

# Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee



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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.*

## **Record of Actions**

**7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2009**

Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, Mason, Tremaine and Zumwalt were present.  
Council Member Stevenson was absent.

Others present: Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Maureen Toms, Kara Douglas, and Pat Roach of County Redevelopment, Tarry Smith of Ambrose Recreation & Park District, Deputy Mike Tiegler of the Sheriff's Dept., and Officer Michael Brewer of the Highway Patrol.

- 1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance** led by Highway Patrol Officer, Michael Brewer.
- 2. Review Record of Actions for May 5, 2009.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to accept May 5, 2009 Record of Actions. Seconded by Councilwoman Magleby. Motion carried 6 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, Mason, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting "yes".

- 3. Approval of June 2, 2009 Agenda.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia to approve the June 2, 2009 agenda. Seconded by Councilman Tremaine. Motion carried 6 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, Mason, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting "yes".

- 4. Public Comments:**

Resident Senem Ozer thanked the Council for allowing her to participate; as new residents this is the first meeting they (she and her husband) have attended. She stated she had an important issue regarding the neighborhood of Winterbrook/Summerfield Roads where she lives, as they don't have access to BART, and it is a very serious concern for their neighborhood. Mrs. Ozer stated they have to take several different routes to get to the BART, that there are several gates blocking

their access; that if any of those gates were open it would take them only 11 minutes to walk to BART whereas it is impossible now, as the only road is Canal which is not safe at all for pedestrians as there are no sidewalks. She stated one of the gates locked is an already paved access road which belongs to the Contra Costa Water District which could be used..

Resident Helene Schwarzenberger stated she wanted to speak about the disturbing problem that goes along with the housing crisis foreclosures and the many vacant houses created by this, which are being vandalized on a regular basis. She stated she has contacted the Sheriff's Department trying to get their assistance in putting together a neighborhood pilot program of installing video surveillance cameras, and have been told that because of budget cuts the Sheriff's Department had neither personnel nor resources to help. Mrs. Schwarzenberger stated there are remote type cameras that can be placed on existing poles and fed into resident's computers, retained for 24 – 48 hours, and facilitates investigation if any houses were vandalized. She stated she was trying to get participation from the community to do this, and some feedback from the MAC; that she believes this would assist the Sheriff's Dept. in getting this problem under control.

Resident Trisha Daye-Roa stated she was the daughter of Renee Daye-Road, teacher of East County Kids N' Motion, who couldn't be here tonight, but wanted to announce the upcoming 'Unity in Community' event. She stated the event was being held here in the Community Center this year, on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am – 2:00pm She stated it is a fun 'free' day for the community; feeding about 500 people healthy foods i.e. turkey dogs and veggie burgers; with local entertainment; and Kaiser Permanente providing educational theatre; and there will also be prizes and resource tables. Ms. Daye-Roa stated if anyone wanted more information about participating with a resource table or coming that day they should contact her mom, Renee; that they should have flyers to distribute by this Friday.

**5. Presentations.** Presentations were made by:

**a. Councilwoman Garcia presented Outstanding Citizen of the Month Awards to:**

- ~ Maureen Toms of Contra Costa County Redevelopment, for working tirelessly and closely with the MAC, and had served our community diligently for many years.
- ~ Patricia Strom, County staff in charge of the Headstart programs; has worked four years in our community, providing needed services for our young residents and their families.
- ~ Ed Stevenson, for his good work on the East County Planning Commission; checking in with the MAC, getting their feedback and being the voice of Bay Point; and also for the idea of a Parade.
- ~ Makato Hagata, Shorinji Kempo instructor, for his committed work, serving our community now for twenty years at the Ambrose Community Center, and always up to and positive about serving our community in any way that is asked of him.

**b. Catherine Kutsuris, Director Conservation and Development Department of Contra Costa County.**

Catherine Kutsuris stated she had attended the All-MAC meeting about a month ago, and was asked by Chairwoman Zumwalt to come and make the presentation at our MAC meeting. She stated that as everyone knows the land development and economic development is in difficult times, with a lot of communities and families showing distress, and her department is doing their best to help out in situations to the extent that they can.

