

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 24, 2008

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, April 24, 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

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fred Meyer.

3. Agenda Review

Items 9a and 9b were moved to be after Item 5 to accommodate Jay Spurgin of the Public Works Department for the City of Thousand Oaks and Captain Ronald Nelson of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department. The agenda was otherwise approved as submitted.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were revised to correct the spelling of Via Zurita and to delete the clause after "dangerous road" in the third paragraph of Item 6.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that a culvert on Santa Rosa Road near the school will undergo repairs on or about May 8, 2008 and traffic delays up to 15 minutes might be experienced. The scoping meeting for Wildwood Preserve EIR took place at the County Government Center today. With respect to the signal grant for Santa Rosa Road, Supervisor Parks will be in San Diego to support the project before the California Transportation Commission. Information for the Santa Rosa Valley Community Beautification Event was available and lists the recycling opportunities to be available on Saturday, May 17, 2008. The City of Thousand Oaks hosted their Arbor/Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 19, 2008 and it was a great success. Supervisor Parks told the MAC that she would be bringing forward a suggestion that some of the grass landscaping in front of the County's Hall of Administration in Ventura be replaced with xeriscaping and drought tolerant plots which could highlight local landscaping companies who use water efficient and native species alternatives.

6. Public Comments

Fred Meyer said that major potholes are forming in Santa Rosa Road driving towards Camarillo where the joints between two pavements meet and water pools. Rosemary Allison asked that Mr. Meyer put the exact location in an e-mail to her so that the problem can be submitted to PWA.

Carol Hunter asked if Supervisor Parks' office could assist with getting the trash service day changed back to Fridays since Waste Management had recently moved her collection day to Tuesday and she is not able to manage her trash bins without assistance from her Friday landscaping service.

Kevin Cannon reported that he had attended the EIR scoping meeting for Wildwood Preserve Estates. The subject of nitrates in the groundwater came up at the meeting and can be addressed once the EIR is available for public comments. In addition, Kevin reported that Vic Penun suggested high visibility crosswalk striping and offered photographs depicting the type of striping.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

None.

8. Action Items:

a. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair.

Item 8a was postponed to the next meeting when Don Shubert and Mark Burley can be present.

b. Recommendation re Policy on Equestrian Property

Don Shubert requested that his memorandum be read into the record at the meeting. However, due to the absence of two MAC members, discussion of the item was postponed to the May meeting.

9a. Report on Norwegian Grade Safety Issues

Jay Spurgin, the Deputy Public Works Director for the City of Thousand Oaks said that the City is well aware that Moorpark Road within the City is not in the best condition. The City will determine where the structural deficiencies are and issue a report and cost analysis. At the minimum, there will be crack filling and sections of the old pavement will be removed and replaced. At best, they hope to do a complete overlay. The City will not be widening the Norwegian Grade because the cost is too high. In addition, widening would require retaining walls and would environmentally impact the canyon. There have been no slope or road failures on the Norwegian Grade, although occasional rocks may fall. Mr. Spurgin said he reviewed accident statistics, and although there was a fatality in December, there have not been many accidents on the Norwegian Grade.

An application has been submitted for grant funding for guardrails. He expects to hear whether the grant will be approved in the next 2-3 months.

With respect to alternative bicyclist trails, Mr. Spurgin told the MAC that the City is working with a homeowner's association to create a Class 1 bike path off Read Road onto Olson Road.

To sum up, Mr. Spurgin said he would be happy to update the MAC when the consultant's report is done.

b. Social Host Ordinance Presentation

Captain Ronald Nelson of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department told the MAC he was transferred to the Moorpark Station three weeks ago. He explained that the County enacted the Social Host Ordinance in January 2006 to counteract problems with drinking parties of underage residents. The ordinance goes after those who host the party with a civil penalty of \$1,000. It can be issued to renters or property owners. He said that none have been issued in Santa Rosa Valley. The City of Moorpark has issued 4 and Santa Susana Knolls had one. A public awareness campaign was sponsored when the ordinance was first adopted.

Statistics from the County's Behavioral Health Department have shown that a lot of crime occurs with drinking alcohol, including sexual battery and traffic collisions. Many teenage rapes involve alcohol. Adults should be aware that "alcopops" drinks resemble energy drinks but have double the alcohol content.

Residents suspecting underage drinking parties should call **805-654-9511**. Two or more juveniles drinking at the location will trigger a \$1,000 fine. The fine is levied against the property. However, youth can work off the \$1,000 fine.

c. CERT Report

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the Emergency Trailer that was purchased for Oak Park was obtained with Homeland Security Funds. Santa Rosa Valley is on the list but there are other communities with a larger population on the list as well. Suggestions of using a storage "pod" instead were discussed. Rosemary Allison said that Gusie Woodfil is looking into other forms of training, but noted she was not at the meeting to discuss. In addition, a website has been purchased and will be accessible through "SantaRosaValley911.com" and "SantaRosaValleyDisaster.com". The MAC is in the process of considering a radio system to communicate in disaster situations.

d. Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge Overpass

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

f. Santa Rosa Park Status Report

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that a federally endangered species, Least Bell's Vireo, has been found nesting at the site, necessitating a delay in park plans for a few months. However, the restrooms, picnic area and other portions not near the nesting site will be on-going. She is still anticipating the park will open this year.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation re Policy on Equestrian Property

Information Items:

Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

CERT Update

Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge Overpass

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to May 15, 2008.