

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 22, 2009

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2009
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 6:02 p.m. MAC members Janis Gardner, Ruth Means Mark Burley, and Rosemary Allison were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ron Van Dyck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Item 9a was moved up to follow Item 5.

4. Approval of Minutes

The March 19, 2009 Minutes were revised to change "Sunday" to "Saturday" in Item 7. In the second paragraph of Item 8c, the last line was revised to read: "Kevin Cannon relayed the PWA's position that the Homeowners' Association would have to address the problem." In the second line of Item 9b, the words "and fund" were added after the word "find." Mark Burley moved to approve the minutes as revised and Janis Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that volunteers are needed to work at the polls during the countywide elections on May 19. If anyone from the community is interested, please call the Ventura County Elections Division.

Supervisor Parks shared with the MAC that tight budget considerations will impact the Sheriff's Department due to a \$10M deficit. However, at the April 21 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved an exemption for a Board policy that requires departments to cut commensurate with reductions in outside funding. The Board voted to delay Sheriff staff reductions to allow time to assess the results of the election in May, noting that the County has invested \$50,000 to train each deputy hired in recent years.

A Santa Rosa Valley resident called to alert Supervisor Parks that there were numerous burglaries from their yards on Los Cedros. The Sheriff's Department will step up nighttime patrols to try to curtail the illegal activity.

Another resident requested assistance with bees that were migrating in and around her backyard and swimming pool from the Gerry farm. The Agricultural Commissioner's office was contacted and reported back to Supervisor Parks that the Gerry's had relocated the hives and added a sweet water source to keep the bees on their property benefiting the crops.

Supervisor Parks reported that graffiti, particularly in local flood channels, has been increasing. She was able to have it painted over in Oak Park, Newbury Park and Santa Rosa Valley with a work furlough team from the probation department. She suggested in the future that citizen volunteers could work on a regular basis with the Watershed Protection District. The MAC said they will solicit volunteers to help keep the community clean from graffiti.

Supervisor Parks reported that commendations to County Staff, Counsel, and Kevin Cannon were presented at the April 21 Board of Supervisors Meeting in recognition of their extraordinary efforts in getting engineering reporting assessments and ballots done, and installing the signals on Santa Rosa Road. In addition, she said Community Spirit Awards for residents who have

gone the extra mile on the synchronization project will be awarded at the next SRV MAC meeting. Al Adam, a former member of Supervisor Parks' staff who was instrumental in helping with the synchronized traffic signal installation project was presented with an award and praised for his leadership and ability to start the ball rolling on this important community safety project.

6. Public Comments

Steven Saeta told the MAC that he moved to the community 25 years ago and had noticed how bad traffic had become over that time period. He extended a big "thank you" to the MAC for making life so much better through the traffic signalization project and the rubberized pavement installation. Mr. Saeta said the work the MAC had completed with County staff is "phenomenal and fantastic."

Bill Bertram from the Thousand Oaks Soaring Society said that he attended the MAC meeting to find out if the glider community can co-exist with equestrians at Santa Rosa Park. He said the Soaring Society has been "handed their hat" at the Redwood Middle School site they have used every Sunday for years. Mr. Bertram said he has no luck whatsoever with the Thousand Oaks City Council in finding another location. For instance, the Soaring Society received permission to use Rancho Potrero, but the site is too close to houses and trees. He said the club wanted to request a Conditional Use Permit from the County to fly in Santa Rosa Park, and they would like a 150 ft. X 300 ft. strip at the intersection of the equestrian trail closest to Hill Canyon Road. Mr. Bertram also told the MAC that the 33-acre property across from Santa Rosa Park that belongs to the City of Thousand Oaks might become available. He said that Scott Mitnick told him if the Soaring Society installed sod, it would meet the agricultural designation, and they could bid on it. Mr. Bertram told the MAC that the Soaring Society hopes to host large regional contests similar to the ones held in the Visalia floodplain.

Mark Burley asked Mr. Bertram if there is any danger to people from the planes. Mr. Bertram replied that club members do not launch when something is in the way. He said they have \$20M insurance. Mr. Burley thanked Mr. Bertram for attending the meeting and said the MAC would be making recommendations to the County regarding uses in the park.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Rosemary Allison said she wanted to pay special tribute to Kevin Cannon and nominated him as a hero for his personal time invested in the traffic signalization project. She also told the MAC that Ray Cogswell, who was a fixture in the community had passed away, noting that his presence will be sorely missed.

Ruth Means asked that Phase II of Santa Rosa Valley Park be added as an action item at the next meeting.

Don Shubert requested a written CHP Accident Report in the event Officers Hosking and Kajiwara are unavailable to attend the next meeting.

