

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 19, 2015

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015 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

Chair Kevin Cannon called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. **Rosemary Allison, Mark Burley, Janis Gardner, and Ruth Means** were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

CHC Officer Greg Musgrove led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

4. Public Safety Reports

CHP Officer Musgrove said commercial vehicles coming through Santa Rosa Valley have business there and no enforcement appears necessary. **Ruth Means** asked if CHP could check on the heavy trucks going through between 5:00-6:30 am. **Jim Fortney** said they also come through in the late evening. **Officer Musgrove** also said a reckless driver reported driving in the early morning on Santa Rosa Road was caught and ticketed.

5. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2015

Ruth Means moved to approve the minutes. **Mark Burley** seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Vanise Terry commented on behalf of Supervisor Linda Parks that property taxes can be paid at the Supervisor's office in Thousand Oaks from November 30th – December 10th, and that Veterans Services are available every Tuesday from 9:00 am to noon. She also provided information from the Office of Emergency Services (OES) on preparation for El Niño.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Kevin Cannon updated the MAC on the Fire Safe Council Chipping Day saying that they are looking to secure a weekend in spring and identify properties. He said more details will be coming soon. **Ruth Means** suggested a time frame during fire brush clearance in June, or after the rainy El Niño season passes.

Rosemary Allison asked if the MAC could use Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School as a meeting venue again during the rainy El Niño months. **Vanise Terry** said she would look into it.

Mark Burley reported that a committee has been formed to organize the next "No Place Like Home" event on May 1, 2016 at Santa Rosa Park. He announced the Santa Rosa Valley Trail Master Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors to be included as part of the General Plan. He also said the SOAR Initiative was accepted by the County and if enough signatures are collected it will be on the 2016 ballot for renewal.

8. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Gusie Woodfill asked about the possibility of having Public Works put a crosswalk by the trail across East Las Posas Road by the new bridge. **Dave Fleisch**, Transportation Director, commented that they tend to not put crosswalks in the middle of an uncontrolled street, a street without lit up signs, because it give a false sense of security when crossing and could actually be more dangerous for the pedestrian. However, he said he would have Public Works look into it. **Ruth Means** suggested speed bumps, but Mr. Fleisch said they are not allowed on roads with a speed limit of more than 25 miles per hour, but he would look at it to see what might be appropriate for that area. **Gusie Woodfill** also said dead brush is piling up in the stream bed and asked if Cal Fire could look into it. **Kevin Cannon** said he would take this information to the Fire Safe Council.

Amy Elliot mentioned an app called "Waze" to report accidents and activity on Santa Rosa Road.

9. Advisory Items

a. Santa Rosa Road Signal Study with Dave Fleisch, Ventura County Transportation Director

Dave Fleisch began his presentation with an announcement that people can get sand bags in preparation for El Niño from the Fire Department on December 5th, and said all OES information regarding the rain preparation can be obtained through the Fire Department website. He mentioned the recent tragic accident in Ojai that killed a Public Works worker in the line of duty, and reminded people to please always be aware of public workers in the streets.

Mr. Fleisch and **Richard Herrera** then reported on a study of traffic volume and speed conducted on Santa Rosa Road that found traffic is heavier for longer periods of time. The overall volume of traffic has not changed. The study suggested the following recommendations: (1) Extend the synchronized time to 6:30 am – 9:30 am, and 2:30pm – 6:30pm; (2) Extend cycle time to add 20 seconds to length; (3) Adjust offsets. The study was conducted in April/May of 2015 to account for school traffic by Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School, and any changes made would likely be implemented in February/March 2016 using existing software. The Transportation Department would later review the impacts and effects of the changes and make any necessary adjustments. The overall volume of traffic has not changed.

MAC members expressed concern that any changes to the traffic signals still maintain gaps in the flow of traffic, or platooning, in order to assist drivers turning on to Santa Rosa Road from smaller streets without signals. There was a concern about homeowners being trapped on their streets and unable to get out. A question was also raised about the possibility of increased speeding if the cycle times are extended. **Mr. Fleisch** said platooning would still happen and the offset adjustments would not increase speeds. Concern was raised about traffic back-up at Moorpark Road and Santa Rosa Road because that signal is not synced with the other signals on Santa Rosa Road. **Mr. Fleisch** said he would ask the consultant to ensure that the signal is considered appropriately with the proposed changes. **Mark Burley** suggested writing a letter to the City of Thousand Oaks about the possibility of extending the right turn lane to alleviate traffic build up on the Norwegian Grade. **Kevin Cannon** asked to receive a copy of the study.

b. Formation of Wildwood Preserve Sub-Committee

Ruth Means made a motion to form an ad-hoc sub-committee to review information regarding the Wildwood Preserve development, and **Rosemary Allison** seconded the motion. MAC members nominated to join the sub-committee were **Ruth Means** and **Kevin Cannon**. The sub-committee will be open to the public. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Information Items

a. 15 Lot Subdivision on Northern Terminus of Blanchard and Yucca Roads (Project SD 4410)

Vanise Terry reported that the permit application is incomplete and that once the Planning Department has a completed application staff will come to the MAC to discuss the project in detail. There was concern expressed about the lots being built on the hillside with possible drainage problems. **Ruth Means** expressed frustration with the short turn-around time for public comments on this project. **Mark Burley** wanted to know if the development would allow horses and if there would be a public trail along Voltaire Road. It was suggested that another ad-hoc sub-committee be formed to follow this project once the application is complete.

b. Getting the Word Out About MAC Meetings

Amy Elliot will start and pay for a newspaper to broadcast information to Santa Rosa Valley residents about the MAC. **Rosemary Allison** will continue to distribute MAC information and agendas with community email blasts.

11. Updates

a. SCE Subtransmission Line Project

Peggy Luddington reported on the final Environmental Impact Report and said the scoping memo was released with several issues of concern. The judge ruling in the case is being asked to change the venue from Los Angeles to Ventura County to increase transparency. She said letters can be written to the judge on that concern.

b. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT)

No graffiti was reported.

12. Future Agenda Items

- a. OES Presentation on El Niño Preparation
- b. Letter to the City of Thousand Oaks regarding traffic on the Norwegian Grade
- c. Formation of an Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on Project SD4410

13. Adjournment at 7:44 pm until Thursday, January 21, 2016