Ms. Kutsuris reported on two programs, and left literature available on the back table regarding them.

- 1) The Weatherization Program – offered free to qualified persons, to go into the residence and provide energy assistance; replacement check of a gas stoves, a microwave, and replace them if needed.
- 2) Redevelopment Housing Rehabilitation Program – offered with tighter income limits, can be used for much more broad services in a home; beautify, improve disabled access, dry rot and electrical repairs, landscaping, etc., She stated this is a loan program, dependent on your income, low – no interest loans are available.

After some discussion Ms. Kutsuris encouraged residents to contact their office where staff is available to answer questions, work with them, and help determine if they're qualified for these programs.

Ms. Kutsuris stated she wanted to address the vacant properties issue brought up earlier and encouraged residents to call their office as the county has an Abatement Structure ordinance, and their code enforcement officers will go out; they try to contact the owner and to the extent that they need to will board up and/or fence up the property. She stated it is not a permanent solution but sometimes needed to prevent persons from setting up living arrangements illegally, and they also work with Vector Control.

Ms. Kutsuris stated that overall in the county development is down, but that through all the bad news, that we should also know that they are currently doing inspections and have issued building permits just this last fiscal year for \$348 million dollars worth of construction in unincorporated area of the county, so there is growth and development happening. She stated clearly it is a difficult time but the approach of her department is to get out into communities as much as they can, make sure they are known, and try to improve services during this difficult time.

Ms. Kutsuris stated she also wanted to share they are re-vamping their application and permit center in Martinez and should be completed in a couple of weeks; again trying to bring more highly skilled individuals directly with the public, earlier on in the process, offering structural engineers down at the front counters able to give feedback earlier on, so you can save money if you plan on building in the county.

Ms. Kutsuris stated it wouldn't affect our community as we are not far from the county hub in Martinez, but we could share the information as it would be helpful to other communities that they have a 'Planner by Appoint' program; where they will go out to local individual communities, especially for first-timers, so they can get to know them, and is guaranteed in 3 – 5 business days. She stated they have already done 1,000 appointments.

Ms. Kutsuris stated lastly she wanted to share what a good friend and devoted worker Maureen Toms is. She stated she convinced Ms. Toms to transfer temporarily to the current planning division as a Supervisor because she is great at providing insight into projects, and understanding the real cost of projects; where she may impart that economic development knowledge to the younger planners. Ms. Kutsuris stated she really appreciates all of Ms. Toms work and willingness.

**c. Tarry Smith, General Manager of Ambrose Recreation & Park District on Ambrose Park Master Plan.**

Mr. Tarry Smith distributed hand-outs and stated he was pleased to report on the process they had just gone through in creating a Master Plan for Ambrose Park. He stated the Ambrose Board of Directors wanted to make sure the process of re-designing or retrofitting the park was a public process, so he therefore hired RGM Design Group, who has done many various public processes.

Mr. Smith described and explained in detail the 2 Ambrose Park Master Plan public meetings process, held at the Ambrose Center, where residents were invited to share their expectations and dreams of a better Ambrose Park; and about 30 persons participated in the process developed by RGM to build a consensus on major ideas and projects.

Mr. Smith reported on the items narrowed down from each category that were priorities for the group. The Likes:

- 1) The tree canopy – everyone wanted existing trees to remain
- 2) The old fashioned character of the park – wanted homey feeling to stay the same
- 3) The pool – major activity of park and has a long history for many people

The Dislikes:

- 1) Current condition of the park – being a little run-down
- 2) Visibility and access to the park
- 3) Security – safety

Needs of the Park:

- 1) Renovation of the pool
- 2) Adding a snack shack to the park
- 3) Adding or renovating the restrooms
- 4) Creating new or renovating walkways and trails through the park

Mr. Smith went over the park layout map included with the handout, and explained some of the differences seen on the map from the current layout of the park including:

- 1) An amphitheatre
- 2) A skate park
- 3) Landscaping by the parking and additional parking by Leland Road

Mr. Smith also explained some of the possible ideas demonstrated in illustrations in the handout. He stated the second meeting was to confirm the consensus RGM had taken from all the input from the first meeting, by presenting the tentative Master Plan to the group; and the group agreed the Plan did represent their ideas. Mr. Smith reviewed the final Park map with amenities and changes (a dog park instead of a skate park) included in the final Master Plan.

