

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 16, 2009

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 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

Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. MAC members Ruth Means, Janis Gardner, and Don Shubert were present. MAC member Mark Burley was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

John Stalberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Item 9b was moved up to follow Public Comments.

4. Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Allison moved to approve the June 25, 2009 minutes as submitted, and Don Shubert seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0 with Janis Gardner abstaining.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that social services for the poor may be reduced or eliminated depending on the state outcome. The Board of Supervisors has a policy that requires programs to be eliminated if the funding source goes away. In addition, as many as 100-200 County jobs could be eliminated due to budget cuts.

6. Public Comments

John Stalberg inquired why the changes were made to the Lexington Hills entry when they had been told nothing would be changed for a year. He said that the changes have made it easier to exit their community onto Moorpark Road.

Captain Ron Nelson told the MAC that there had been a reduction in graffiti since school closed for the summer months. He reminded residents that landscaping equipment is still being stolen from trucks parked in front of homes. In some instances, trucks with keys left in the ignition are driven off to another location before the landscaping equipment is taken. Reports show that Honda lawnmowers and construction equipment are popular items for thieves.

In response to a question from Jim Fortney regarding wild animals, Captain Nelson said that residents should first call 911. Fish & Game may respond; however, residents should realize that there is only one State Fish & Game officer covering thousands of miles in Southern California.

CHP Officer Randy Hosking told the MAC that they continue to issue citations on Santa Rosa Road, mostly for speeding violations. He noted that the new signals effectively pool cars into clusters and frequently speeders travel far ahead of the cluster.

Dave White from the Wildwood Preserve Estates project told the MAC that the Planning Commission date had been rescheduled to August and that the project would come before the Board of Supervisors in September.

Sandra Berg told the MAC that the American Cancer Society's Inaugural Ventura County gala will be held on August 23rd from 3 to 7 p.m. Entitled, La Dolce Vita, An Evening of Hope, tickets cost \$125. Ms. Berg said additional information and ticket purchase can be found on their website: ladolcevitagala.org.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Rosemary Allison alerted residents that two family dogs had been found dead on separate days in the yards of residents off Pradera Road. The California Fish & Game Department was alerted and said the dogs were not killed by coyotes. An independent tracker was hired by a group of residents, and he believes the killings were the result of mountain lion attacks. Residents were warned to be exceedingly watchful with young children and pets when outdoors.

8. Action Items:

a. Cancellation of August Meeting

Ruth Means moved to cancel the August meeting, and **Janis Gardner** made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

9. Information Items:

a. Moorpark Vineyard Church Update

Mary Albee, Madeline Patterson and **Sherry Kerdman** told the MAC that plans had not been submitted to the City of Thousand Oaks yet, and that the project would require a Special Use Permit because the land is not zoned for a church. Further discussion of the item was postponed to a future date when the spokesperson for the church is available to attend the meeting.

b. Wildfire Action Plan Presentation

Captain Ron Oatman, the Public Information Officer for Ventura County Fire Department, attended the meeting to present the comprehensive wildfire action plan and video entitled "Ready, Set, Go." Captain Oatman noted that homes in Ventura County have burned in recent years, but no lives have been lost due to fires. The Fire Department encourages the public to prepare their property and create an evacuation plan, including two ways out of the community, well in advance of emergencies. Although residents are given the option to stay and defend their property, the Fire Department no longer condones the "stay and defend" course of action. Their main mission is to save lives.

Captain Oatman stressed that shake roof shingles should be removed and replaced with tile or composition roofing materials. He said that wind-driven embers are one of the most common causes of fire spreading and that holes near attics should have fine wire mesh installed. In addition, he said fire resistant decks should replace wood ones wherever possible. Some other tips shared by Captain Oatman included: keep tree limbs and leaf litter away from the roof and structure; have the address clearly visible on the home; seal the vents, turn on exterior lights, remove window coverings and shut all windows and doors before evacuating from the home. He stressed the 6 "P's" of prevention and preparation in the "Ready, Set, Go" brochure: 1) People and Pets; 2) Papers, Phone Numbers and Important Documents; 3) Prescriptions, Vitamins, Eyeglasses; 4) Pictures and Irreplaceable Memorabilia; 5) Personal Computer and Hard Drives; and 6) Plastic: Credit and ATM Cards and Cash.

Captain Oatman said residents should monitor local news during fires, pack early, and choose the evacuation route. Most importantly, he cautioned residents to not wait for an evacuation order when roads are most congested but to leave early.

Captain Ron Nelson provided the website link to emergency updates: vcsd.org.

Supervisor Parks reminded residents that the County installed "Reverse 911" service. She told residents they can access the link to signing up for "Reverse 911" on her website to list their cell phone numbers (the system already has their hard line phone numbers). Supervisor Parks also mentioned that Ojai Valley residents had conducted an emergency preparation exercise, and that the Santa Rosa Valley MAC may wish to stage one in the future.

c. CERT Update

Rosemary Allison advised that three safety-themed events are planned for August:

1) Saturday, August 1, a fundraiser will be held at Rosemary Allison's home to gather funds for CERT emergency supplies. The contribution is \$25/person with all proceeds going to purchase CERT supplies.

2) The American Red Cross is holding a free, 2-day Disaster Training Class on Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School.

3) Monday evening, August 17, at 7 p.m., a community-wide Neighborhood Watch meeting led by Senior Deputy Robert Berger will take place at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School.

d. Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo

The item was postponed to the next meeting.

e. Graffiti Removal Team Update

Kevin Cannon agreed to be the liaison for the Santa Rosa Valley Graffiti Team. Supervisor Parks' office will coordinate training details.

f. NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that a hearing will be held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room, Hall of Administration, on September 18. Supervisor Parks said she is looking at an overriding plan to designate appropriate areas in the County for future utility corridors.

10. Future Agenda Items

Action Items:

None

Information Items:

Moorpark Vineyard Church Update

Wildwood Preserve Update

CERT Update

Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo Update

Graffiti Team Update

NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line Update

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. to Thursday, September 17, 2009