

Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee



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

Record of Actions

6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

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

Others present: Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Maureen Toms of County Redevelopment, Mr. Jerry Fahy of County Traffic Department, Lt. Mahoney and Deputy Lohanas of the Sheriff's Dept., and Officer Godman of the California Highway Patrol.

- 1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mr. Shadrick H. Small of Black Families Association of Contra Costa County.
- 2. Approval of November 3, 2009 Agenda.**

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to approve the November 3, 2009 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting "yes".

- 3. Review Record of Actions for October 6, 2009.**

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

- 4. Contra Costa County Report from Traffic and Maintenance Departments – Jerry Fahy**

- a. Discuss, review, approve and recommend action on Clearland Drive, Median Islands**

Councilman Stevenson inquired and there was a brief discussion concerning Mrs. Bobbie Hicks, who had brought this item to the MAC Board the previous month, having been notified or not about this item being on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Jerry Fahy gave a description of Clearland Drive and stated he had found paperwork as far back as 1997 about funding so it had to have started even before then. He stated he found a few people who were involved with the project, and what he heard from them was that in this small community of about 100 houses they had trouble with sideshows on Clearland (because the pavement was so wide), and problems with cars cutting corners.

Mr. Fahy demonstrated and explained the layout on a diagram/map, stating the medians were built in 2000, and restricting/removing parking was a part of the plan too. He stated this is what has been in place for the last 10 years. He stated he doesn't have any data prior to 5 years ago about collisions and things like that but basically there were none that involved the Clearland intersections and the medians, except that the medians are getting hit, signs knocked down, probably because of larger vehicles.

Mr. Fahy stated that he hadn't really gotten into other options because he wasn't sure exactly what was trying to be solved; he's heard residents didn't like having lost their parking, and that would involve removing some but not the first stretch of medians; and if they are taken out, are they going to have the same problems reoccur again sometime in the future, and be looking to solve the problem that had already been solved.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding what was originally requested, what was being requested now, what is done in other areas (speed bumps); and the start in 2007 of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program working with communities to make them safer. Mr. Fahy stated the Neighborhood Traffic Management program might be helpful in determining what was needed now on Clearland.

Resident Judy Dawson stated that it wasn't only the unsightliness that was brought up at the last meeting, but also about the lack of parking so that some people are parking on their lawns. She stated the narrow road leading to Casa Serena, with an older population, is probably also a factor to be considered. Mrs. Dawson stated that they should also think about the vacant property on the corner, belonging to the Ambrose Recreation & Park District, that will some day in the future be developed and having those islands as they are now will be a problem.

Mr. Fahy stated any developer would certainly need to have the medians modified and included in their site plan.

Mr. Fahy stated he would suggest that the interested residents circulate a petition regarding the different issues on Clearland to ensure that it is the majority of those living there that would like to see changes, not just the few impacted by their lack of parking.

After some discussion it was decided that a good first step would be Mr. Fahy going over the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program with Mrs. Hicks, as the tool to use to put traffic calming devices in place, or in this case take the devices out.

b. Discuss, review, approve and recommend “Adopt a Road” program and/or “No Dumping” signs for Bay Point.

Mr. Jerry Fahy stated years ago there was an “Adopt a Road” program, but currently there is none. He stated the Maintenance Department is looking at reviving the program where if

someone wants to do the work on a road they can; but the program is in draft form and needs to be reviewed regarding liability and such; looking at 3 to 6 months down the line.

Mr. Fahy stated it is General Services Department that does the clean-up of trash dumped on Bay Point roads. He stated it is Bob Tamari of General Services that you would contact; they get their funding through Keller Canyon through Supervisor Glover's office on a yearly basis to do that clean-up; they are out here about once a week with two guys typically spending about 4 hours picking up garbage in Bay Point.

Mr. Fahy stated regarding signs he had asked Mr. Tamari, and he would ask the Sheriff's Dept. if signage would prevent the dumping; he stated his thought is "no", and demonstrated his conclusion with a picture of a large pile of garbage under a no dumping sign taken on Driftwood Drive in Bay Point.

There was a lengthy discussion of garbage, tires, etc. seen dumped; the possibility of larger signs with the dollar amount of fines on them making a difference; increasing fines, and whether taking down the signs, changing the signs, or putting up more signs would help.

Mr. Fahy stated as his job is traffic; this is more a question for Mr. Tamari of General Services. He stated as part of the traffic department whether or not it is impacting traffic safety, and whether or not he can afford to put signs up, would also be considerations. He stated Mr. Tamari on the other hand has a limited amount of money for clean-up and may not choose to spend it on signs.

Mr. Diokno stated that illegal dumping is the subject of Supervisor Glover's upcoming Town Hall meeting, December 1st, at 6:00pm, right before the MAC meeting, and everyone involved with clean-up will be there.

