/24.
- 11) Planning Dept – Joint advisory. This goes to BOS on 2/24.
- 12) Granite Esparto Mining and Reclamation project. Eric - this is a NOP that the Parks Dept will do an EIR (Not Planning Dept running this EIR).
- a. J. Hulsman - Original plan was for this to be in 2029, but this would allow them to accelerate that.
 - b. Ben Adeamo (Granite) answered question of how deep the mining would go - 75 feet total depth. **Below that is a clay layer that is uneconomical to mine through for now.**
 - c. Ben - Woodland site being dedicated to County ~~has a clay layer that is uneconomical to mine through now.~~
 - d. M. Jordan – gravel mine would use a third of ag use water (about 3 feet/acre).
 - e. G. Moris passed out a map showing parcel is relatively large – is there an option for a smaller project in the EIR?
 - f. Next Wednesday ~~night~~ night, 2/25 will be a scoping session at the library. Starts at 6:00pm.
- 13) Speed Indicator signs – P. Harrison called office, Ed Medina responded. They are searching for a maintenance company they can make a contract with.

Extend meeting? **Motion** to by P. Scribner, second by C. Fescenmeyer. All approved, none opposed

14) ECAC election:

- a. **Chair – Melissa Jordan** nominated, all in favor, none opposed.
- b. **Vice Chair – John Hulsman** nominated, all in favor, none opposed.
- c. **Secretary – Gretchen Adan** nominated, all in favor, none opposed.

15) Future Agenda Items

P. Scribner suggested alternative route to casino (bypass).

G. Adan – potholes – dangerous when people dodging them. Water district tore up street and it's not the same. Additional money to repair sewer lines.

15) Meeting Adjourned at 9:20??

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