

**BAY POINT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES – September 2, 2008**

Chairwoman Zumwalt called the regular meeting of the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council to order at 7:00 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 Elder Elias and Elder Dutton, missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gabor, Garcia, Hoagland, Kopitar, Magleby, Siegfried, and Zumwalt

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**M/Magleby
S/Siegfried**

Members present approved the amended Agenda for September 2, 2008, having removed the Citizen of the Month award, and New Business items 10-B-3, and 10-B-4 to next month's meeting. Vote 7 – 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the August 5, 2008 MAC meeting Minutes

**M/Garcia
S/Magleby**

**Members present approved the MAC Minutes of August 5, 2008.
Vote: 5 - 0; 2 abstentions (Hoagland & Siegfried)**

PUBLIC COMMENTS for items not on the agenda:

Mr. Gary Agopian stated it was a pleasure to be here this evening, and that by being here he wanted to demonstrate his interest in the issues that Bay Point deals with on a monthly basis. He stated that as he serves on a school board he is familiar with how business is conducted on a board, and he treasures what is being done here, and the work that is being done here for the Bay Point community. He stated he only wanted to put a face to his name, and invite any conversation, sharing what is important to Bay Point. He stated that he has attended meetings at the Oakley, Antioch, and Pittsburg City Councils, and also intends to attend the Bethel Island Municipal authority there. Mr. Agopian stated it is important that everyone in the region is connected and working together on what they all think is important.

Resident Vicki Proctor stated her and her companion, Jan Coe, have been serving the Bay Point community for about 20 years feeding and taking care of the homeless, and she really wants to get it out to the community how important it is that we have our own homeless shelter. She stated that it not only would help get the homeless off the streets, it would help reduce

crime in our community, it would keep our parks cleaner (as they use them as a bathroom too), and help beautify our community. Ms. Proctor stated she and Ms. Coe want a shelter in Bay Point with beds, showers, and a kitchen where they can serve hot meals, and a clothes closet; as some of these people wear their clothes for thirty days or until they just can't wear them anymore. Ms. Proctor asked that her tears be forgiven, but that her heart is heavy and burdened on this issue, and that Bay Point has nothing, nothing, to assist these individuals get off the street. She stated that in this process we might also find them other resources like a job or medical care; things to help them turn their lives around. Ms. Proctor gave the Council a binder presentation of their vision to help the homeless.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1 Brief review and approval of monthly correspondence - Secretary Kopitar**
- 2 Approval of monthly Recording Secretary Invoice of \$80.00 – Councilwoman Garcia**
- 3 Recommendation to approve American Tower, LUP# 972085-8**

**M/Magleby
S/Hoagland**

Members present approved the Consent Calendar. Vote: 7 - 0

PRESENTATIONS:

Bay Point Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award – Councilwoman Garcia

None this month

Job Training and Placement Program, Opportunity Junction – Jesse Golden

Ms. Jesse Golden passed out flyers for Opportunity Junction programs and stated most MAC members were familiar with their programs, but she had asked to come as Bay Point is one of their priority service areas. She stated that from studies done by United Way it is known that Bay Point is a high poverty area, and sometimes they don't get the word as effectively about services because they don't have things like the internet.

Ms. Golden stated she was here to get the word out about their great program and to ask the MAC members and others to help her get the word out also; that three times a year they open up their training programs to accept low-income persons who want to increase their skills and their job readiness and get support in finding good full-time jobs. She stated the mission of their organization is to help low-income residents in Contra Costa County gain the confidence and skills to be able to support themselves and their family, focusing on computer skills, but also life skills, working really intensely with their participants to help them succeed.

Ms. Golden stated they didn't want all their spaces for these classes to be 'hogged' by Antioch and Pittsburg residents. She stated that some of their funding is from CDBG, which comes through the county, and county wants to make sure that they are serving Bay Point residents as well as the others. She stated the program is free for their participants because it is paid for through CDBG funds as well as contributions and support from corporations and foundations. Ms. Golden stated in addition to their job placement program, that is intensive and

has only 20 slots, they have an evening drop-in program that serves over 500 persons, learning how to use computers and also an English as a Second Language class.