Mr. Smith stated the Master Plan had been presented at the Ambrose Recreation & Park District Board meeting last month, and the Board had approved it. He stated the next step in the process is to start to create a phase 1, out of the 6 phases the designers had come up with, and present it at another public meeting. He stated after that meeting and approval by the Board, construction plans can be made and the project can go up to bid. He stated the next meeting should be in a month or two, as the consultants are working on the presentation.

Mr. Smith stated he wanted to mention they do have 1.7 million dollars at this time for the project; that preliminarily all 6 phases look to be in the 2 million dollar range; that they have a few dollars yet to generate, but they believe they can do that, they are looking into different ways.

Chairwoman Zumwalt asked if Pittsburg would be contributing to the project.

Mr. Smith stated Pittsburg has already funded \$600,000.00 of the 1.7 million dollars; and Measure WW had paid for the balance. He stated there would also be some grant opportunities in the future.

Mr. Smith stated lastly that all of the information related to the Master Plan is available on the District's website, [www.ambroserec.org](http://www.ambroserec.org). and any future information will be posted there as well.

Councilwoman Mason stated that about a year ago the City of Pittsburg had annexed Ambrose Park, and to clear up any confusion it was her understanding that the park was owned and operated by the District but was in the jurisdiction of Pittsburg. She stated at the LAFCO meeting where that was done, what she thought she had heard from Mr. Smith and Pittsburg's City Manager was that it was being done because Ambrose Recreation & Park District (ARPD) did not have funds to do the necessary improvements to the park.

Mr. Smith stated the City of Pittsburg, when he asked the City Manager, said that 20% of the ARPD was made up of Pittsburg residents, and he the City Manager had been getting complaints at the City Council meetings about the lack of parks being provided for their residents; so part of the City Managers' solution to serving his population was to improve Ambrose Park; but in order to do that by giving them the District park development fees, was to have the park in Pittsburg jurisdiction.

Councilwoman Mason asked if the \$600,000.00 was then Pittsburg's park dedication fees.

Mr. Smith stated that was correct.

Chairwoman Zumwalt asked if Pittsburg would be giving the District any more money.

Mr. Smith stated they didn't say they wouldn't, they said they might, but that things had changed a lot since then with the economy; although the park development fees could only be used for park development, so it depends upon how much need they have in their parks system compared to how much they want to put into Ambrose Park.

There was some clarification of the 1.1 million dollars coming from the Measure WW funds, of the 1.7 million dollars available for the project.

Councilwoman Mason asked if any of Pittsburg's WW funds were going to be used at Ambrose Park. She stated some of Bay Point's citizens were concerned about the fact that all of the WW funds for Bay Point were going to Ambrose Park, which is in Pittsburg's jurisdiction, and that leaves the other county parks in Bay Point without any WW funds. She stated when she was looking at voting at voting for these funds for East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), she thought it was intended for their water front project and their trails, that she hadn't seen anywhere in the legislation that all that money would be going to Ambrose Park; so how was that decision made that all 1.1 million dollars from Measure WW would go to Ambrose Park and not be

dispersed through the whole community of Bay Point.

Mr. Smith stated that EBRPD made that decision, that they based it on the first Measure, AA, that was passed in 2004; at that time in 2004 all AA money went to Ambrose Park. He stated it was also stated in their formation documents of this measure that the money is to go to the Parks and Recreation service provider for the area, and they determined that was also the ARPD. He stated the county is covered by WW, that Bay Point is in the county whether the line is drawn at Pittsburg or not, and the Board feels that it was the best use of that money.

Councilwoman Mason asked if it was East Bay Regional or Ambrose Recreation & Park District's decision.

Mr. Smith stated it was both Boards. He stated he couldn't speak for EBRPD if they thought it was best, but that under their rules and regulations that the money should go to ARPD.

