

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES MINUTES - January 20, 2005

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 6:00 PM at the Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School at 13282 Santa Rosa Road, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Allison at 6:00 PM. MAC members Rosemary Allison, Mark Burley, Janis Gardner, and Don Shubert were present. Ruth Means was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The salute to the flag was led by Gene West.

3. Reorganization

Rosemary Allison said she was honored to be the chair for the MAC's first year. She cited some MAC accomplishments such as the change in postal address, improvements to Santa Rosa Road, and the potential Benefit Assessment District. Al Adam opened the floor to nominations and Janis Gardner and Mark Burley were unanimously elected chair and vice-chair respectively.

4. Agenda review

Action item 10. b. Recommendation on subdivision at Ridge Drive was dropped.

5. Approval of Minutes

December minutes were amended to read: 5. "Parks would work with the County to determine if a paved road was absolutely necessary..." 8. b. The County would spend \$19,000 to create an Engineer's Report and a ballot. 8. c. Strike "The Yucca HOA asked Ventura County planners to add a trail condition to the new development." Also, substitute "multi-use trail" for "horse trail." Minutes passed as amended 4-0.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks addressed the Moorpark/Santa Rosa Road intersection and stated that the widening of Moorpark Road and the subsequent free right turn lane was the situation that caused residents to insist on the no-right-turn-on-red light. That light creates the gaps that allow residents to have access to Santa Rosa Road. A road study requested by Parks gave seven options for Santa Rosa Road and the MAC chose to endorse a multi-use trail and a synchronized light system. Parks arranged for a survey to be sent to residents to gauge their support for an assessment district to pay for these improvements. The results indicated that support for the trail was low and that the lights were backed by about 51% with 36% definite and 15% maybe. Parks went on to say that she was looking for grants for speed monitors to be installed near the school and that the school bus warning signs were pending. Parks reported that the General Plan designation that would convert Santa Rosa Road to four lanes was still under review. Supervisor Bennett and Parks both support the MAC in the concern over potential sewage lines in Santa Rosa Valley and their growth-inducing consequences. Parks also acknowledged the MAC's opposition to any future widening of Moorpark Road. Parks finished with County news about the La Conchita rescue efforts and that the Sheriff's and District Attorney's lawsuit is in the negotiation stage. She also mentioned that State funds for roads were in short supply because they were being used to shore up the State budget.

7. Public Comments

Gene West, chair of the Santa Rosa Road Safety Committee, reported that petitions were being circulated by over forty people that would indicate support for the assessment district to pay for the synchronized light system. West stated that traffic safety is the responsibility of the residents and that the light system would reduce traffic speeds, improve flow, help with access, and reduce noise and emissions. Gail Hughes, a fifteen year resident, advocated funding for the light system

and agreed that residents must take responsibility for their neighborhood and its traffic problems. Twenty-five year resident Steve Robinson felt that the Valley has changed and residents must accept the new traffic reality and support the light system. Don Thomas, a thirty-five year resident, objected to the cost projection for the light system. He also felt that \$5000 would be too much to remove the no turn on red restriction at the intersection.

8. Council Comments on issues not on the agenda

Mark Burley gave an update on the General Plan status specifically on the issue of changing Santa Rosa Road from four lanes to two. He stated that the EIR that addresses this issue is winding its way through the County. Also, Burley pointed out that if the freeways were widened, the traffic volume would decrease. He asked for support from the Board of Supervisors to keep Santa Rosa Road two lanes. Janis Gardner asked about stanchion replacements and Al Adam responded that each stanchion costs about \$200 to replace and that the County would prefer to go with raised pavement markers instead.

9. Information Items

a. Community Beautification

Don Shubert announced that the Beautification Day would be on Feb. 5th at the Santa Rosa School. All residents are welcome to dispose of electronic waste, metals, green waste and other materials.

b. Yucca Development

Ruth Means is working with County Planner Kim Rodriguez to determine what conditions might be submitted to the developer.

c. Trail Master Plan

Mark Burley met with County Resource Management Director Tom Berg to establish a master trail plan designed by the County and paid for by non-profit Santa Rosa Trails, Inc. Conditioning developers will be easier with a master trail plan. The plan is estimated to cost \$30,000. Once the plan is in place, Santa Rosa Trails will be able to assume maintenance and liability on some trails that the County won't accept.

d. Assessment District Survey Results

Rosemary Allison reiterated that funds collected in a Benefit Assessment District have to be used solely for the project indicated. An Engineering Study would determine the individual benefit attained and the subsequent resident cost. She stated that over 50% of residents voting must be in favor of the assessment district to pass.

10. Action Items

a. Establish a subcommittee to formulate trail policy

Mark Burley motioned that a subcommittee be formed with Ruth Means, Jan "Gussie" Woodfill and himself. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Adopt a recommendation on two lot subdivision at 12201 Ridge Drive

This item was tabled when it was determined that the property was not in the MAC's jurisdiction.

11. Future Agenda Items

Beautification Day results

12. Adjournment to February 17, 2005