

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 29, 2010

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, July 29, 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, Mark Burley and Ruth Means were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review

The agenda was revised to move Item 8a after Item 3.

4. Approval of Minutes

Rosemary Allison made a motion to approve the June 17, 2010 minutes as submitted. Janis Gardner made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks' told the MAC that her office is preparing a Resolution to Officer Randy Hosking who created the California Highway Patrol Community Liaison position. Officer Hosking will be recognized at the September 21, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Parks said that the Board of Supervisors will be reviewing an item requiring a vote of the people before pensions can be raised at the August 3 Board of Supervisors meeting. In addition, she told the MAC that at the last Board of Supervisors meeting, better specificity with respect to CEQA consideration of wildlife corridors and other biological resources was discussed in connection with new development. Staff will be returning with more information at a later meeting.

6. Public Comments

CHP Officer Steve Hunsaker told the MAC that his direct line is 550-0800 and his e-mail is shunsaker@chp.ca.gov. He said he received two complaints about abandoned vehicles during the last month. One was a probate issue and the car has been sold. The other car was gone within an hour of calling the owners. Officer Hunsaker told the MAC that he is focusing on issuing speeding citations to drivers traveling on Santa Rosa Road between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. He explained that he has also stopped trucks and they have all had business in the Valley and are not just passing through. Officer Hunsaker told the MAC and community to feel free to call him with their concerns.

Gusie Woodfill told the MAC that there were several firecracker nuisance complaints on Via Zurita. In addition, Gusie wanted the MAC to know that WPD contractors were doing a terrific job and that she would be happy to prepare a "Thank You" card to send to them. The MAC agreed and recommended that Gusie send the note to Supervisor Parks' office.

Nicholas Baker from Boy Scout Troop 6750 presented his owl box Eagle Scout project to the MAC. Mr. Baker plans to build and install 5 owl boxes and an information kiosk at Santa Rosa Park as part of the rodent abatement efforts. He outlined his project and showed a completed owl box. He explained that the owl boxes will cost \$170 each and wondered if anyone would be willing to donate money for his project. Four MAC and community members each agreed to donate funds to cover the remaining owl boxes. The MAC thanked Nicholas for his efforts and wished him luck on his Eagle Scout award.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Rosemary Allison told the MAC that the Santa Rosa Valley car show will be held August 8 and that postcards publicizing it would be coming in the mail.

Mark Burley reported that the Santa Rosa Connector Trail is scheduled to be done October 16 during the COSCA trail work day. He said it will be located between the lower Santa Rosa Valley trail and the upper Santa Rosa Valley trail. The new trail will connect Santa Rosa Valley with Wildwood Park.

Mark Burley also told the MAC that he received an e-mail from Frank Royer at Camrosa who said there is very little information on wells on the east end of the Valley. Mr. Burley said Mr. Royer agreed that the well water level has risen since 1993 and mentioned that Camrosa will continue to gather information on well water quality and depth.

8. Information Items

a. Santa Rosa Park and the Conejo Recreation and Park District (Jim Friedl)

Jim Friedl, General Manager of Conejo Recreation and Park District, told the MAC that he will determine if there is a way to help get Santa Rosa Equestrian Park moving along. He told the MAC that Conejo Recreation and Park District is an individual special district and has 5 elected board members. CRPD maintains a 5 year strategic plan which is updated every 12-18 months. He said CRPD is one of the top 5 park districts in the State with respect to facilities. Mr. Friedl explained that Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency is a separate agency that only works on open space. He said there are 15,000 acres of open space, 140 miles of trails and 42 park sites in the total district area. The CRPD budget comes from property taxes, user fees and special assessment districts. Mr. Friedl handed out the Fall 2010 CRPD Recreation Program Guide as well as plans for McCrea Park visitor center.

Mr. Friedl said that if there is some way to be of assistance, CRPD is willing to help. He praised Santa Rosa Valley Trail's trail master plan, and said it makes sense for all of the trail systems to work together.

Rosemary Allison said that she appreciated the opportunity to work with CRPD and that it is important to residents that the park stay protected as an equestrian park because the community has been working toward that goal for 20 years. She said the equestrian community also appreciates concerns about keeping the watershed clean and verified that they intend to continue to be good stewards of the land. She asked if Mr. Friedl would be willing to help the dialogue between the City of Thousand Oaks, the County and the Santa Rosa Valley community.

Mr. Friedl said he is willing to help the dialogue between the City of Thousand Oaks, the County and the Santa Rosa Valley community. He said CRPD would prefer the equestrian portion of the park to be completed and then they would consider taking over maintenance if funding of maintenance could be covered. Residents inquired if Mr. Friedl could obtain maintenance cost information regarding Waverly Park in Thousand Oaks and he agreed to have Matt Kouba send it before the next MAC meeting.

The MAC thanked Mr. Friedl for taking time away from his busy schedule to attend their meeting and for his willingness to support a functional, connected trail system in the community.

Mark Burley suggested that the MAC write a letter to Jim Friedl and the Conejo Recreation and Park District Board suggesting further discussions regarding CRPD management of the improved Santa Rosa Park, either on an ownership basis or on a contract basis. The item will appear as an action item on the September Santa Rosa Valley MAC agenda.

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

Mark Burley explained that the Canyons Management Plan was approved and includes a trailhead in Santa Rosa Park. In addition, he said that Conejo Open Space Foundation is moving ahead with plans on the equestrian/pedestrian bridge in Santa Rosa Park.

c. Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection

Janet Wall told the MAC that the Thousand Oaks City planner's update revealed that Moorpark Vineyard Church has not yet filed an application.

d. Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo Update

Mark Burley told the MAC that they are still working on the last elements of the permit process. In addition, he said he is working with John Johs to obtain information on the new building material manufactured by AXION which will be presented to the Building and Safety Department.

e. Norwegian Grade Update

Janis Gardner inquired when signs would be installed regarding the grade closure. Janet Wall said that no new information has been presented regarding the road closure, but that Supervisor Parks' office will keep the MAC updated as information is received.

f. Graffiti Removal Team Update

Supervisor Parks' office reported that WPD is continuing to work with County Counsel on a solution for insuring private citizens while they are working in the flood channels.

9. Action Items

a. Letter of Appreciation to Pandee Leachman

Ruth Means made a motion to approve the letter of appreciation submitted by Don Shubert to Ms. Leachman for her outstanding service to the community during the 2010 Community Beautification Event. Janis Gardner made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

b. Cancellation of August MAC Meeting

Mark Burley moved to cancel the August MAC meeting. Ruth Means made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

10. Future Agenda Items

Information Items

Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection Update

Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo Update Update

Norwegian Grade Update

Graffiti Removal Team Update

COSCA Trail Plan/Trailhead at Santa Rosa Equestrian Park

Private Wells in East Santa Rosa Valley

Action Items

Letter to Conejo Recreation and Park District re Santa Rosa Equestrian Park

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to Thursday, September 16, 2010