Chairwoman Zumwalt opened the floor to Mrs. Bobbie Hicks, who had just joined the meeting, to speak on her concerns about Clearland Drive.

Mrs. Hicks stated she was sorry to come late but hadn't known about the meeting being tonight or that the item she initiated at the last meeting was going to be on the agenda; that she didn't want the MAC to think that she didn't care enough about the item to come again, as she is concerned about Clearland Drive, and she had also intended to have others come as well to share their concern.

Councilman Stevenson shared with Mrs. Hicks the decision made to have Mr. Fahy of county traffic meet with her and anyone else interested to discuss the different issues concerning Clearland Drive, before the next meeting.

Resident Mrs. Janess Hanson stated Driftwood Drive was built with Navy Mitigation funds and one of the main issues of losing Port Chicago Hwy. was bicyclists losing a main route, and she is disappointed that Driftwood Drive wasn't built with bicycle lanes. She stated she was also disappointed to hear that hundreds of thousands of dollars now going to be spent on new landscaping along that road, instead of making it safer for kids and bicyclists to travel on with a bicycle lane. Mrs. Hanson also stated she would like the white stripes along the side of Evora Road be continued from the top, going west, to the bottom of the hill.

Mr. Fahy stated he would look into the stripping on Evora Road, but it may be a matter of the road width not being enough to stripe it; when striping is done it is also perceived as a bike lane.

Mr. Diokno stated that along with the new landscaping being done on Driftwood Drive, new bicycle lanes are also going to be put in.

5. Public Comments:

Ms. Megan Joseph introduced herself as the new policy coordinator for the East County Alcohol Policy Coalition, and gave an update on the coalition that was formed about 6 months ago. She stated the original coordinator had left; that as the new coordinator she was going to begin action meetings again in January; meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month, and will be held at two different times in the afternoon and evening to accommodate more people. Ms. Joseph stated they are focusing on youth using alcohol and shared some statistics. She stated they are covering Bay Point, Pittsburg, and Antioch and are still recruiting concerned community members, law enforcement, government officials, wanting everyone at the table. Mr. Joseph stated their first meeting is January 19th, and she distributed flyers.

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

A. Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department

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

Lt. Mahoney stated that when they changed to the new graveyard staffing, down to 3 two-man cars during the week and 4 on the weekends, they shuffled some and they now have a 2nd J (Justice) team; how they are doing the staffing now is they have moved the two-man cars out of Bay Point, and we now have the J Team, the Sergeant and 6 Deputies working out of the Muir Station, so they basically now have 6 two-man cars plus the Sergeant for the whole county.

Lt. Mahoney introduced Deputy Catherine Lohanas, Bay Point's new 2nd Resident Deputy.

Deputy Lohanas stated she enjoys this community and really likes it here; she has found there are a lot of good people out here, and also some 'bad apples' that they are trying to put behind bars every chance they get.

Deputy Lohanas reported on the fishing trip she had organized and put on in August for some school kids, learning to work together and learn respect law enforcement. She also reported on the Bicycle Rodeo, stating it was smaller than last year, but she believed a huge success anyways. Deputy Lohanas reported they provided a little food for everybody and they also raffled two bikes. She stated the next thing they are organizing is the Christmas dinner here at the Ambrose Center on the 12th of December, with toys to give away; details to follow soon.

Councilman Stevenson asked if there were any programs with the Sheriff's Department or other Police agency that works with kids in trouble.

Deputy Lohanas stated they have none right now, that it is a sore spot, needing to keep kids

occupied; something important that they need to check into, and maybe get organized.

B. California State Highway Patrol

Officer Joe Godman stated due to the busyness created by the Bay Bridge being closed, he was unable to get the stats for last month. He did report that the extra officer in the morning and evening he spoke about last month, to handle traffic complaints and serving our community's specific needs, is still on and will probably start January 1st.

Chairwoman Zumwalt asked about traffic being watched on Evora Road as there are people speeding down that road.

Officer Godman stated that isn't the site he likes to work, but it is one of Officer Brewer's favorite places; sitting at the bottom of the hill with his radar gun just waving people in. Officer Godman stated being on a bike, his favorite spots are watching red lights, as he is harder for people to spot, and he can catch a lot of people that way; as well as working the freeway.