Councilwoman Mason asked that as far as Mr. Smith knew that hadn't tried to do any outreach for public comment in the community to see how they felt.

Mr. Smith stated not to his knowledge.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated she liked the Plan for Ambrose Park.

Resident Vivian Lisa stated she stills goes to the park 2 – 3 times a week to check on it, and there is no reason the pool should be closed this year. She stated it should be filled and kids allowed to swim this summer, and there's nothing wrong with the park. Mrs. Lisa stated that if anyone had any questions or wanted a tour of the park they should speak to her.

#### **d. Judy Dawson, Bay Point Team Captain of Relay**

Resident Judy Dawson stated it was that time of year again, that on June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> the Antioch Relay for Life will take place at Los Medanos Community College track. Mrs. Dawson handed out flyers and gave a brief history of the event; started in 1985 in Washington State, and grown into 24 hour gathering in many, many US communities.

Mrs. Dawson explained how the event was organized and done, through teams of businesses, organizations, friends, families, etc., walking in turns for 24 hours, representing or replicating 24 hours of a cancer patient's life and treatment. She stated there are ceremonies during the event, including a survivor lap. Mrs. Dawson stated the other part of the event is every team member is to get donations; last year they had 100 teams and expect to have 90 teams this year. She stated the money goes to the American Cancer Society, but that it comes back into the community like the ACS in Pleasant Hill who provides free wigs for patients, cosmetic companies that provide cosmetics, rides to and from cancer treatment, education about cancer, and cancer research.

Mrs. Dawson gave a description of other things available for participants, and other ceremonies that occur during the event, including a luminary event. She stated Supervisor Glover's office is putting together a team this year, and she invited anyone interested in participating or in more information to contact her. She stated it was a wonderful experience in doing something positive for those who want to fight back, celebrate, and remember.

Councilwoman Mason stated she was very offended. She stated she didn't believe this was the place to carry a personal flag, and would have been just as offended if they had asked about walking for Al Qaeda. She shared that she has had cancer twice in the last 10 years that they spend all of the research money on cause, not cure; and when you get cancer they can't give you any answers. Councilwoman Mason stated she really didn't feel this was the place to bring our causes to carry forward, and she feels this Board is really insensitive about how other people might feel or be affected by things. She stated she doesn't often talk about having had cancer as she chooses not to make that who she is, and to have come into work one day with the Relay for Life's purple all over was very upsetting to her, as she does not want to be reminded. She stated it was upsetting to her that people won't see the other side of things.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated to Councilwoman Mason that she was sorry she was upset, that she does see both sides, but she does want to hear Mrs. Dawson's story too.

Councilwoman Mason stated she would hear it too, but not in a public meeting; that there is a time and place for things, and she didn't feel when we are here at a public meeting it was a time to have a discussion of our personal problems or causes.

**6. Agency Reports.** The MAC received the following reports:

- a. Sheriff's Department's Deputy Tiegler passed out copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of May. Deputy Tiegler stated Resident Deputy Connie Saunders was moving to the contract City of Oakley, effective in about 3 weeks. He stated the letter is out for the new position and there are quite a few persons interested so it should be a smooth transition.

There was some clarification on the hours Resident Deputies work; 6am – 4pm, Deputy Tiegler working Monday through Thursday and Deputy Saunders works Wednesday through Saturday, basically swing shift on Fridays and Saturdays because of budget cuts.

Deputy Tiegler stated that patrols on graveyard shift have changed also; right now there are four two-man cars for the whole county, working basically on anything 'in progress'. He stated the good thing about the Sheriff's Department is that they might not have a lot on patrol but there is a ton of them around, and when need be officers from jails that are patrol qualified shift out into the field.

Deputy Tiegler stated he has had a lot of feed-back that people say they quit calling because of slow or no response to their calls, and they really need people *not* to quit calling, that he can complain and they tell him 'that's too bad', but when citizens keep up the complaining and it gets to the Board of Supervisors, then things start happening; the squeaky wheel gets the oil.

Deputy Tiegler stated the good thing about Bay Point is they have the School Resource Officer and the Resident Deputy, whereas other unincorporated areas are bare bones.

