

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES MINUTES – November 18, 2004

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Rosa Valley Club House on 11701 E. Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Janis Gardner at 6:00 pm. MAC members Mark Burley, Janis Gardner, Ruth Means and Don Shubert were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The salute to the flag was led by Officer Moriarty.

3. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

October meeting minutes were approved 3-0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented that the Measure A Open Space District and Measure B transportation tax initiatives both failed. It was a clear signal from residents that they don't want to pay any more taxes.

Supervisor Parks said that the Santa Rosa Valley equestrian park plan is being worked on in conjunction with the flood control project near the Hill Canyon area. The project study of the wetland will include creek widening, grading, re-vegetation and moving large Sycamore trees. Doing both projects at the same time has saved \$87,000 so far.

Supervisor Parks also mentioned that there was a hearing on December 2 about a permit request to allow agriculture sales at an existing barn property on Santa Rosa Road.

Supervisor Parks talked about the preliminary survey results received so far for the assessment district. There were about 14% of residents indicating that they would be willing to pay for the pedestrian/equestrian trail. There were about 40% of residents who were willing to pay for the new traffic signals. It would cost the County about \$100,000 to move the district creation forward. Parks had praised the other County supervisors for their cooperation to allow the process to move forward.

Supervisor Parks said that the County is studying a General Plan update to change Santa Rosa Road from a potential four lanes to a permanent two lanes.

Janis Gardner thanked Supervisor Parks for her efforts.

6. Public Comments

Peggy Luddington said that there is a public hearing scheduled for December 9, 2004 to discuss the permit that would allow Cingular Wireless to build an 8-unit base station next to the Edison towers on the hilltop above Yucca Drive.

Gary Nepa asked about the General Plan update and how to get more people to attend MAC meetings. Mark Burley said that survey is a good way to get the word out and it is always difficult to have a large turnout for MAC meetings. Mark Burley said that both the MAC and Santa Rosa Community Association supported the permanent two-lane road position.

Peggy Luddington suggested having a meeting at the Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School and campaign for the new signals.

Fred Meyer suggested that the SRVCA call a meeting to talk about the pros and cons for the new traffic signals. He said that Santa Rosa Road has been a hot issue since 1974.

Jan Gussie reported that there was an abandoned house that has graffiti problem and that it is possibly being used as a drug site..

7. Council Comments on issues not on the agenda

Janis Gardner asked Al Adam about designating Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School as a historic building. The school could apply to the Cultural Heritage Board for landmark status.

Al Adam said that due to persistent maintenance problems the stanchions near E. Las Posas and Yucca Drive would be replaced with raised median dots. Ruth Means said that the stanchions worked best and raised dots would not achieve the same effect. Supervisor Parks said that there was no money to keep replacing the stanchions.

8. Information Items

Community Beautification

Don Shubert contacted the school about the program and they agreed to hold the event. He said that the first clean-up day would be held on February 5 at Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School.

Santa Rosa Arroyo

Ruth Means had asked if Morgan Wehjte at Fish and Game would send a letter to Public Works to discuss the issue of the Santa Rosa arroyo. Wehjte said that Fish and Game would not send letter because the matter was in litigation.

Trail Plan

Mark Burley talked about the idea of privately funding a trail plan. He will form a non-profit Santa Rosa Trail Inc. to contract with the County.

Pleasant Valley School District Unification

Janis Gardner said that Pleasant Valley School District was negotiating with staff and teachers about the unification.

General Plan Update

Mark Burley said that county is updating the General Plan. The Plan included an analysis of changing from four lanes to two lanes through the year 2020. The EIR expected freeways 101 and 118 would be widened eventually and there would be fewer cars on Santa Rosa Road.

The General Plan update also included a study on changing open space lot size from 10 acres to 20 acres. Allowing community sewage lines versus septic systems in the unincorporated area had also been studied in the plan. If community sewage lines were approved, the new lot size would be allowed to change from the current 2.875 to 2 acres.

9. Action Items

Specify locations for 'Community Traffic Enforcement Area' signs

Officer Moriarty and Janis Gardner had decided on ten locations where the signs could be put. MAC voted 4-0 to approve the signs location.

Formulate position on community sewers in General Plan Update

Mark Burley made a motion to compose a letter opposing the community sewer plan and present it at the next meeting. MAC voted 4-0 to approve it.

10. Future Agenda Items

Benefit assessment district survey

Development on Blanchard

Community sewer comment letter