C. Redevelopment Staff Report

Ms. Maureen Toms of Contra Costa Redevelopment reported:

- a. Today the Board of Supervisors approved a General Fund amendment for the Bay Point Waterfront project; including an extension of Alves Lane, and an extension of Pacifica Ave. onto the circulation element of the General Plan. She stated there are a number of steps before those roads are actually built; but this is the first step, in getting them recognized on the General Plan.
- b. P.G. &E. has notified them that they are interested in starting the process of remediating the Shell Pond. She stated they will be coming to the MAC meeting next month to introduce the idea; they are interested in hearing from the community as to how the remediation would occur.
- c. The Pittsburg/Bay Point Enterprise Zone was tentatively approved by the state; they are finishing up a few extra items the state requested before they get their final designation. She stated they will be having a meeting November 18th in Pittsburg lead by the Work Force Development Board to do an overview of the Enterprise Zone program and also talk about how they can partner with organizations like the Chamber of Commerce's and do outreach. Ms. Toms stated all of the MAC members are welcome to attend.
- d. As work is done on the Bailey Road Pedestrian and Bicyclists improvements they are starting to get estimates for not only installing the landscaping but also for maintaining it. She stated they currently have no mechanism for maintaining landscaping. Ms. Toms stated she has received some estimates on what the cost would be go through the process to set up an Assessment District, and what she has been told by the Special Districts Division is that they would first go out and do surveys and find out what the community's appetite is for paying an assessment; would it cover only Bailey Road; would it include other improvements; what level is the community willing to pay in an assessment to maintain landscaping. She stated it isn't so hard to get the capitol monies to do these projects, there is grant money out there for the kind of improvements needed, but it is difficult for them to actually apply for those when there isn't the Assessment District. Ms. Toms stated they will bring it back to the MAC if this is a direction they decide to go.

Chairwoman Zumwalt asked if they had thought about this not being the best time economically to ask residents about being taxed more.

Ms. Toms stated 'absolutely', that is probably the most important piece to it; not being the right time to even do a survey. She stated it is something she feels they need to look at in the coming years as they climb out of this bad economy

- e. The county budget was approved today by the Board of Supervisors
- f. The California Redevelopment Association within the last two weeks filed a lawsuit suing the state of California for the taking of Redevelopment funds; statewide it is over 2 billion dollars, in Bay Point alone it is 1.7 million dollars of tax revenue that would be coming into this community but is being diverted by the state. She stated they are hoping to have it decided by May, which is the time the county would actually have to transfer those funds to the county treasurer's office to be distributed. Ms. Toms stated the last time they did this they did get the decision before they had to transfer funds.

D. Supervisor Federal Glover General Report – Ed Diokno

- Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's Office stated he was asked by the Chair to report to the MAC on this item; he distributed copies of the recommendation regarding Park Dedication Fees, as it appeared on the Board of Supervisor's agenda.

Mr. Diokno stated last month the supervisors voted unanimously to NOT give the Ambrose Recreation & Park District the \$400,000 they requested. He stated they agreed with the staff recommendations that the Park Dedication funds be spent on upgrade and maintenance of the Bay Point parks that the Ambrose Recreation & Park District will not spend any of the WW funds on that was given to them by the East Bay Regional Park District. Mr. Diokno reported that staff had identified the upgrades and maintenance of those parks will cost about \$450,000; and since the county did not receive any WW funds, staff recommended using the Park Dedication funds to pay for those park improvements.

- Mr. Diokno stated County staff is offering this year's annual Training for Advisory Bodies to the Board of Supervisors on December 7th, 4:00pm – 5:30pm, at the Board Chambers at 651 Pine Street in Martinez.

Mr. Diokno stated the purpose of this meeting is to familiarize advisory body members with the Advisory Body Handbook, procedures and policies. He stated the Council will also receive training on important legal requirements and obligations and have a chance to ask questions on issues that might have arisen.

- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover will hold a Bay Point Town Hall meeting on December 1st, 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the Board Room, just prior to the December MAC meeting. He stated the topic will be illegal dumping.
- Mr. Diokno said to circle this date on your calendars; The Supervisor's annual Crab Feed will be January 9th, 2010. He stated it will be held at the church hall of Good Shepherd Church, 3200 Harbor in Pittsburg.
- Mr. Diokno stated every two years members of the MAC have to take the class on the

Brown Act and Ethics. He stated there are several ways to fulfill this obligation:

1. You can do this by viewing the DVDs. He stated let him know and he can get it to the member, and give you a form to fill out stating you had viewed it.
2. Both of them can also be found at the County website at the bottom of the first page of the Board of Supervisors page.
3. You can watch it on CCTV Saturday, November 7th at 3:00pm.
4. You can also access the ethics for public official's portion of the website of the Fair Political Practices Commission of the state of California (www.fpc.ca.gov). He stated at the end of that training session a form will appear which you can fill out, print, and send to him.