There was a short discussion regarding abandoned and stolen vehicles again. Deputy Tiegler stated they have a training day coming up and he is trying to get a 'tow-athon' scheduled, getting their civilian workers working on whipping out the forms, and all the tow companies are on stand-by and pre-positioned for calls.

Councilwoman Mason asked about a Danville police car cruising the area last Friday.

Deputy Tiegler explained 'Visa', where all the agencies get together and look for occupied and un-occupied stolen vehicles; that's what that was.

Deputy Tiegler stated that unfortunately since they're not around as much at night, auto burglaries are up; he reminded everyone to not leave anything in their cars; also that the round spit marks on the windshield from your GPS is a giveaway that it is probably put away in your glove compartment, so take it inside and clean off your window. He stated day-time home burglaries are also up, so be sure to call if you see anyone suspicious hanging around, or if you answer your door and someone is there with a weird story.

- b.** California State Highway Patrol Department's Officer Michael Brewer stated that three different days in May were directed at traffic complaints; that during those days 56 traffic citations were given out; one of the stops resulted in a parolee at large with a large amount of methamphetamines on him being arrested and taken off the street; and from that traffic stop they searched a house on Azores, found more methamphetamines and took 2 more people into custody. He stated all that was a direct result of a citizen calling and complaining about a speeding problem; so just as Deputy Tiegler had said, keep calling and complaining.

Officer Brewer stated as far as the budget issue goes they are skating on thin ice right now, but when patrol reductions are made, his unit, the Community Response Team, will be the first to go.

There was a discussion on the fluctuation of patrols now through the summer, in part because of vacations.

Councilwoman Magleby stated she wanted to thank them for the white paint being re-done at the Bailey/Willow Pass Road intersection, helping remind people they must turn right from the right lane and not pass through the intersection cutting other cars off.

Councilman Tremaine asked about the differentiation of roles for the Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Department in Bay Point.

Officer Brewer stated the Highway Patrol is responsible for all the vehicle code issues i.e. traffic collisions, speeding, auto theft, etc., and the Sheriff's Department is responsible with all the penal code issues. He stated it's not that one can't do the other, but as far as jurisdiction on who gets the call that's how it is.

A resident asked about trying to call 911 from a cell phone, not being able to get through, and if there was a special phone number to use, as they had her on hold for too long.

Officer Brewer explained that when you call from your cell phone it goes to Highway Patrol in Vallejo no matter where you are calling from, and they are servicing the entire bay area, so particularly during the evening time, you will get a busy signal or there will often be a wait to talk to the dispatcher; because they are having to field so many calls. He stated they have the technology to remedy the situation by sending calls to specific areas, but that it won't be happening soon due to economic difficulties.

- c.** Ms. Maureen Toms of Contra Costa Redevelopment stated she only had a few things to report,

including:

- 1) Next Tuesday night the County Planning Commission will consider the general plan amendment for the Bay Point Waterfront. She stated they had a study session with the East County Regional Planning Commission in May, received their comments, and those comments are being forward up to the County Planning Commission; the reason the County Planning Commission is hearing this is because there is an urban limit line change to be considered.
- 2) Mr. Ed Diokno will be speaking on the Willow Pass Road medians Townhall meeting, so he will fill everyone in on that item.
- 3) Two items on Orbisonia Heights; they are currently doing the land assemblage, having 6 properties remaining to acquire, and two properties to be demolished in the coming 2 weeks. She stated these two properties had been made available to the Fire District for training purposes and had been used for different trainings that did not involve fire. Ms. Toms stated on Bailey Road they had 'Safe Routes to Transit' money the county has applied for jointly with the City of Pittsburg, to do a project on Bailey Road between Hwy 4 and Leland Road that includes widening sidewalks on both sides of the street, but especially on the Bay Point side where in some places there are no sidewalks. She stated this project will the acquisition of any properties the Redevelopment project is not taking care of; there are 3 properties on Bailey Road that the agency has not purchased and will likely be purchased as a result of this project.
- 4) Coming to the end of the fiscal year, getting the property tax numbers probably in August, when they sit down with the sub-committees to discuss the next year's budget; she stated she would like to request of the MAC at their next meeting to have something on their agenda about identifying a sub-committee to work with county staff on developing the budget. She stated they won't have a lot of choices this coming year; anticipating there will be significant reduction in property taxes, so they would like some assistance from a sub-committee to help prioritize what expenditures there would be.

