

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 25, 2009

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 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 6:07 p.m. MAC members Ruth Means, Mark Burley, and Rosemary Allison were present. MAC member Janis Gardner was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Don Shubert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Item 9a was moved up to follow Item 6.

4. Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Allison moved to approve the April 22, 2009 minutes as submitted, and Mark Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the County budget was approved 2 weeks ago. It is anticipated that the State may take the gas tax due the County and that there will be significant reductions in the road fund. However, the rubberized pavement scheduled for Santa Rosa Road will be completed with stimulus funding.

Supervisor Parks reported that at the last BOS meeting, restrictive conditions were upheld for a wedding venue on Balcom Canyon Road requiring reduced hours and number of events per year.

Last month, Supervisor Parks held a meeting with residents of the Casa Conejo area in Newbury Park to discuss forming a Municipal Advisory Council for their area. Over 100 people attended the meeting and 20 volunteered to serve on the first MAC board. Supervisor Parks expressed her appreciation for Don Shubert's attendance to tell residents what the Santa Rosa Valley MAC has been able to accomplish.

6. Public Comments

CHP Officer Randy Hosking told the MAC that they continue to monitor Santa Rosa Road at least 2 or 3 times a week. Enforcement was stepped up during the initial installation of the synchronized signals. He said there is no rise in accident statistics despite the fact that statistically signals usually increase accident rates. He informed the MAC that last year, before the lights, there were 10 accidents on Santa Rosa Road, with 8 intersection collisions and during the same time period this year, there were 6 intersection collisions. Most of the citations issued involve speed, seat belts, and illegal passing.

In answer to a resident question, Officer Hosking said that the speed limit in front of the school is 25mph when children are outside the chain link fence.

Captain Ron Nelson attended the MAC to update residents on local crime. He said that during the last 3 months there has been a small spike in commercial related burglaries. In addition, residents have encountered theft from storage containers, especially landscaping equipment. Another target has been thefts from mailboxes. He cautioned residents that with a slowing economy, an increase in theft is expected so residents should be diligent. Captain Nelson encouraged residents to be reactive, call if they see any suspicious activity, and to also get to know their neighbors. In closing, Captain Nelson alerted the MAC to a local scam involving

purchasing a “finish” for their motor homes, usually at a cost ranging from \$90 to \$1,000. He said the product applied to the finish is grease.

In response to a resident question, Captain Nelson explained that people who sift through trash are technically committing theft when they take recyclable items.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Rosemary Allison said she is arranging a Neighborhood Watch meeting. She told the MAC that the CERT team recently obtained ham radio licenses for use in neighborhood emergencies. In addition, she said the Red Cross is considering holding a 2-day class in the Santa Rosa Valley. Rosemary reminded everyone that the American Cancer Society fundraiser date is August 23 and to e-mail her if you want to participate.

Ruth Means said she noted that platoons between signals on Santa Rosa Road can be as many as 40 cars long. She said she will contact Richard Herrera to address the issue.

8. Action Items:

a. Recommendations re Wildwood Preserve

Lee Sehon and **Dave White** attended the meeting as representatives for Wildwood Estates Preserve. Mr. Sehon told the MAC that their intention is to add to the wildlife corridor by preserving that portion of land even though it will be privately owned. He said that equestrian trails, including those that lead to Santa Rosa Park, are part of the project, and the trail will be dedicated to a management entity such as Santa Rosa Valley Trails Inc. He explained that the project consists of 133 acres and that the 80 mountainous acres will be untouched and be put into Open Space in perpetuity. He told the MAC the arroyo will be protected forever after non-native plants are removed. The project has 18 planned lots and he said a number of them do not have equestrian use allowed. Mr. Sehon said their project will be using New Building Construction Green Guidelines, although they will not be LEED certified. He explained that the project conforms to SOAR and the County’s General Plan. He told the MAC that Blanchard Road improvements will be undertaken by their project, including utility undergrounding, redesign of the drain basin and flood channel improvements to allow for a 100-year flood. In closing, Mr. Sehon said he felt the project is high quality and hoped the MAC would recommend in its favor.

Nancy Francis and **Michelle Gluckert D’Anna**, County Planning staff, attended the meeting to answer questions. Ms. Francis told the MAC that any comments related to the project should be submitted and will become part of the public record. She said that Section 9.0 of the EIR explains how the analysis was completed regarding how many horses are allowed on each lot. The Planning Commission hearing is currently scheduled for July 16, with a tentative date of August 4 for the Board of Supervisors.