Ms. Golden invited anyone interested to place their name on a list being handed around to receive email updates and information about Opportunity Junction.

Councilwoman Siegfried initiated a short discussion about having an article placed in the next Bay Point Newsletter about the program.

Chairwoman Zumwalt initiated a short discussion on what the financial limits and qualifications were for program applicants. Ms. Golden stated they use the HUD standard which is also used by the CDBG; and that 95% of the people you talk to are considered low-income.

Councilwoman Magleby stated it was fabulous that all this organization wanted from the MAC was that they help spread the word about their program.

Gateway Youth Survey Results, Healthy Neighborhood Project, Wendy Jo Cervantes

Ms. Wendy Cervantes stated she was from Contra Costa Health Services, here with one of the two youth they were able to hire over the summer to help make presentations on the Survey results. She then gave a short history of the project; identifying local EJ (Environmental Justice) issues, working to involve the community (low-income, high minority), helping them understand the importance of EJ and of them taking personal action. She stated the county received an EPA Grant with the help of the EJ collaborative, and completed the survey.

Ms. Cervantes gave an overview of the survey process, including how the survey was put together with help from UC Berkeley, 5 main topics and 14 environmental issues, that they were perception questions; how survey was done; some of the results; and how the results were presented.

Ms. Cervantes stated that interest and concern has been expressed about cancer in our community, that originally it had been left off of the survey, but now they are interested in asking about some potential hot spots in Bay Point (around water quality), and have a meeting planned in the next week to work on this.

Maria introduced herself as one of the Gateway students who participated in going around and doing the survey, and also shared some of the questions that were asked on the survey, specifically about their households use of water, eating fish out of the delta, about lead in their homes, about garbage and household waste disposal, the demographics of those surveys, and some of the results. She stated that some of the interviews took longer as once they were inside some wanted them to stay and talk more, and it took longer than they thought.

Ms. Cervantes stated that was one reason they kept taking out some of the questions; that it was taking a long time for each survey. She stated people wanted to keep talking about all of the problems they saw in Bay Point.

Ms. Cervantes stated she wanted to say something about Gateway High School; that last year was their second year at the school, and this year they are working on water conservation, hopefully working with Golden State Water Company. She stated they are looking at a couple curriculums and would then modify them for Bay Point. She stated they were trying to work with Golden State Water to help have some youth or even a few adults able to set up

the water audit, and emphasizing to Golden State Water that they wouldn't have to pay for anything.

Chairwoman Zumwalt asked if Ms. Cervantes could share a little about Gateway school.

Ms. Cervantes stated that it is a continuation school; two classrooms on the Riverview Middle school property. Ms. Cervantes stated she has a wonderful time working with the students, that she turns their time in on a quarterly basis, and gives awards at the end of the year.

Councilman Hoagland asked if Ms. Cervantes could share some about the grant they had received.

Ms. Cervantes stated they had received a \$90,000 grant; a two year EPA grant; phase I they had given all the students stipends at the end of the year and taken them on a field trip; providing snacks at every meeting, and she is there every Tuesday. She stated they came to her to fund the second year, that the person who oversees the grant comes to their classes, and they helped fund ½ of the Townhall meeting they had put on. She stated it was a great opportunity to work with them, that they are great people, with a lot of resources.

There was a short discussion about the special training and learning made possible through the EPA's support and resources, and also about how great Gateway school students are; getting past their problems and getting to know them.

Resident Judy Dawson shared that her youngest daughter had gone to Gateway High School, which she had graduated from there, and in two weeks they were taking her to UC San Diego.

Ms. Cervantes stated that Maria, and the other youth that worked with them over the summer, both want to become nurses, and they are working to get them into the nurses program at Los Medanos College.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Sheriff's Department – Lt. Mahoney

Report made during previous Code Enforcement meeting

California State Highway Patrol – Officer McGuire

Report made during previous Code Enforcement meeting

Supervisor Federal Glover's Office – Ed Diokno

Mr. Ed Diokno stated "Congratulations" to the MAC for their application for the Keller Canyon Mitigation funds; that they are getting the money they had asked for (\$10,000). He stated that there will be a reception for the Keller recipients held at the Pittsburg Senior on September 17th, for 3:00pm – 5:00pm; that it is a nice event where you get to meet all of the other recipients, and free food.