Councilwoman Magleby asked if it was important for a MAC representative be present at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

Ms. Toms stated it is always important for members of the MAC and members of the public to come to the Planning Commission meetings. She stated they have included the MAC's comments in the staff report, but it is always helpful in the decision making process. Ms. Tom's thanked Councilwoman Magleby for attending the last East County Planning Commission meeting.

Ms. Kara Douglas and Mr. Pat Roach from Contra Costa County's Department of Conservation and Development distributed hand-outs and reported on the Housing Element Report. She stated a broad view of the Housing Element is that it is one of the 7 required elements in the county's general plan, and out of those 7 elements it is the only one the state has a lot of legislation on; a lot of rules that need to be followed. She stated that once they write their Housing Element they need to send it to the state for their review and certification. Ms. Douglas stated the HE typically has a 5 year planning period, this 5 year planning period was for 7 years, from 2007 – 2014 (the state has interesting math), and is due on June 30<sup>th</sup>; they will be presenting the Housing Element on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Kara gave a detailed explanation of the process and the different pieces of the Housing

Element including the major piece, the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, and how the goals are set to accommodate the housing need of the various areas. She stated they need to have an analysis of vacant and under-utilized sites in the county, to see where they have the capacity to grow, and another piece is doing an evaluation of housing for all people in the county; different household composition, different income, etc., to plan for new housing developments. She stated they also have to plan for housing homeless.

Mr. Pat Roach, Supervisor of the county's general plan, described in detail the Sites Analysis and how it works, including a land inventory to satisfy the states requirement and demonstrate the county has an adequate number of sites planned for residential development. He stated for Bay Point they have the potential, theoretically, of developing 934 residences.

Mr. Roach stated they will be going to the county Planning Commission on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and if they approve it they will forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, then the Board of Supervisors will hold a public meeting on the Housing Element, at that point they will be submitting it back to the state, and their ultimate goal is to have the State of California certify they have a Housing Element that meets the requirements of state law. He stated that designation is their 'Golden Ticket' and will be in good position for getting funding from different sources, moving the county up the ladder in terms of potential eligibility for funding.

- d. Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's Office reminded everyone of the Supervisor's upcoming Townhall meeting at Ambrose Community Center on June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. He stated Public Works will present new options to improve safety on Willow Pass Road. He stated they held an earlier meeting hearing everyone's comments and did away with the median plan that was first proposed, and they have some other ideas they would like to present to the community.

Mr. Diokno stated on June 16<sup>th</sup> the East County Alcohol Program (ECAP) with Supervisor Glover, will be hosting another Townhall at the Boys and Girls Club in Pittsburg to discuss youth and alcohol, including the county's Social Host ordinance, and a panel on youth and alcohol. He stated it goes from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Mr. Diokno stated on June 17<sup>th</sup> Supervisor Glover will be the commencement speaker for graduation ceremonies for Riverside High School in Pittsburg.

Mr. Diokno stated through the Public Protection committee, Supervisor Glover has asked county staff to study a way to register the true owners of properties that are about to or are in the process of being foreclosed. He stated it was brought to their attention that many homeowners who want to renegotiate their loans are unable to because they don't know who the true holders of their notes are; the bundled sell-and-buy process by national and international firms have resulted in rapid turnover of properties and complicated the ability of county staff to find out who the true owners are. He stated this has also made it difficult for homeowners to renegotiate their loans. Mr. Diokno stated this is an ongoing process, and expect to see a draft ordinance, based on ordinances being used in southern California communities, sometime this summer.

Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor is also continuing to seek a way for the District Attorney to prosecute the full range of misdemeanors despite the budget cuts the DA's office has had to go through. He stated conversations with DA Kochly are ongoing. Mr. Diokno stated that similarly, the Supervisor is trying to find a way to smooth the transition of some health care

services from the County Health system to private nonprofit clinics throughout the county in order for the Health Services to meet its budget, and people will still have health services.

