

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 20, 2008

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
at the Rancho Santa Rosa Property Owners' Association Club House,
11701 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012**

1. Call to order

Janis Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. MAC members Mark Burley and Don Shubert were present. Rosemary Allison and Ruth Means were absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Officer Randy Hosking.

3. Agenda Review

The agenda for the meeting was approved as submitted.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were revised to remove the line under Item 2.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that several key employees were retiring from the County. Marty Robinson has taken over as the new Chief Executive Officer. The Public Works Director, the Agricultural Commissioner and the Public Defender are also retiring within the next two months. In addition, the Community Beautification Event was approved for Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Santa Rosa Valley Technology Magnet School.

6. Public Comments

Max Bowers told the MAC that he is most grateful to the police for addressing the day laborer problems he was encountering at his property.

Gusie Woodfil requested assistance with new renters on Via Zurita who hold loud parties till all hours. She was advised to call the Sheriff's Office if she suspected underage drinking because the Social Host Ordinance would fine violators and it applies to Ventura County and all cities within the County.

John Nicholson said that he believes the Norwegian Grade is an extremely dangerous road. He said that residents contribute money to the City of Thousand Oaks through development fees and requested that the matter be added to the agenda. On January 22, 2006 a letter was sent asking for assistance. He wants to know if the MAC received a reply. Supervisor Parks' office was asked to contact the Public Works Department for the City of Thousand Oaks to ask them to address the Norwegian Grade at a MAC meeting.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Mark Burley told the MAC that a revised trail plan was sent to Supervisor Parks' office. The trail plan is also posted on the Santa Rosa Valley Trails website at: www.srvtrails.com. The next step is to see if it can be adopted by the County.

8. Action Items:

a. Recommendation re Policy on Equestrian Usage and Lot Size

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the developer of Wildwood Estates hired an engineering firm that determined the amount of horses per lot dependent on their expected contributions of nitrates to groundwater. Two lots were changed from one horse per lot to two horses per lot in response to concerns raised by equestrians. When the Environmental Impact Report is issued and the project is finalized, there will be more opportunity to comment on the project.

Mark Burley said the lot size issue was brought to the forefront by the Wildwood Development proposal, and people have come to the MAC to recommend that a general principal be established that all future discretionary development allow for equestrian uses on all new residential lots. If that means adjustment of lot sizes based on environmental quality issues, then the community favors larger lots. The General Plan for rural development allows for livestock usage. Supervisor Parks agreed that the MAC could establish a policy of equestrian lot sizes in the Santa Rosa Valley.

Mark Burley moved to recommend that any future discretionary development in the Santa Rosa Valley allow for equestrian usage on all proposed residential lots because the issue of keeping livestock available for property owners is key to the rural zoning of the Santa Rosa Valley community. Janis Gardner seconded the motion.

However, upon further discussion and comments regarding exact wording and questions about whether rural agricultural zoning should apply to all animals (not just horses), the motion was withdrawn and Don Shubert moved to continue the discussion. Janis Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

b. Recommendation DJ Farms

Willard and Joy Gerry told the MAC that the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subdivision is complete and all mitigation measures were agreed upon. The MAC thanked the Gerry's for attending, and with no further discussion, Don Shubert moved to recommend approval of the subdivision. Mark Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.

9a. Report from Ventura County Sheriff on Day Laborers

Captain Jeff Matson told the MAC that they patrolled the area for a specified time and it eliminated the loitering and associated problems. Residents and the MAC thanked Captain Matson for his diligence in solving a long-standing nuisance problem.

CHP Officer Randy Hosking was also in attendance and received expressions of appreciation from residents for helping solve a difficult problem. Officer Hosking told the MAC that Captain Cliff Williams had recently approved another full-time officer for the afternoon shift who will help cover the 10 unincorporated areas he patrols. Officer Hosking introduced his new assistant, Officer Dave Kajiwara. In addition, a CHP newsletter entitled "Wireless Telephone Law FAQ's" was distributed to residents.

b. Grant Timeline for Synchronized Signal Project

Kevin Cannon informed the MAC that the grant to the California Transportation Commission had been submitted. Supervisor Parks requested and received letters of support from Assemblymember Stickland, Brownley and Nava. Butch Britt and Nazir Lalani put together an excellent study to support the grant. Although the construction bidding cannot go forward until the grant results are finalized in May, residents are hopeful that the \$1.5M grant request will be approved.

c. Community Representative on Synchronized Signals.

As stated above under 9b., the project is on hold until the grant results are finalized.

d. CERT Report, including Obtaining a Trailer for the Santa Rosa Valley

Item 9d. was continued to the April meeting for Rosemary Allison's report.

e. Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge Overpass

Item 9e. was continued to the April meeting for Gusie Woodfil's report.

f. Santa Rosa Park Status Report.

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the park is anticipated to be constructed in July. The acceleration/deceleration lane bids will be finalized shortly. The design includes over 300 oak

trees in addition to 300 willows, California black walnut trees, sycamore trees and elderberry bushes. She looks forward to a ribbon-cutting and barbeque in the upcoming months.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation re Policy on Equestrian Property

Information Items:

Report Norwegian Grade Safety Issues

Social Host Ordinance Presentation

Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

CERT Report and Trailer for the Santa Rosa Valley

Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge Overpass

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. to April 17, 2008.