

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 18, 2010

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2010
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 6:10 p.m. MAC members Don Shubert, Janis Gardner, Ruth Means and Mark Burley were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ruth Means led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved without revisions.

4. Approval of Minutes

Don Shubert made a motion to approve the February 18, 2010 minutes as submitted. Ruth Means made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the Board approved \$33,000 for irrigation installation at Santa Rosa Park. Regarding the County budget, Supervisor Parks said the Board of Supervisor would be reducing it more, but reserves will be maintained, as will all vital services, including fire and sheriff. She told the MAC that the Norwegian Grade resurfacing project which will include guardrails is still on schedule and expected to begin in June. County Public Works Agency will be trimming trees along Santa Rosa Road, but residents should be maintaining clearance on trees on their property, particularly if they intrude into the bike and equestrian easement along Santa Rosa Road. Supervisor Parks also made available fliers for the American Planning Association Citizens Planning Academy workshop that will take place on April 15, 2010. In addition, Supervisor Parks told the MAC that a presentation will be made next month on the Huanglongbing disease that affects citrus plants.

6. Public Comments

Officer Ron Nelson attended the meeting to tell residents that crime statistics for 2009 showed an overall 10% reduction in burglaries, auto thefts and other violent crime. However, he warned that frequently when people move to a safe neighborhood, such as the Santa Rosa Valley, they tend to become complacent and less watchful. He encouraged residents to be alert, lock their homes and remove all valuables from vehicles. Officer Nelson also mentioned that all bills and similar paperwork that includes personal data should be shredded and warned residents that gas stations can have card skimmers inserted in pumps which can capture the credit card. He said they are monitoring this criminal activity.

Officer Nelson said they are working with the California Highway Patrol on "operation hangup" and that anyone caught talking on their cellphone while driving will be issued a ticket which could be as much as \$160.

Char Virnig inquired about graffiti in the channel, and Officer Nelson said they are working with community groups that volunteer to wipe out the graffiti.

Fred Meyer asked if a speed limit sign could be placed on Escollera Avenue because trucks and cars are speeding as they approach the bottom of the steep hill. Supervisor Parks' office will follow up with PWA.

Kevin Cannon said that the Pepper trees along Santa Rosa Road westbound at Applewood and Penelope have grown so much over the last few months that they are blocking the signal.

Gusie Woodfill alerted residents that an older model, red, beat-up, pickup truck has been seen surveying several properties and that suspicious people have been noticed wandering driveways and other locations. She said one resident told her they heard a knock at their door, and when they didn't answer, the intruder came into their yard. Gusie related that in Bridlewood, someone broke into a bathroom window and then stole jewelry from the home. She asked that the community keep an eye out for strangers who may be looking for opportunities to steal someone's property.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Ruth Means commented that the letter from Butch Britt in response to the MAC's letter was very special and appreciated.

Don Shubert reminded the community that the next Community Beautification Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 22 at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School.

Janis Gardner stressed that all residents who own citrus trees should attend the April meeting to learn about the plight attacking Southern California citrus.

Mark Burley mentioned that the Santa Rosa connector trail is moving forward and that in October COSCA will host a workday. Information is posted on the Santa Rosa Valley Trails website.

Rosemary Allison told the MAC that the American Cancer Society Gala will be held on August 1 and Silent Auction items for the event are welcome. She said proceeds from the event will help Ventura County residents with cancer and that 3,000 people benefitted from last year's gala which was the first in Ventura County.

8. Information Items:

a. Volunteer Tree Planting at Santa Rosa Park

Rosemary Allison introduced **Dr. Marwood Stout**, saying he is a valued homeowner in the Santa Rosa Valley and lives in Hidden Meadows. Dr. Stout explained that he is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and that they do different types of service projects in the community. Their "Mormon Helping Hands" project this year will use their labor force of 200 volunteers to plant 250 trees in Santa Rosa Park on Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to noon. Ruth Means commented that the park has been 13 years in the making. The MAC expressed appreciation for the Mormon Church's willingness to volunteer to beautify the park and for Supervisor Parks' leadership and generosity.

b. Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection

Janet Wall read the following e-mail report from Geoff Ware, Code Compliance Manager for the City of Thousand Oaks: "A letter has been sent out to the property owner requesting the storage container be removed. A Code Compliance Officer will be monitoring this for compliance. Our Public Works Department checked the property for illegal grading and determined that a violation of the City's grading ordinance did not exist."

c. Las Posas Bridge Over the Arroyo

Mark Burley told the MAC that since last month, WPD said they were signing off on going to the Building Department who will review the plans. John Johs and Mark Burley chose the recycled plastic I-beams option because it will be a "green bridge" and because it was tested with for 70-ton tanks for endurance.

d. Update on McCrea Park

Mark Burley said the tree on the corner of the property was removed to increase visibility. The Thousand Oaks Planning Commission hearing on the item is scheduled for March 22, 2010.

e. Graffiti Removal Team Update

Kevin Cannon said he and Gusie Woodfill are coordinating with Tammy Butterworth and Rafaela Carrodegua at WPD and are in the process of choosing a date to pick up paint and wipe out the graffiti in the channel.

f. NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line

Janet Wall told the MAC that Supervisor Parks was informed that the item would be continued on the PUC agenda while residents wait to get more answers from SCE. In response to discussions with SEC regarding the Santa Rosa lines, SCE will be coming to the Board of Supervisors in April, for the first time, to reveal their master plan for installation of future lines.

g. Camrosa Update

No new information was presented.

h. COSCA Trail Plan/Trailhead at Santa Rosa Equestrian Park

Rosemary Allison sent the letter approved at the February meeting to the City Manager of Thousand Oaks. A meeting has been scheduled for March 29 with Scott Mitnick and the city attorney, Mark Watkins, Kristin Foord, and Jim Friedl to discuss the easement for the trail. Gusie Woodfill, Ruth Means, Mark Burley and Rosemary Allison will attend the meeting with CRPD, COSCA and city officials.

9. Future Agenda Items

Information Items

Huanglongbing Citrus Disease Presentation

Volunteer Tree Planting at Santa Rosa Equestrian Park

Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection

Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo Update

Norwegian Grade Update

Community Beautification Event

Graffiti Removal Team Update

NP-Moorpark SCE Transmission Line Update

COSCA Trail Plan/Trailhead at Santa Rosa Equestrian Park

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to Thursday, April 15, 2010