Mr. Diokno reported the deadline had passed and interviews for the Keller grant will be taking place during the last week of June. He stated applicants will be notified in August whether or not they got grants from the Keller Canyon Landfill Mitigation Fund.

## **7. Consent Items.**

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice - \$80.00

Motion made by Councilwoman Magleby to accept Consent Item. Seconded by Councilwoman Kopitar. Motion carried 6 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, Mason, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting “yes”.

## **8. Items for Discussion and/or Action.** The MAC discussed the following items and took the following actions:

- a. **Discuss, review and approve recommending a MAC member to attend and report back Planning Commission meeting information - Magleby**

After some discussion it was agreed that Council Member Mason would attend the County Planning Commission meetings (about 5 times a year), and report back to the MAC, and Council Member Tremaine will be the back-up.

- b. **Discuss, review and approve recommending a group to represent the MAC at the Relay for Life Cancer Walk, June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - Zumwalt**

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated she does walk at this Relay, and she likes to promote this function, and if anyone is interested, they are welcome to join her; Item of interest.

- c. **Discuss, review and approve funding for the purchase of beverages to support National Night Out - Garcia**

Councilwoman Garcia stated she thinks the MAC should be more involved with the National Night Out event, other cities are, that it should be a celebration, bringing together law enforcement, county officials, and community.

After some discussion it was decided to table this item to next month’s agenda, allowing for more specific budget information, for the specific amount requested for this event, what exactly will be provided and more specific information about where the event is to be held.

Councilwoman Mason requested that she would prefer the MAC pay for water, not soda, as they are supposed to be supporting a healthier community.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that they could do both as they always have, as people don’t like just water.

- d. **Discuss, review, and approve not holding meetings if there are no Redevelopment or MAC**

## issues – Mason

Councilwoman Mason stated that the Redevelopment Committee typically didn't meet unless they had business that was timely and had to be taken care of prior to the next meeting. She stated she felt like last month's meeting was event oriented, not legislative or things to be done for the community.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated she felt there were always community things to talk about at each meeting.

Councilman Tremaine stated that as far as he was concerned the MAC was here for the community, and he liked the fact the community knows that on the first Tuesday of each month they can come see them, and interrupting that cycle will alienate people who want to come.

Councilman Tremaine also stated he wanted to apologize [to Judy Dawson], that he didn't think they should have said the things to her they did, and that he was very happy that she came and addressed the MAC. He stated he wants the community people to come here and tell them what they are doing, whether he agrees with it or not.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated she agreed the MAC is there for the community to come to; and she also wanted to apologize to Judy Dawson, that she did understand what Councilwoman Mason was going through because of family members having cancer, but she did believe funds raised for cancer research is desperately needed.

Councilwoman Magleby stated she believed they are like a small branch of the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce, selling Bay Point at these meetings, sharing things that interest people.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated the consensus was to continue having the MAC meetings each month.

## 9. Committee Reports/Member Reports. The MAC received the following reports:

Councilwoman Garcia reported there was not date set yet for the Residential Clean Up, but that it would probably be in October this year.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated she had written the letter to Criterion concerning diking their property. She stated she also had tentative dates for the next Keller Canyon site visit in June, for interested MAC members to contact her.

Councilwoman Garcia reported on the success of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Spring Derby and parade; she thanked Vickie Zumwalt for her extraordinary work, and also Supervisor Glover for participating and supporting the event.

Councilwoman Garcia reported that on Wednesday, June 10, the Garden Club had a special event, The Happy Gardener, with special speaker Bird Morningstar, and invited all to attend.

Councilwoman Mason reported on Community Wellness and the Sustainable Agriculture program.

**Correspondence.** Councilwoman Kopitar shared the correspondence and made it available for public to view.

**10. Future Agenda Items.**

- a. Budget – MAC participation in funding beverages to support National Night Out event - Garcia
- b. Website information
- c. Resolution from the MAC supporting Gay marriages - Mason
- d.

**11. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for July 7, 2009, 7:00pm, at Ambrose Community Center Board Room.**

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