

**BAY POINT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES – August 5, 2008**

Chairwoman Zumwalt called the regular meeting of the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council to order at 7:04 p.m. held at Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board Room, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, California.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by MAC Chairwoman, Vickie Zumwalt

MEMBERS PRESENT: Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, and Zumwalt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gabor, Hoagland, and Siegfried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

M/Magleby

S/Kopitar

Members present approved the amended Agenda for August 5, 2008; having tabled the New Business item to next month's meeting Vote 4 - 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the July 1, 2008 MAC meeting Minutes

M/Magleby

S/Garcia

Members present approved the MAC Minutes of July 1, 2008, with the addition of Councilwoman Magleby's comment about calling the Sheriff's Dept. on July 4th when you see or hear fireworks. Vote: 4 - 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS for items not on the agenda:

Resident Mae Cendaña stated she was here to speak on the Bay Point Shoreline Clean-up coming Saturday, September 20th, at 8:30am at McAvoy's harbor; with the help of Assemblyman Mark DeSaulnier Senator Tom Torlakson, East Bay Regional Park District; and The Friends of the Delta Trail group; and invited everyone to join in.

Ms. Cendaña stated she would like to know what can be done about neighbors who have abandoned their homes, including the lawns and yards, where a lit match could set the whole neighborhood on fire. She stated she had called the Bay Point Pride and they had said the only thing she could do was cut the weeds.

Mr. Ed Diokno, and a member of the Fire Department who was present, stated you could call the main number (941-3300) and ask to speak with the Hazard Abatement Division; they have someone in charge of responding to that; they will come to the house, assess it, and start the process.

Ms. Cendaña stated she had citizens calling her about overgrown, littered areas only

being cleaned up when the residents do it themselves, as no one would claim the responsibility; and would like to know if there is a way to find out who is responsible for some of the easements.

Chairwoman Zumwalt suggested she start with the Code Enforcement officer, as he would be able to determine who the property belonged to. She also gave the house abatement phone number - 941-3300 – again, if anyone else needed to use it.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1 Brief review and approval of monthly correspondence - Secretary Kopitar**
- 2 Approval of monthly Recording Secretary Invoice of \$120.00 – Councilwoman Garcia**

M/Garcia

S/Magleby

Members present approved the Consent Calendar. Vote: 4 - 0

PRESENTATIONS:

Bay Point Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award – Councilwoman Garcia

Councilwoman Garcia expressed her disappointment in things not working out to allow the MAC meeting and presentation of Awards to held in the Community Center's Auditorium where the National Night Out events were going on.

Councilwoman Garcia gave a short overview, background, and purpose of the National Night Out event that is recognized all over this country, and celebrating its 25th anniversary this year; bringing community and its service providers out together to get to know one another.

She invited everyone to join the festivities (and have ice cream) after the meeting.

Councilwoman Garcia presented this month's Outstanding Citizen of the Month Awards to representatives from:

- Supervisor Federal Glover
- Senator Tom Torlakson
- Bay Point Fire Station #86
- Bay Point Pride
- First 5 Contra Costa
- Contra Costa County Service Integration Program
- Bay Point Residents Association
- Bay Point Partnership

AGENCY REPORTS:

Sheriff's Department – Lt. Mahoney

Lt. Mahoney passed out copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of July including comparisons from the same time last year.

Lt. Mahoney reported that auto burglaries had spiked up; 25 this month compared to 11 the month before. He also reported that because of budget cuts Bay Point has lost one of its swing shift patrol cars; and they are still looking for a replacement for Resident Deputy Wilhelm.

Lt. Mahoney stated that over the years they have been cutting the fluff out of the Sheriff's Office and its gotten to the point where there is no fluff left to cut.

California State Highway Patrol – Officer McGuire

Officer Tom McGuire stated that Officer Mark Mitchell was sorry he couldn't be here, but that he was from the CHP office in Martinez and glad to be here, and gave a short history of his experience with the CHP.

