El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Chair: Tom Owens  Vice Chair: Tom Owens  Secretary: Robin Tanner
Members at-large: Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour, Ylan Hunt, Xina Ash, Tom Lang
Alternates: 2 vacancies

Minutes for Wednesday, February 13, 2019
7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Tom Lange

Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call: Owens, Tanner, Chahrour, Ash, Lang present; Hermann, Hunt excused

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for ESMAC 1-9-2019: Motion to accept as presented (Lang, seconded) Passed: Yes: Owens, Tanner, Ash, Lang  Abstain: Chahrour

Treasurer’s Report – $4232.30

Election of Officers for 2019
Chair: Xina Ash: for Owens, Tanner, Chahrour, Ash, Lang
Vice-Chair: Tom Lang: for Owens, Tanner, Chahrour, Ash, Lang
Secretary: Tom Owens: for Owens, Tanner, Chahrour, Ash, Lang

P.1 Presentation by Sheriff’s Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Buford & Dept. Jackson: crime stats lower this month then last. One homicide by gun which is near to being solved. Homeless person with probable mental condition at apartment complex across from somewhere else bar.


P.3 Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire, Battalion Chief Wynkoop: station 69 – 73 calls, 53 medical 1 fire. Met 95%-96% of on time goals. County viewed new equipment that should be deployed before next fire season including 2 smaller wildland units that will enable the replaced unit to be used as backups.

P.4 Presentation by James Lyons: new sidewalk infill and road asphalt inlay on San Pablo Dam Road from El Portal to Kennedy grove set for 2019, Various safety improvements on San Pablo Dam Road from Kennedy Grove to Beaar Creek Road set for 2020

Public Comment

Discussions Items – The Council will consider and act on the following: development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, notices of public hearings, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department (DCD)

DI.1 VR19-1003 – The applicant requests a variance in order to construct an 8 foot tall retaining wall at a 0 foot side setback, where 10 feet is the minimum required. Chair to write email to planner asking to include inspection (Annual?) and maintenance requirements as condition for variance by applicant and future property owners.
DI.2 VR19-1004 – The applicant requests approval of a variance permit for a 4 inch side yard setback (where a minimum of 5 feet is required) and 7 feet 7 inch aggregate side yard setback (where 15 feet is required) for an existing detached carport. Chair to write email to planner requesting denial of variance as it would preclude access to back yard and endanger applicant and neighbors in case of fire from the existing open space to the rear of the property and removal of the existing car port for the same reason.

**Short Discussion Items**

SDI.1 Report from El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee
New member from May Valley: Cindy Franks
VR19-1001 was found to be acceptable
LP18-2035 questions regarding parking, traffic, traffic flow, potential tax consequences, and conflict with general plan update.

**Public Comment** – for items not on the agenda

Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

**Announcements:** ESMAC alternate position (2), Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Community Academy

**Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings**

Mikki Norris/ Chris Conrad in April re: illegal dumping and possible solutions

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn (Owens, seconded) : yes: Owens, Tanner, Chahrour, Ash, Lang

Adjourned 8:22pm

Submitted by Secretary Owens