

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 15, 2007

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Valley Club House on 11701 E. Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

1. Call to order

Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. MAC members Janis Gardner and Ruth Means were present. Don Shubert and Mark Burley arrived within a few minutes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carol Hunter.

3. Agenda Review

Ruth Means requested the agenda be revised to change "Scope of Work" to "Synchronized Signals" in Item 9b. In addition, Item 9d was eliminated because the update is from Supervisor Parks. Mark Burley asked that Item 8a. follow Item 3 so that John Stahlberg could take his children to an event.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mark Burley moved to approve the Minutes for the January 18, 2007 meeting without change. Janis Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks reported that Santa Rosa Park will be at the Board of Supervisors on March 6, 2007. The proposal is for the Conditional Use Permit to build the park. Supervisor Parks added that it should be non-controversial and that MAC members do not need to attend. The approval will allow the park to go to bid and the construction could begin as early as September

The berm landscaping discussed at the November and January meetings should be in place before tract construction is complete. County officials are aware of resident concerns and are monitoring its progress.

County Counsel will be studying the TIMF issue this week and we anticipate an answer for the MAC by the March 15 meeting.

The Santa Rosa Valley Community Beautification Event will take place on Saturday, September 29. Don Shubert is once again leading the effort for residents.

Janis Gardner inquired about the Temescal/Piru project that SOAR had notified people about earlier in the month. Supervisor Parks said that the issue was voted on at the February 13 meeting and the developer request to divide approximately 2,000 acres into 10-acre parcels was defeated 3/2. Resident participation at the Board of Supervisors meeting was effective.

6. Public Comments

Carol Hunter informed the MAC that 4th of July fireworks have been relocated to Camarillo High School. She said residents will be relieved that animals won't have the noise disturbance of prior years and that the Lions Club will be participating in the fireworks this year.

Officer Hosking told the MAC that he is currently working 4-hour days and is still handling the area. In addition, he is recruiting other officers to patrol Santa Rosa Road. Terry Wood has been working the area extensively. From January 1 through January 31, 2007 there were two accidents, one at Moorpark Road and Santa Rosa Road. The second accident occurred at Duval. Both accidents were property damage only; no injuries took place.

If residents need to reach Officer Hosking, his e-mail address is: rhosking@chp.ca.gov. The 24-hour dispatch number is 477-4174 and his personal line and voicemail is 553-0800, Ext. 249.

At the close of the meeting, Laura Means inquired about the possibility and cost of placing power lines underground. The MAC agreed that they would be interested in exploring the issue. Supervisor Parks office will provide information at the March meeting.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on Agenda

Janis Gardner extended her appreciation to Mark Burley for doing a great job as chair last year.

Mark Burley told the MAC he is scheduled to meet at Supervisor Parks' office with county planning staff on March 1, 2007 to begin the trail plan design for the Santa Rosa Valley. As background information, Mark explained that in 1985 the Board of Supervisors adopted an equestrian trails policy for the Santa Rosa Valley to facilitate trail connections with new development. The policy envisioned HOA's creating trails; however, no trail plan was adopted at that time. County Planning is therefore not able to condition trails in developments. He elaborated that there are two functions for Santa Rosa Valley Trails, Inc., as a non-profit 501(3)c entity: (1) to help finance and contract with the County to design the trail plan and to solicit Board of Supervisors approval so that future development can legally be conditioned, and (2) to accept trails for maintenance and insurance purposes. The website for Santa Rosa Valley Trails, Inc. is www.srvtrails.com. A trail map can be accessed through the website.

Rosemary Allison informed the MAC that there is a large fundraiser scheduled for Santa Rosa School to be held at Las Posas Country Club on March 17. Contributions are \$750/table or \$75/person.

Don Shubert said he will begin organizing for the Community Beautification Event scheduled for Saturday, September 29 this year. Supervisor Parks office will help determine what type of waste disposal will be provided by the County.

