

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 15, 2011

**The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2011
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 6:05 p.m. MAC members Don Shubert, Mark Burley, Janis Gardner and Ruth Means were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Fortney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Rosemary Allison moved to approve the agenda and Janis Gardner made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mark Burley moved to approve the July 21, 2011 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 Ventura County Transportation Commission is merging with Ventura Council of Governments and that transportation issues will be examined as they relate to land use. She said that McCrea Ranch Visitor Center held its ribbon cutting ceremony earlier in the day and mentioned that the architecture of the new center blends beautifully with the original buildings. She spoke about the vision of linking Santa Rosa Equestrian Park with the McCrea center through the trail system and said that she is working with Mark Burley and County staff to finalize the Santa Rosa Valley Master Trail Map. In addition, Supervisor Parks explained that Phase II of Santa Rosa Equestrian Park will be going out to bid in October and will include riding rings, announcers booth, and arenas. Supervisor Parks invited the MAC to the Friday, October 28 open house at her new offices located at 625 Hillcrest. Supervisor Parks also mentioned that Captain Ron Nelson attended the 9/11 tribute at the County Government Center and played TAPS at the end of the ceremony. In closing, Supervisor Parks presented Alisa Barles with a commendation for her brave role assisting a runaway horse on the Norwegian Grade in July.

6. Public Comments

Bill Dilfer told the MAC that a larger stop sign was added to the Escollera and East Las Posas intersection and that speed signs were installed on Escollera but that speeding and accidents continue to be a problem for residents.

Jeff Richardson said he is an 11-year resident of Santa Rosa Valley and that the wedding venue called Tropical Paradise which was approved last year has become a serious public nuisance for him and his neighbors. He compared the venue with Maravilla and said that Jo Maravilla uses her own sound meter to monitor noise from events on her property and that he learned their CUP allows 75 db at 50 feet while Tropical Paradise is permitted 90db at 50 feet. He said Maravilla also turns off all music at 10 p.m. and that Tropical Paradise plays music past 11 p.m. In addition, Mr. Richardson said that Tropical Paradise is permitted to have 400 people on site which is 25% more than Maravilla. Mr. Richardson said he fears weekends because he hears every single announcement made at the outdoor venue inside his home with all doors and windows closed. He said he spoke with Monica Sanoja at County Planning to complain that the conditions established for Tropical Paradise are less stringent than those approved for Maravilla which has far less homes nearby. Mr. Richardson said he is angry that only two residents in his neighborhood received

notification because most homes are beyond 300 feet yet well within hearing distance of the party venue. In closing, Mr. Richardson handed out explicit lyrics with expletives to a song that had been played at loud amplification that he did not want his children to hear, copies of complaints that have been filed with the County and a list of items the neighbors want addressed.

Janet Wall distributed "Tropical Paradise Camarillo Complaint Resolution" handouts and noted that **Marilou Diermier** is the event coordinator for Tropical Paradise and can be reached 24 hours/day at **377-2240**. In addition, she said **Bryan Mimaki** is the Permittee and can also be reached 24 hours/day at **732-4122**. She explained that the handout also details a specific process for resolving complaints that notes the complainant should call Ms. Diermier and Mr. Mimaki. As part of the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit, the event coordinator and Permittee are required to report all complaints to the Ventura County Planning Department.

Wes Shipway said he lives approximately 2,700 feet from Tropical Paradise and said the parties are so loud he originally thought they were being held on his street.

Dale Collins said he called the police at 7 p.m. on Saturday because the music was so loud, and the volume was turned down for a short time but was turned up again later to the same loudness. He said that the resident who lives closest to the party venue has put the house up for sale because she told him she "can't take it anymore." Mr. Collins said he called Monica Sanoja to complain and is not satisfied with the response.

Peter Vanderburgh said he lives on Principe and is a retired LAPD officer who has called the sheriff with noise complaints since the parties started last summer. He told the MAC that uniformed security guards are on site and he has observed a stream of cars exit onto Santa Rosa Road after the drivers have been drinking. He said he is worried about drunk drivers. He added that a woman he talked with on Rosita complained about the noise to him. Mr. Vanderburgh agreed to be the contact person for neighbors who are disturbed by Tropical Paradise.

Captain Ron Nelson told the MAC that the offensive lyrics are a First Amendment issue but said he wants to help the community work on violations. He asked that residents call 654-9511 with their complaints.

Rosemary Allison said she lives in Wildwood Ranch which is quite far from Tropical Paradise and she and neighbors have wondered where all the noise was coming from on weekends.

