

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 18, 2008

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, September 18, 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

Don Shubert called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. MAC members Ruth Means, Janis Gardner and Mark Burley were present. Rosemary Allison was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Eugene West led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Mark Burley requested that the report from the Community Representative, items 9a and 9d be moved in order that the Community Representative, Kevin Cannon, could attend another meeting the same evening.

4. Approval of Minutes

The July 17, 2008 Minutes were reviewed. There being no changes to the minutes, Mark Burley moved and Ruth Means seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed 4/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks was unable to attend the meeting and Don Shubert read a prepared Statement into the minutes. Copy of the Statement is attached.

There were two items which the Council has requested clarification:

1. The Santa Rosa Valley Trail plan will be heard at the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 14, 2008, the Council wanted clarification of exactly what this means and Mark Burley will contact Supervisor Parks office for follow-up.
2. In regards to the update on the CERT container, the Fire Department has given permission, however the county has an ordinance not allowing a storage container on a vacant parcel. The Council has asked for clarification of the term "principle use." We are also asking for clarification of "structure". In addition, it would be helpful if the Council knew the size of the shipping container. Rosemary Allison will be asked to follow-up with Supervisor Parks' office on these questions, and Janis Gardner will check with the Santa Rosa Magnet School to determine if it is possible to store the CERT container on school property.

6. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Mark Burley: Mark brought up the Norwegian Grade overlay project and the fact that we have not heard back from the City of Thousand Oaks. We should also ask the status of any guardrail installation projects. Mark suggested that a follow-up letter and/or a phone call be made to Jay Spurgin 805 449 2444 of the City of Thousand Oaks. Mark read the letter that had been sent to the City of Thousand Oaks.

John Nicholson added that whatever correspondence is sent to the City, we should copy the County. John asked if there was any way of leveraging the County with the City of Thousand Oaks.

Janis Gardner: Janis agreed that we should contact Jay Spurgin and that since she had made the initial inquiry to the City of Thousand Oaks that she would follow-up with him.

Ruth Means: Ruth mentioned that one of the residents in Rancho Santa Rosa was selling horse manure to Consolidated Rubbish Disposal. She raised the issue that possibly the MAC should investigate the possibility of sponsoring a recycling program for horse manure. If there was a profit motive, perhaps it would be more successful. Mark suggested we contact the Mushroom Farm to see if they could pick up the manure directly.

Don Shubert told the MAC that Jim Fortney and he met with Gus Sanchez to review the current plan for waste management on Rancho Santa Rosa. At this time there have been no complaints. They have divided their staging area into two sections and apparently this has reduced the numbers of complaints. Don also mentioned that there appears to be a possible vector control problem on the corner of N. Las Posas Circle and Las Posas Road. Don will follow-up with Linda Parks to see if the County of Ventura can remove weeds growing in the street which appear to be impeding the water run off.

8. Action Items:

a. Wildfire Action Plan Presentation: Captain Ron Oatman, the Public Information Officer for the Ventura County Fire Department gave a comprehensive review of the Wildfire Action Plan brochure and discussed what options the residents have regarding whether to stay or leave in the event of a wildfire. The presentation was well received by the MAC and the audience.

b. Letter of Support to COSCA for Santa Rosa Connector Trail.

Mark Burley read a proposed letter to be sent to COSCA from the MAC. After discussion, Mark made a motion that the letter be sent to COSCA on behalf of the MAC. The motion was seconded by Ruth Means. Motion passed 4-0.

9. Information Items

a. Community Representative on Synchronized Signals

Kevin Cannon: Kevin Cannon updated the MAC on the status of the synchronized signal project: The installation of the signals could begin by the end of the month of September with activation planned for mid-February 2009. Kevin reminded the MAC that the installation would be on a sequential basis and there will be implementation issues with the project because of the complexity of the project. Kevin has one more easement to obtain on Blanchard Road. Kevin reviewed the situation at Yucca and reiterated that Taft Electric would be installing loops at Yucca to alleviate the problem with the visual sensors. He also reminded the MAC that we should do as much education as possible prior to the installation and activation of the signals.

b. Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge

Mark Burley: Mark reiterated the proposed costs of the safety fence. Other possible solutions were discussed, such as a railroad car bridge. Mark will investigate other possibilities and the item will be an information item at the next meeting. In addition, Supervisor Parks will be asked if she would determine if the County civil engineer could help with the project.

c. Update on CERT: The CERT update was covered in Supervisor Park's comments.

d. Crosswalk report: Mark Burley stated that there was a cross walk on PCH which appeared to be a squiggle cross walk. Kevin Cannon will check with Nazir on the legality of such a crosswalk in California.

e. Update on Repaving Sections of Santa Rosa Road: There was no update on the repaving of Santa Rosa Road and therefore it was postponed until the October meeting. The MAC will ask Linda for an update at that time.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items: Response from the City of Thousand Oaks regarding Norwegian Grade

Information Items: John Nicholson asked if the MAC could obtain a speaker from the County of Ventura to address the MAC on Evacuation Plans for Ventura County in case of a disaster, Safety Fence at Las Posas Bridge, and Repaving of Santa Rosa Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. to October 16, 2008.



County of Ventura
SUPERVISOR LINDA PARKS

DATE: September 18, 2009
TO: Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council
FROM: Supervisor Linda Parks
SUBJECT: Comments by Supervisor Parks for September MAC meeting

Below please find follow-up items regarding Santa Rosa Valley issues for your September MAC meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

SANTA ROSA PARK STATUS:

The birds have flown the coop! The Least Bell's vireo (endangered bird species) has successfully hatched, fledged, and moved on from their nest near the Park so construction of Phase I improvements can now finish. Construction will re-commence September 29th.

The Park is anticipated to be complete in November and our office will help coordinate a fun-filled ribbon cutting and BBQ to commemorate the opening.

TRAILS AND WILDLIFE LINKAGES:

The Santa Rosa Valley Trail Plan will be heard at the Board of Supervisors October 14, 2008 at 10 a.m.

Later that same meeting at 2:45 p.m., I have an item to create an overlay zone to protect Wildlife Linkages. If approved, staff will move forward with establishing the overlay zone which would be set for hearing in Spring 2009. In the East County those linkages connect the Santa Monica Mountains and Simi Hills through the Montclef/Tierra Rejada corridors. The overlay zone would establish development standards to minimize impact on wildlife movement.

The public is invited to provide their input to assist the Board in their deliberations.

MAC APPOINTMENTS:

In light of the fact that only three candidates chose to run for the three available seats, Rosemary Allison, Janis Gardner and Don Shubert will be re-appointed as elected officials and sworn-in at the November MAC meeting. (Congratulations!)

UPDATE ON CERT EMERGENCY CONTAINER:

A shipping container is available for free and the Fire Department has given us permission to

locate it on their property next to the School. Unfortunately, we are finding that a storage container is not allowed on a vacant parcel. There needs to be a principle use in order for an accessory structure to be allowed on the property. We will continue to follow up on options.