8. Action Items:

a. Recommendations re Uses in Santa Rosa Park

Ron Van Dyke was present to note the recommendations from the MAC and to answer questions about what can be accomplished in Phase I of Santa Rosa Park. He explained that the Parks Department is an enterprise and not part of taxpayer money. His job is to provide for 24 County facilities, keeping in line with the Board directive that all parks built must be self-sustaining. Santa Rosa Park is the first park built in Supervisorial District 2. He said metal hitching posts were made from parts off the shelf. They will be installing an "Entrance" sign at the actual park entrance soon. In addition, the \$2 weekday and \$4 weekend fees imposed to park at County parks will be waived for several years at Santa Rosa Park. Operating hours were discussed, and Mr. Van Dyke said closing time is typically 5:00 p.m. in the winter and 7:00 p.m. in the summer. He noted that rafts are not permitted in the creek. There is a 5-acre portion of the park that does

not permit equestrians in Phase I. That non-riding area will disappear once the trail easement is obtained and the riding arena and other amenities are built.

Mark Burley told the MAC that Santa Rosa Valley Trails, Inc. is interested in taking on trail easements. Mr. Burley will draft a letter to the City of Thousand Oaks to be discussed at the next MAC meeting. After discussion of several items, he made a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that:

1. The trail be extended to go all the way around the perimeter of the park.
2. No model planes of any sort be permitted in Santa Rosa Park.
3. The summer closing time be extended to 8:00 p.m. if possible, at the determination of the Parks Department.
4. Signs be installed on Santa Rosa Road to direct the public to the park.
5. Dogs be kept on leash in all portions of the park.
6. The mid-way break in the fence be enlarged to accommodate equestrians.

Don Shubert seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

The MAC expressed their sincere appreciation to Mr. Van Dyke for his assistance with the equestrian park that residents have been working on for decades.

b. Recommendation re Religious Institutions

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that currently under the County's Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance, large congregations are allowed to build in the Open Space zone. The Board of Supervisors approved a 45-day moratorium on all assembly uses in Open Space to make their ordinance legal. The moratorium can be extended until the Planning Department can suggest changes to the General Plan that will protect Open Space. Mark Burley said he will write a letter from the MAC recommending that assembly uses be prohibited in the Open Space zones. Janis Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

Rosemary Allison said that the parcel of land on the northeast corner of Moorpark Road has been purchased by the Moorpark Vineyard Church who have requested a Conditional Use Permit. She noted the land is in the City of Thousand Oaks. She said the church is also seeking property for a sobriety house. The MAC expressed their concern for traffic impacts at that busy Santa Rosa Valley intersection and suggested that the Chair contact the pastor to ask if he could possibly attend the next MAC meeting.

9. Information Items:

a. Update on Norwegian Grade

Tom Pizza, Engineering Division Manager for the City of Thousand Oaks, said the Norwegian Grade is an old State highway that will be repaved in the next few months. Public Works' contractors intend to recycle and retain all the material on site. The road will continue to be two, uniform, 12-foot-wide lanes, but the new pavement will be rubberized asphalt. Safety enhancements will include minor drainage improvements, new curbs, striping, warning devices and an extension of the guardrails. The project is being funded by an \$800,000 grant from CalTrans, and the City is waiting for authorization to proceed from CalTrans. Once received, the time line is for two months' closure between Santa Rosa Road and Calle Contento with crews working extended hours to complete the job safely and quickly in the summer.

Tom Pizza also discussed the bicycle trail that will extend from Read Road to Olson Road and told the MAC all easements had been obtained from nearby landowners. Char Virnig suggested that signs be installed to point cyclists to the Read Road trail. Tom said that suggestions or questions regarding the cyclist trail should be directed to Kathy Lowry who is the Bicycle Coordinator for the City. He also suggested that the MAC coordinate with Conejo Recreation Park District, specifically Ed Johnduff, Interim Park Planner, if they have questions regarding parkland. Ruth Means said she would contact Mr. Johnduff.

The MAC thanked Mr. Pizza for attending the meeting and for his willingness to keep the Santa Rosa Valley community updated about the Norwegian Grade closure.

b. Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo

Mark Burley said that John Johs has completed the design for the bridge and the soils survey is the next phase of the design.

c. Update on CERT Emergency Container

Rosemary Allison informed the MAC that there will be a CERT class at her house on May 24 to learn how to get FCC licenses for walkie-talkie radio communication that will not be dependent on landlines. The cost is \$25.

d. Community Beautification Event: Saturday, May 30, 2009

Don Shubert reminded the MAC that the Community Beautification Event will be on May 30, 2009 in time to clear lots for the fire control deadline on June 1st. Fliers will be distributed in the next several weeks.

e. Wildwood Estates Update on Final EIR

Janet Wall told the MAC that the Draft Final EIR is due to be completed this week and CDs will be mailed to the MAC in time to review it before the Environmental Report Review Committee on May 6, 2009. She also told the MAC the Planning Commission hearing has not been scheduled yet.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

Recommendation re Wildwood Preserve
Recommendation re Uses in Santa Rosa Park
Recommendation re Santa Rosa Valley Trails, Inc.

Information Items:

Community Spirit Awards from Supervisor Parks
Norwegian Grade Update
Community Beautification Event Results
Moorpark Vineyard Church Update
CERT Update
Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo Update
Graffiti Team Update

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to Thursday, June 18, 2009