Mark Burley requested that Supervisor Parks' office ask the Planning Department why the MAC recommendation for the conditions of Tropical Paradise to be the same as Maravilla was not followed. He said he attended the Planning meeting and had the impression that the conditions would be the same. Mr. Burley also said he doesn't think notification within 300 feet is adequate in their rural area, particularly when the CUP allows loud noise for so many hours potentially every weekend.

The MAC agreed to include Tropical Paradise Camarillo Noise/Nuisance Complaints on the October 20 Santa Rosa Valley MAC agenda.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Ruth Means told the MAC that the fence installed on the trail to Santa Rosa Equestrian Park was moved so that it no longer blocks the trail. In addition, she told Captain Nelson that she feels the runaway horse incident on the Norwegian Grade in July was handled poorly because cars were not detained until the horse was caught. She said Alisa Barles was attempting to calm the horse while drivers continued travelling at normal speeds downhill. Ms. Means said she hoped Captain Nelson could look into better training for police officers who encounter similar situations.

Mark Burley requested that Supervisor Parks' office determine if the MAC's agenda could list an "Information/Action Items" heading instead of separate "Information Items" and "Action Items" headings, which would enable the MAC to take action on all items contained on their agenda.

8. Information Items

a. Public Safety Reports (Sheriff, CHP, etc.)

Captain Ron Nelson presented the crime report, noting that a party was out of control in Lexington Hills in July, and that a man was arrested for indecent exposure. He told the MAC there is an uptick in metal thefts in nearby areas and reminded residents to secure equipment and lock doors and vehicles with valuables out of sight. In the CHP's absence, regarding illegal truck traffic on Santa Rosa Road, Captain Nelson told residents to get the license plate number and report it if possible. Mark Burley added that truck traffic per se is not restricted on the Norwegian Grade.

b. Santa Rosa Equestrian Park Update

Mark Burley told the MAC he met with County Parks Department and the head of Thousand Oaks Public Works and was assured that the equestrian trail leading to Santa Rosa Equestrian Park would meet at the Wildwood Property. He said the County Parks Department also received the trail easement from the City today, and agreed to clean out the arroyo area which is currently impassable. Mr. Burley also explained that the trail bridge connecting Santa Rosa Park with Hill Canyon open space is underway and reminded equestrians that the Superintendent of Hill Canyon Wastewater Treatment Plant asked that they not ride on Hill Canyon Road.

c. CERT Trailer Update

Janet Wall told the MAC that delivery of the SRV CERT trailer is expected in 3-4 weeks.

d. Las Posas Equestrian Bridge over the Arroyo Update

Mark Burley informed the MAC that permits are in hand and a preconstruction meeting is scheduled. He credited Supervisor Parks for negotiating a reduction in fees. Mr. Burley said that John Johs is in charge of the construction phase and they expect the bridge to be completed by year end.

e. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team Update (GRIT) Update

Gusie Woodfill reported graffiti at the far end of the channel and **Kevin Cannon** said the GRIT will schedule a removal date. **Janet Wall** mentioned that a GRIT training session will be held at the Moorpark Operations Yard on Saturday, October 15 at 8 a.m. and several Santa Rosa Valley and Casa Conejo residents are registered to attend.

f. Tom Barber Driving Range CUP Update

Janet Wall told the MAC that the Planning Commission voted 3/1 to extend the Tom Barber Driving Range CUP without additional mitigation measures. She added that Supervisor Parks office will provide the date for the Board of Supervisors hearing when it becomes available.

g. Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection Update

Janet Wall said that the planner e-mailed this week that there has been no activity.

9. Action Items

a. Letter in Support of California AB 529

No action was taken because the item was already heard in Sacramento.

b. Letter in Support of Los Padres Wild Heritage Campaign

Ruth Means moved to delay the item to the October 20, 2011 meeting. Rosemary Allison made the second. Motion passed 5/0.

10. Future Agenda Items

Information Items

Tropical Paradise Camarillo Noise/Nuisance Complaints

Santa Rosa Equestrian Park Update
Las Posas Equestrian Bridge over the Arroyo Santa Rosa Update
CERT Trailer Update
Moorpark Vineyard Church at Santa Rosa/Moorpark Intersection Update
Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT) Update
Tom Barber Driving Range CUP Update

Action Items

Letter in Support of Los Padres Wild Heritage Campaign

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. to Thursday, October 20, 2011.