7. Presentations. Presentations were made by:

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

Councilwoman Garcia stated there were not award nominations this month.

b. Calvary Temple – Pastor John McClendon

Pastor McClendon reported that he is filling in as interim Associate Pastor and Calvary goes through the transition of filling the Lead Pastor's position. He gave a brief report of events by the church including:

- The Convoy of Hope in 2008 – putting about \$70,000 into the community in groceries and services.
- The Spot – done about 4 times a year for the teens.
- Horse Club – participated in Bay Point Derby, Walnut Creek parade, & Clyde's. Looking at putting a program together to work with kids.
- Sunday before Halloween – 4,000 children at event with carnival rides, food, hay ride, and safe fun.
- 40 Days of Service in 2007 – Community outreach with over 800 members volunteered throughout Contra Costa County, including projects in Bay Point.
- Going ahead with Chapter II – Calvary's building program including a 2,000 seat sanctuary some time in the future.
- The Singing Flag – in Concord every 4th of July holiday.
- Scrooge – Christmas play.
- Foster kids program – special camping event serving 30 - 60 foster kids every year.
- Recovery and other special groups going every night of the week.

Chairwoman Zumwalt thanked the Pastor for coming and sharing and expressed appreciation for Calvary Church being such a positive member of our community.

Councilman Tremaine asked if they were going to be able to put on the Convoy of Hope next year, and what an approximate timetable was for the Chapter II building.

Pastor McClendon stated the Convoy of Hope was on the calendar for September 2010. He stated the Chapter II building timing is up in the air until a new Lead Pastor is working and has input into that.

c. Black Families Association of Contra Costa County – Shadrick Small

Councilman Stevenson stated he has always had a great concern for the teenagers of our community. He stated his wife and he began meeting with other concerned persons trying to combat some of the problems our community was facing related with teenagers; in the process of organizing an association he remembered this group. Councilman Stevenson stated several months ago they attended one of their functions and learned about the things they have been doing; he then spoke with Shadrick about coming to Bay Point and offering some things that they have in other areas.

Mr. Shadrick H. Small distributed materials and introduced himself as the interim President of Black Families Association of Contra Costa County; also some other members in attendance to support him; Mr. Cooper, Mr. & Mrs. Kobiashi, and Mr. & Mrs. Griffith.

Mr. Small stated the organization was started over 35 years ago so it always surprises him to hear people have never heard of them, though many of their activities do occur on the other side of the hill. He spoke of the scholarships they have been giving, funded by an annual Dinner/Dance; over the last 18 years; demonstrating to young people there are people in the community who support their efforts to attend college, and have confidence in their ability to do so.

Mr. Small stated that some time in the future he would like to call upon the Council, as they have in other communities, to support their efforts they hope to pursue in communities like this one, where they want to constructively engage their youth. For example, in the past such as sponsoring, in concert with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest – hoping to resurrect this event along with the Black History Club.

Mr. Small stated if you look at their core objectives of the BFA, many of them are tied to educational pursuits because many of those involved with the BFA over the years have been educators.

8. Consent Items.

a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice - \$120.00

Motion made by Councilwoman Magleby to accept Consent Item. Seconded by Councilman Stevenson. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting “yes”.

9. Items for Discussion and/or Action. The MAC discussed the following items and took the following actions: None

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

- **Residential clean up date – Garcia (volunteers requires?)**
Councilwoman Garcia stated the Cleanup is ready to go, this Saturday, November 7th, 8:00am – 11:00am. She stated they are going to provide five dumpsters.

Councilwoman Garcia reported the Newsletter had been sent to Ready Print last Wednesday and will go out this Thursday or Friday.

- **Code Enforcement – Stevenson and Tremaine (Excel Spreadsheet?)**

Councilman Tremaine asked about the lists Council members were to prepare and bring to the meeting about their top 5 priorities to be addressed in Bay Point by Code Enforcement.

There was discussion regarding some Council Members expecting a list of examples/suggestions; what exactly was appropriate for the list; and why the lists are important to Code Enforcement in organizing the huge task before them.

Councilman Stevenson encouraged members to complete their priority lists and turn them in at the conclusion of the meeting.

- **Community Wellness Program/County Planning Commission Updates – Mason**

Councilwoman Mason reported she would be making a presentation in Santa Rosa this month regarding the nutrition component of the After School Program.

- **CAP – Kopitar**

Councilwoman Kopitar stated she had missed the last CAP meeting and asked Councilwoman Mason to report. Councilwoman Mason stated the meeting was at Criterion Catalyst and there was a very interesting presentation made by Tracy Craig, a consultant, and Robert Gray from P.G. & E. about cleaning up the Shell Pond, and their desire for community input.

- **Spring Derby – Magleby**

Councilwoman Magleby reported the Spring Derby is scheduled for May 31st, next Memorial Day, and the next Chamber of Commerce meeting is the 19th of November.

11. Correspondence.

Councilwoman Kopitar reported on correspondence received and made it available for public viewing.

11. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Presentation of Shell Pond remediation
- b. Heart Safe Community – in January
- c. Changing the meeting time to 6:30pm
- d. Kwanza - by African American Health Conductors.

12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 7:00pm, at Ambrose Community Center Board Room.

This meeting record is provided pursuant to Better Government Ordinance 95-6, Article 25-2205(d) of the Contra Costa County Ordinance Code.