Ms. Diokno stated on September 13th Supervisor Glover will take part in the Oakley

Almond Festival Parade near O'Hara Park in Oakley, and in the evening he will be part of the Walnut Festival parade in Walnut Creek; it is a very busy day for him.

Mr. Diokno stated he had mentioned at the last time he was here, that on Wednesday, September 10th from 9:00am – 3:30pm the County is sponsoring the 'Homeless Connection' day, at the Antioch Fairgrounds. He stated that homeless persons are coming from throughout the county, transportation being provided for them, but unfortunately there isn't a stop in Bay Point; but if they can find their way to the Antioch Fairgrounds, there will be different services will be available to them.

Mr. Diokno stated that if you are a member of the Supervisor's Breakfast Club, that on October 3rd, they will be meeting and hearing the County's new Chief Administrator speak at his first public appearance. He stated it will be at the Antioch golf course and starts at 7:30am.

Mr. Diokno stated that October 7th there will be a Townhall meeting for Bay Point from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. He stated they know that's a MAC meeting Tuesday, but because of the schedule, that means the MAC will have to adjust its subcommittee meeting accordingly, and still be able to start the MAC meeting on time. Mr. Diokno stated the topic is taken from the Health Services' community meeting last month where the residents expressed a desire to learn more about the Delta and how it affects Bay Point's water; so we are going to get all kinds of information about the Delta.

Mr. Diokno stated that he had sent out emails to all the MAC members about a possible date for the All-MAC meeting and October 18th was the date chosen, and as our Council knows, they will be hosting all the MAC's in District V, at a meeting from 8:00am – 1:00pm, providing a light breakfast and lunch.

California State Highway Patrol

Completed during previous Code Enforcement committee meeting

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. OLD BUSINESS

None

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Information only – Convoy of Hope – Chairwoman Zumwalt

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that the Convoy of Hope, sponsored by Calvary Temple Church, will be in Bay Point again at Rio Vista Elementary School on September 20th from 10:00am – 2:00pm, where they will be providing free groceries, haircuts, healthcare, dental care, a kid's zone, employment assistance, etc. She stated there were flyers available on the back table with a phone number to call if you had any questions or if you were interested in volunteering.

2. Information only – Thank you to Supervisor Glover – Chairwoman Zumwalt

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated she would like to personally thank Supervisor Federal Glover for approving the \$10,000 funding for the Bay Point Newsletter, which they put out at least twice a year, and they really appreciate the grant. She stated she would appreciate Mr. Diokno passing along the 'thank you' to the Supervisor for the MAC grant along with all the other areas of Bay Point that he approved funding for.

3. Discussion – Connecting with Bay Point Schools: How can the MAC help raise hopes and expectations? – Councilwoman Mableby

Councilwoman Magleby stated that month after month she sits in these meetings and wonders how the MAC can assist the schools and their education; that every time they get information regarding their standings, they really need help. She stated she has emailed every principle in the area, seven schools, asking what we can do to help you. Councilwoman Magleby stated this was going to include 6 year olds to 17 year olds, and would like the Board to consider what they can do to help these schools; what can we do to encourage, enthuse, and inspire kids, they come through. She stated maybe having the principles select classes for special recognition with a certificate presented by the MAC; or any other way to inspire, encourage, and enthuse our students.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that as an example, they had used some kids from Gateway school to help with work on the Parade; that they were wonderful, and they were paid \$40.00 for helping out that day. She stated they were really appreciative and really could use the money. She stated that yes you can lecture them, but these kids also need a little reward, a little change, or gift cards work well too.

There was a short discussion, including audience, about various incentives that work with kids, and also about the importance of good role models.

Councilman Gabor stated that there was a study done, of low-come areas as ours is, showing that one of the major problems is the hiring practice of new teachers.