Don Shubert closed the public comment period and opened the MAC discussion for a motion.

Mark Burley and **Rosemary Allison** expressed their sincere concern that horses are limited on large lots in Wildwood Estates Preserve. Ms. Allison said she feels the study is faulty because it used bovine statistics. Mr. Burley said the formula for determining the number of horses permitted on each lot is not scientific because it does not take into consideration the number of acres put into open space.

Ruth Means said that the “Best Practice Manure Management Plan” was used as a mitigating factor at Malibu Farms.

Mark Burley said Lee Sehon and Dave White were great at communication and cooperation with the MAC. He said the MAC has a policy that all properties in the Santa Rosa Valley should be allowed horses. He felt that horse limitations was a political decision and not based on good science. Because Gerhardt Hubner had readjusted two lots to allow two horses instead of one horse, based on the number of open space acres in the project, he thought all lots should be

adjusted likewise. He stated that another option would be to make all lots bigger. Mr. Burley made a motion to recommend conditional approval to the Planning Commission based on two changes to the plans: (1) That all lots are allowed a minimum of two horses based on the fact that using the entire acreage of the project could be used as mitigation for nitrates; and (2) That trails are included on the north side as well as the south side of the arroyo as shown on the Santa Rosa Valley Trail Plan that is before the County. Ruth Means seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

Mark Burley made a second motion to send a letter from the MAC to the Planning Commission based on their discussion and recommendation. Rosemary Allison seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

b. Letter to Verizon re Barbed Wire at Blanchard

Mark Burley said he will write a letter to Verizon from the MAC asking that they either modify or remove the barbed wire at Blanchard. Rosemary Allison seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

c. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

Ruth Means nominated Rosemary Allison as Chair. Mark Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

Mark Burley nominated Ruth Means as Vice Chair. Don Shubert seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

9. Information Items:

a. Community Spirit Awards from Supervisor Parks

Supervisor Parks mentioned that Kevin Cannon had received a commendation at the Board of Supervisors but that Community Spirit Awards for residents involved in the community effort on the synchronized signal project were in order. Community Spirit Awards were then read and awarded to those residents.

b. Norwegian Grade Update

Janet Wall read from a memo dated June 22, 2009, from Mark Watkins, Public Works Director for the City of Thousand Oaks which states that with respect to the pavement rehabilitation and safety enhancements on the Norwegian Grade "the earliest contract award can be made in September with construction following in October."

c. Community Beautification Event Results

Don Shubert told the MAC that a total of 159 vehicles were served at the CBE, a 24% decrease from last year's total vehicle count of 208 vehicles. The total amount of recyclables and trash collected was as follows:

Refuse/Bulky Items: 6.29 tons were collected for disposal, a 30% decrease from the 8.97 tons collected in 2008

Greenwaste: 8.27 tons were brought for recycling a 1% increase over the 8.19 tons brought in 2008

Metal: 1.97 tons of metal items were brought for recycling, a 13% increase over the 1.75 tons brought in 2008

Cardboard: a 3-yd bin was filled with flat cardboard, but no weight was recorded

E-waste: 66 of the 159 total vehicles (41.5%) brought a total of 3.55 tons of e-waste, including 64 CRT containing devices (TVs, computer monitors). This is a 12% decrease in tonnage from 2008, when 78 of 208 total vehicles (37.5%) brought 4.04 tons including 70 CRTs.

d. Moorpark Vineyard Church Update

Don Shubert informed the MAC that Pastor Filmer had been contacted and said that he could attend the July 16 MAC meeting.

e. CERT Update

The CERT Update was postponed to the July meeting.

f. Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo

Mark Burley said he expects a final plan for the bridge to be complete shortly. A permit from the Watershed Protection District for the soil analysis was submitted and they are waiting for the results.

g. Graffiti Team Update

Rosemary Allison said she outlined the need for a graffiti removal team in the newsletter. Kevin Cannon agreed to be the point person for the team. They hope to authorize service hours for teenagers as well.

h. NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that she is trying to get redress for the Newbury Park-Moorpark substation proposed by SCE. The Public Utilities Commission has agreed to hold a hearing. Supervisor Parks stressed that she is involved in addressing what can be done from a land use perspective in light of mandates for alternative energy sources such as wind and solar so that good places for installation of lines are identified.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

None

Information Items:

Wildfire Action Plan Presentation
Moorpark Vineyard Church Update
CERT Update
Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo Update
Graffiti Team Update
NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to Thursday, July 16, 2009