

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

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The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, December 20, 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 6:06 p.m. MAC members Mark Burley and Janis Gardner were present. Ruth Means and Don Shubert were absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Jones.

3. Agenda Review

The agenda for the meeting was approved without changes.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mark Burley noted that Item 7, paragraph two, line 4 should read "two weeks ago," and in line 8 the words "and the floodways" should be inserted after "lot overlays." In Item 9a., last paragraph, Janis Gardner said the sentence "The MAC asked for data with information to support their findings," precedes "Supervisor Parks." Item 9e. was revised to read: "However, City regulations prohibit grading from November 1 through April 15." Rosemary Allison moved to approve the minutes as revised. Motion carried 3/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict. Janet Wall told the MAC that the Board of Supervisors met several days this week and selected Marty Robinson as the next County Executive Officer to replace Johnny Johnston who will retire in March. With respect to Item 9a., the Planning Department is drafting a memo regarding Standards for Santa Rosa Valley Groundwater Protection to include Supervisor Parks' requested additional information regarding lot sizes. The memo will be available before the January meeting and will be mailed or e-mailed to those residents who asked for the information at the last meeting. She stated the Lexington Hills/Moorpark intersection plans requested by the Lexington Hills HOA will be available at the next meeting as well.

6. Public Comments

Mark Jones told the MAC that he works for the City of Los Angeles dealing with blight. He wanted the MAC to know that he has collected 75 signs along the road in the public right of way in the past couple of years. The County has an ordinance prohibiting signs in the right of way but he wondered if there is any enforcement. The MAC requested information about whether a fining policy could be used to prohibit signs from being placed that are never retrieved. The metal stakes left behind are a hazard to equestrians.

Sharon and Robert Wood said they purchased a 12-acre lot behind Camelot two years ago. They wanted to know when the new FEMA map was issued, because they were not told about the vast floodway/floodplain map for their lot and it now appears that only 1 acre is buildable. They would like to know if there is a new map which shows the floodway, floodplain and the lot lines of the properties in the Santa Rosa Valley. They also asked the difference between the terms floodway and floodplain. Mark Burley explained that the floodplain is where 1 inch of standing water will accumulate every 100 years. The floodway is where water would rise to 1 foot in the center of the floodplain. Nothing can be built in the floodway. Furthermore, the FEMA map is being challenged in certain areas. It is possible to hire an engineer to determine if the map is wrong and to file a letter of map revision if the independent study contains additional information.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

None.

8. Action Items:

a. Revised Flood Plain Map

Mark Burley asked Supervisor Parks office to obtain a copy of the attachment to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District's November 29, 2007 appeal letter addressed to Sally Ziolkowski at FEMA. Mark Burley made a motion to request that the current proposed FEMA map be made available on the County website with the lot lines, floodway and floodplain depicted. Motion passed 3/0.

b. Design Plans for Lexington Hills/Moorpark Road

Butch Britt e-mailed that PWA has the HOA's input and that they are in the process of determining if it meets standard engineering criteria. The item was continued to the January 17 meeting.

c. Letter to Green Meadow Nursery

After discussion, the MAC determined the bottle brush trees in need of maintenance are not part of the Green Meadow Nursery property. The proposed draft letter was continued to the January 17 meeting until after the owner of the trees is determined.

9. Information Items

a. Report from County on Horse Property Lot Sizes

Gussie Woodfil said that she had read a study done at University of California at Davis that showed nitrates are not found in horse waste. The MAC asked if she could send them the title of the study. Item 9a. was continued to the January 17 meeting.

b. Unauthorized Businesses and Related Truck Traffic

The Ventura County Code Compliance fining policy appears to have curtailed two businesses operating without permits on Chestnut Lane. It was reported that the operation of each was moved to a suitable industrial location. A construction violation was not remedied. The MAC asked for an update on the construction violation at their next meeting.

c. Summary of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Rosemary Allison reported that the last CERT class had been postponed to February 16. Residents have requested more classes. Jim Fortney will be forming an organization to coordinate the communication line which will enable all residents to get emergency information through a radio channel exclusively for use in the Valley.

d. Trail Plan Update

Mark Burley stated he will meet with Planning Staff in January. The draft version of the Trail Plan is available on the Santa Rosa Valley Trails, Inc. website: www.srvtrails.com

e. Santa Rosa Road Resurfacing

Ron Means said he compared the Google Map to the overlay portion and feels the pavement laid was at the narrower portion of Santa Rosa Road. The MAC requested information about a timeframe for fixing two depression areas in the new pavement that have filled with water from the rain and on smoothing the bump at the edge of the bridge.

f. Mountclef Ridge Update

Save Our Ring of Green filed an appeal with the appeals court based on the hillside protection ordinance. The developer cannot grade until after April 15; however, he is currently working on retaining walls and erosion control.

g. Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Don Shubert and Kevin Cannon were both absent from the meeting, and the update was continued to the January 17 meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

Revised Flood Plain Map

Design plans for Lexington Hills/Moorpark Road

Notification to Nursery (Rosemary Allison)

Information Items:

Report from County on Horse Property Lot Size

Update on Fining Policy for Unauthorized Business

Trail Plan Update

Santa Rosa Road Resurfacing Deficiencies

Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. to January 17, 2007.