

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 16, 2010

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, September 16, 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, and Mark Burley were present. Ruth Means was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Fortney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved without revisions.

4. Approval of Minutes

Item 5 of the draft Minutes was revised to change "Sheriff" to "California Highway Patrol." Under Item 6, the spelling of "Via Zurita" was corrected. In addition, in Item 8, paragraph 2, "Santa Rosa Valley Trails Inc." was substituted for "Mark Burley." Janis Gardner made the motion to approve the July 29, 2010 minutes with revisions. Mark Burley made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks told the MAC that the September 21, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting will include a 3-hour item to add another lane to the 101 freeway, including removing parking at Mussel Shoals and La Conchita and installing a bike lane. Supervisor Parks also told the MAC that at the last LAFCO meeting, the City of Thousand Oaks had requested approval to annex 360 acres of land in Newbury Park known as Rancho Portrero, but the item failed. State law states that the basis for annexation of land into cities is to urbanize. However, the current plans for the property include only picnic areas and trails. She stated that it would be acceptable for the Conejo Recreation and Park District to annex the land as parkland. In addition, Supervisor Parks told the MAC that she is pursuing a grant to obtain funds that protect the wetlands in Newbury Park. If preserved, the property can be used for flood water retention, which can free nearby residents from having to purchase flood insurance.

6. Public Comments

Fred Meyer told the MAC that he has attempted to get 40 mph speed limit signs on Escollera. Mr. Meyer said he also thinks a sign and speed reduction to 40 mph maximum is warranted on Las Posas Road because speeding cars frequently have near misses with residents trying to exit their driveways. Mr. Meyer said that 45 mph is too fast for a residential street. The MAC asked if Supervisor Parks' office could bring information regarding speed limits on residential streets.

Officer John Martinez informed the MAC that the Sheriff's Department is receiving more frequent complaints of theft from vehicles and reminded residents to remove all valuables from their cars and to lock them. He told the MAC that people from out of the area have been caught walking around trying handles on cars and residences. Computers, games, cameras, and purses left inside vehicles are some of the stolen items. He added that thefts are also occurring from storage containers at construction sites. Officer Martinez said that graffiti complaints are down. In closing, Officer Martinez stressed that residents should feel free to call if anything at all seems suspicious, even small matters. The MAC thanked Officer Martinez for his attentiveness.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Mark Burley shared Kevin Cannon's e-mail requesting the one year review of the synchronized signals. The MAC tabled the matter to the October meeting as an information item for further discussion.

In addition, Mark Burley said that he would like to propose planting 111 additional oak trees at Santa Rosa Park during 2011. He also proposed obtaining and installing decomposed granite in the area around the picnic tables.

Rosemary Allison said that the COSCA Trail Day will be held on Saturday, October 16. To date, 20 people have signed up to help and there are 10 groups which will each take 1/10 of the trail. Gusie Woodfill said she will contact ETI and the Arabian equestrian group to solicit additional volunteers.

8. Information Items

a. Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection

Janet Wall told the MAC that the Thousand Oaks City planner e-mailed that Moorpark Vineyard Church has not submitted any plans since the well installation.

b. Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo Update

Mark Burley told the MAC that Building and Safety approved the plastic material for the bridge. In addition, he told the MAC that Santa Rosa Valley Trails Inc. will insure the bridge and that Norma Camacho, Watershed Protection District Director, will be the liaison. Once WPD has signed off on the bridge, he said it will go to the Board of Supervisors.

c. Norwegian Grade Update

Janet Wall brought copies of the September 13, 2010 Norwegian Grade update from the City of Thousand Oaks to the meeting. The flyer states that the project will begin on Monday, September 20, 2010 and is expected to be finished in 60 days.

Rosemary Allison commented that they are concerned about the safety of Santa Rosa Road during the Norwegian Grade update. Rosemary suggested that Supervisor Parks' office contact the CHP to ask if they could be more proactive, particularly with respect to making left hand turns into the school. In addition, the MAC requested that Supervisor Parks' office thank Tom Pizza for his timely and informative updates.

d. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update

Supervisor Parks' office said that a training date is being scheduled with WPD. Mark Burley said that Kevin Cannon asked for Supervisor Parks' office to determine if training is adequate for the team leader who will then train the team members, or if all team members need to attend a training session.

e. Santa Rosa Equestrian Park Update

Mark Burley told the MAC that the Hill Canyon Trail Plan is moving forward.

Supervisor Parks said that she has scheduled a meeting with County Planning Staff to get an update on Phase II.

f. Private Wells in East Santa Rosa Valley

Janis Gardner said that she e-mailed Frank Royer at Camrosa regarding the number of private wells in Santa Rosa Valley. Frank Royer said that he will work with Mark Burley and Michael Donnelly to schedule surveys of each well to determine how high the groundwater table is and the water level for each well.

Mark Burley mentioned that Camrosa owns a parcel off Bridle Trail and that they want to take ownership of the road from WPD. He said that Santa Rosa Valley Trails Inc. will ensure that the trail easement remains.

The MAC requested that Supervisor Parks' office determine if the County has a policy on gray water use and present the information at the October meeting.

9. Action Items

a. Letter of Conejo Recreation and Park District re Santa Rosa Equestrian Park

The MAC requested that Supervisor Parks' office ask Jim Friedl what type of maintenance costs are covered under the \$10,000 figure shared in his e-mail dated September 14, 2010.

Mark Burley offered to draft the letter to CRPD. Rosemary Allison made a motion to approve Item 9a and Don Shubert made the second. Motion passed 4/0.

10. Future Agenda Items

Information Items

Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection Update

Las Posas Bridge over the Arroyo Update

Norwegian Grade Update

Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT) Update

Santa Rosa Equestrian Park Update

Private Wells in East Santa Rosa Valley

Ventura County Gray Water Policy

Action Items

Review of Santa Rosa Road Synchronized Signals

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to Thursday, October 21, 2010