Officer McGuire stated that he is a part of the Special Enforcement Unit; what he explained as saturation enforcement, sending a bunch of officers out to a problem area and writing up a bunch of tickets to a bunch of people and towing a bunch of cars.

Officer McGuire stated that a lot of the extra beat coverage in Bay Point is the rotating of the Special Enforcement Unit in Contra Costa; that in July he and the other officer had written 87 tickets right here on Willow Pass Road. He stated that hopefully they will also be getting the radar trailer out here a little more often; and they are working with County to finish up some speed surveys.

Officer McGuire stated they are also trying to be more cognizant of citizen's complaints, and encouraged residents to contact the office (646-4980); that Sgt. Joe Johnson is in charge and available Monday through Friday to handle complaints.

Officer McGuire stated they have also just started some joint training with the Sheriff's Dept.; an 'Active Shooter' training which originated out from the Columbine School shooting, preparing officers to get together with whomever else if available and run into a shooting incident to take out the gunman. He stated that this was good because (God forbid) if anything like that happened in our community it would definitely be Sheriff's on hand first, and then probably the CHP.

Supervisor Federal Glover's Office – Ed Diokno

Mr. Diokno stated that as some have already heard, LAFCO approved the annexation of Ambrose Park into the City of Pittsburg. He stated that during the hearing, there were more than a few speakers against the annexation and a couple in favor. He stated since Ambrose was the owner of the property and also the agency making the request, there was no technical reason not to annex the park into the city; and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover will be meeting with Supervisor Piepho and county

staff to discuss the MAC reorganization later this month; that a final draft of the document will probably be done in September. He stated that he saw implementation of the new rules for MAC's probably happening in November this year.

Mr. Diokno stated that Supervisor Glover has ordered county staff to address the problem of abandoned homes and how they are affecting neighborhoods; that he wants an interdepartmental approach so that some of the problems they present can be addressed quicker than current regulations allow.

Mr. Diokno stated that we would be glad to know that the **tons** of dirt that will be used to cap a landfill in the Naval Station will **NOT** be going through Bay Point; that the Navy had proposed using the Port Chicago Highway through Bay Point to deliver the dirt. He stated the road the trucks will be using – about a hundred trucks a day for three months – will be the Port Chicago Highway, exiting off of Highway 4 in Concord, past Clyde, to the Naval Station.

Mr. Diokno stated that he, along with Carolina from Senator Torlakson's office, had met with Union Pacific officials to discuss the boxcars paralleling the Port Chicago Highway; that they were sympathetic and again reiterated their apologies, but said this is not just a Bay Point problem, it is a nationwide problem and the boxcars are simply being parked until they are needed. He stated that since he first met with them, they have at least cleaned up the area a bit and locked the boxcars, and they were reminded that the County has no jurisdiction over the railroads and it needs to be addressed at the federal level. Mr. Diokno stated that when it was pointed out that it had been two years, all he received was apologies; that they will look at moving the boxcars again but no promises.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. OLD BUSINESS

None

B. NEW BUSINESS

None

OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Councilwoman Kopitar stated that she had attended the CAP meeting and they are still looking for more residents to join them; and they are going to have a tour of Henkel next month.

Councilwoman Magleby stated she had attended the Port Chicago Reunion and that all of those people are dying off as that was some 60 years ago, but they still have people who are interested; their families; so that the explosion and the death of Port Chicago is not going to just be forgotten.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON NEXT AGENDA:

1. Bella Monte Apartments follow-up
2. Vacant lot ordinances.
3. Budget

ADJOURNMENT:

M/Kopitar

S/Garcia

Motion approved to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4 - 0

There being no further business before the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council, Chairwoman Zumwalt adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting at 7:00pm on September 2, 2008, to be held at the Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board Room at 3105 Willow Pass Road.

Submitted by
Debra Giles
Recording Secretary