Councilwoman Magleby asked if everyone would please put their ideas down in writing and get them to her, email them to her, as they were all good ideas, and she would share these ideas with the principles. She stated that school has just started and this is a great time to share ideas and help out the schools; she stated "We can make a difference, we really can", not just sit around and hope the attendance improves, and hope the grade point averages go up.

OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Chairwoman Zumwalt asked Mr. Diokno, and there was a discussion about the All-MAC meeting budget, that it should be on the next month's meeting agenda, how the vendors are paid, who they could use for catering, and if they shouldn't try to have it located at the Ambrose Center, if it was available that day. Chairwoman Zumwalt asked Councilwoman Garcia if she would call places in Bay Point for catering, and asked Councilwoman Magleby if she would call Ambrose to see about using the facility that day.

Councilwoman Magleby stated that she just wanted to report how every time the MAC meets, she is more proud of them as a group. She also stated she had attended the Port

Chicago reunion at the Ambrose Park, and it had been an extreme pleasure.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that she had been online on the Bay Point Community Bulletin Board and seen talk of bad things happening at the store on the corner of Bay View and Willow Pass; that after they had closed Grover's Bar, they had moved further down the street now. She stated she then read something someone else had written, something that she really loved, and it said that he had lived in Bay Point for 4 years now; coming from Martinez; having to relocate because of illness and retirement; that at first he had been afraid; but now he likes it better here because before he had never spoke with his neighbors; no one wanted to talk to you; and now he knows all his neighbors and they are working people; that day-to-day, this is a wonderful community to live in. Councilwoman Garcia stated that's how she feels, that bad things happen everywhere, and know she's gotten to know and appreciate people, and that is what makes a community, working together to make things better, like volunteering and mentoring, whatever it takes.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she also wanted to remember and honor the young man that was on the Fairfield city council that was shot and killed last week.

Councilwoman Magleby stated we should close the meeting in his honor.

Mr. Diokno stated that there was another young man killed over the weekend at a Cricket game, from Bay Point.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she also wanted to report that the National Night Out was too much of a success, that they had many more people attend than expected, they had run out of the food prepared to feed 350 people, but it was a big success.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated that she had attended the last CAP meeting and it was really nice, having a tour of Henkel facility, and seeing how they make some of their products. She stated they are still looking for more residents to join, that they are really interesting meetings, with lots of information about what the industries are doing.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated that the Garden Club is participating in the Chili cook-off, having won last year, at Senator Torlakson's BBQ fundraiser. She stated it is at the Martinez marina on September 14th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Chairwoman Zumwalt asked if Councilwoman Kopitar as a CAP member might ask someone from General Chemical or Henkel to come speak to the MAC that they have great presentations but haven't been back for a while.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated she would.

Councilwoman Siegfried stated she had received a letter regarding the Alcohol License for the little restaurant on S. Bella Monte, that they had reviewed all the reasons listed for not having it, that they can't use over-saturated any more, and they are going to send the application forward and review it. She stated that in the meantime she got a copy of their old LUP and it seems they may not have requirements that are listed there. Councilwoman Siegfried stated they still don't know how it will be resolved.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that she wanted to remind everyone that on September 20th, right before Convoy of Hope, they is a clean-up and Shoreline Park in Bay Point, that they

get together about 8:30am for a little coffee, do the clean-up, and then go to Calvary for lunch.

Mr. Diokno stated that Union Pacific is paying for the breakfast this year at the Shoreline clean-up.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON NEXT AGENDA:

1. Proposed budget
2. Keller Canyon Mitigation funds.
3. Cost for All-MAC meeting; room, breakfast, & lunch
4. Follow-up at Bella Monte apartments

ADJOURNMENT:

M/Magleby

S/Kopitar

Motion approved to adjourn the meeting in memory of the young Councilman from Fairfield, Matt Garcia, and the young man from Bay Point, Mr. Singh. Vote - 0

There being no further business before the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council, Chairwoman Zumwalt adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting at 7:00pm on October 7, 2008, to be held at the Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board Room at 3105 Willow Pass Road.

Submitted by
Debra Giles
Recording Secretary