

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES MINUTES – April 21, 2005

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Rosa Valley Club House on 11701 E. Los Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

1. Call to order

Janis Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. MAC members Janis Gardner, Ruth Means and Don Shubert were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The salute to the flag was led by City of Moorpark Sheriff Captain, Richard Diaz.

3. Agenda Review

No changes were made to March minutes.

4. Approval of Minutes

March meeting minutes were approved 3-0.

5. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks commented that Ventura County Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office had agreed on a settlement with the County over future funding of their offices. The settlement will give Sheriff and DA flexible funding based on the County's financial status and put more patrols on the street.

The City of Thousand Oaks is dismayed that the 23 Freeway expansion project is not moving forward due to the lack of funding by the State. Supervisor Parks has suggested to the Ventura County Traffic Commission that a phased approach be explored with expansion of the northbound lanes starting first. Cal Trans estimates the cost for a first phase at approximately \$18 million.

Supervisor Parks also gave an update on the Santa Rosa Road synchronized light system. She said individual light along the road would not meet warrants but the system as a whole would.

Supervisor Parks has requested that Fire Chief Bob Roper attend a MAC meeting to comment on fire safety in Santa Rosa Valley.

Supervisor Parks reported that the Santa Rosa equestrian park construction should be completed by the end of the year.

Supervisor Parks explained that anti-coagulants are being used in the Santa Monica Mountains to kill rats and other vermin. However, the poison has worked its way up the food chain and killed bobcats and cougars.

Two mountain lions have recently died from the poison. Supervisor Parks stated that anti-coagulant poison use would be suspended for a period of six months on County property and the results studied.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Council Comments on issues not on the agenda

Ruth Means said that she has seen a lot of trucks with double trailers traveling on Santa Rosa Road. She suspects these trucks are using Santa Rosa Road as a short cut and had asked CHP in last meeting to try to follow some of them and report back. CHP officer Robert Arauza said he had no comment at the present time. Officer Arauza said a new station will be starting soon and

that there will be more traffic monitoring from CHP. Means asked Officer Arauza to bring some traffic statistics for the next meeting.

Ruth Means mentioned in the previous meeting that resident John Nicholson had a concern about Freeway 118 not being widened as planned. Nicholson believes that some years ago the Board of Supervisors had received a letter from Somis that asked the Board to put the Freeway 118 expansion project on hold. Supervisor Parks said that the area is outside the MAC's district and therefore asked Means to make her inquiries individually.

Don Shubert gave an update on mail theft. Shubert has seen a more of patrol cars in the area lately. A lot of residents are now putting outgoing mail in their mailboxes. Shubert asked if a mailbox could be installed in Santa Rosa Valley so that residents can drop their mail off safely. Supervisor Parks asked Shubert to call the post office and find out about the details.

Don Shubert commented on the amount of traffic caused by trucks moving dirt. According to Shubert, a local grading project has been moving 400 truckloads of dirt. Shubert said that the developer should be charged to pay for the road maintenance. Supervisor Parks said there is a draft being worked on to require developers to put the road back to its original condition after construction.

8. Information Items

Monument signs

Janis Gardner reported that the monument sign on Andalusia East would be restored and paid for by an insurance company.

Equestrian Park

Ruth Means said that when she spoke to Ventura County City Planner Kim Rodriguez two meetings prior, Kim was very helpful and was open to ideas about adding trail conditions to the new 16 home constructions on Yucca Drive. However, Kim recently said that she is not sure if she could do anything about adding the trail condition to the development. Means asked Supervisor Parks if it would help by setting up a meeting with the city planner at Supervisor Parks' office to discuss the issue. Supervisor Parks said that trail issue is something that should be done through the landowner's willingness. Parks said that liability remains as a big issue to homeowners. Supervisor Parks said the County does not want the liability either. Supervisor Parks wants to hear more before she contacts Kim.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment to May 19, 2005.