Inquiries were made about street sweeping. Supervisor Parks said that the only street sweeping provided in unincorporated parts of the County is accomplished through an assessment district, although one-time street sweeping for events, such as the May 12 Cruise the Conejo bike race this year, can be requested. Supervisor Parks' office will obtain details about the cost of street sweeping on a regular basis so that the MAC can discuss the issue at the March meeting.

8. Action Items

[Note: Item 8a followed Item 3.]

a. Lexington Drive Committee

John Stahlberg told the MAC that he and Debra Chakko comprise the committee. The first item they would like changed is to revise the wording on an existing sign from "Lexington Hills -- Right Lane Only" to "Right Lane for Lexington Hills Only." They think the sign would be better understood by altering the syntax. A new sign is suggested to read: "Do Not Block Intersection." Botts dots should be placed on the white lines that run horizontally across the road at Lexington Hills Drive. The Botts dots should also be carried out to direct cars into Lexington Hills. In addition, the white line should be extended across both lanes on Moorpark Road.

Mark Burley suggested that a third right turn lane should be constructed that leads only into Lexington Hills Drive. Those in the lane will be forced to proceed right if they are in the far right lane because the island will prevent them from moving into a left lane. The ownership and easement rights on the land where the lane will be constructed must be determined. There is an existing utility pole that may need to be moved.

Officer Hosking was consulted about the changes. He agreed that a third right hand lane could alleviate problems for those trying to enter and exit Lexington Hills Drive.

9. Information Items

a. Santa Rosa Road Vision

Appreciation was extended to Don Shubert and Kevin Cannon for their efforts. Kevin Cannon provided a "Draft Santa Rosa Road Vision Report, dated 15 February 2007" to the MAC and residents. Items 1-7 were discussed. With respect to Item 2 (Dedicated school bus turnouts), Janis Gardner said the Pleasant Valley School District does not want school buses pulling entirely off the roadway. The item will be revised to provide safer areas for waiting children, but not large enough so that the bus is entirely in a different lane. Item 3 (Striped Bike Lanes), wider bike lanes, will be facilitated at the Board of Supervisors' meeting because Supervisor Parks can reiterate Staff's advice that repaved sections are widened for bike lane purposes whenever possible. Item 4 (Raised pork chop islands) was discussed and Ruth Means asked that the item stand. Mark Burley requested that Item 6 (Raised medians) also include tree planting. He advised that photographs taken at Pedersen Road in Thousand Oaks and Spring Street in Moorpark would give visual explanation to the desired effect. An Item 8 was added to stress the importance of reducing the speed limit on Santa Rosa Road. The synchronized signals should lower the speed of travel during peak hours. Kevin Cannon will finalize the draft based on the above discussion and will give it to Ruth and Rosemary for posting and community input.

b. Santa Rosa Road Scope of Work (Synchronized Signal Project)

Kevin Cannon informed MAC members that the Fehr and Peer Associates contract was approved at the February 6 Board of Supervisors meeting. Compensation provided is \$192,450. Fehr and Peer is gathering data now, in addition to creating a website to keep residents informed. Nazir Lalani has suggested adding 11% to traffic counts based on his study of the intersections. The MAC agreed with this.

The MAC is concerned about placement of new signals in conjunction with trails and school bus stops. Kevin Cannon would like several MAC members to be available to meet with the design consultants and him when a meeting date is set.

c. Update on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Rosemary Allison reported that Battalion Chief Wayne Smith is working with CERT instructors now. Twenty (20) residents to date have agreed to training. Sometime in March or April, Chief Smith will let her know possible training dates.

d. Report from TIMF Committee

Based on earlier comments, Supervisor Parks will communicate County Counsel's opinion regarding TIMF funds at the next meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items: None designated.

Information Items:

Feedback on Lexington Hills Drive from Public Works
Santa Rosa Road Synchronized Signals Update
Santa Rosa Road Vision Update
Community Emergency Response Team
TIMF
Street sweeping options
Moving power lines underground

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to March 15, 2007.