

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, April 5, 2011

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

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Mrs. Maureen Toms of County Redevelopment, Officer Eric Brewer of the Highway Patrol, Deputy Donald Patchin of the Sheriff's Dept., Ms. Tracy Craig regarding PG&E/Shell Pond, and Alvin Lim from Criterion Catalysts.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Chairwoman Mason

1. Approval of April 5, 2011 Agenda

Chairwoman Mason stated item 3b needed to be corrected and reflect Record of Action for March 1st, not February 1st.

Motion made by Councilman Stevenson to approve the corrected April 5, 2011 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Kopitar. Motion carried 5 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, and Tremaine voting "yes"; Council Members Magleby and Zumwalt absent.

2. Consent items

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice - \$120.00**
- b. Approval of Record of Actions of March 1, 2011**

Motion made by Councilman Stevenson to approve the Consent Items. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 5 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, and Tremaine voting "yes"; Council Members Magleby and Zumwalt absent.

4. Public Comments:

Ms. Bettina Engleman introduced herself as the Supervisor from the Lavonia Allen Headstart Center on Medanos Ave., 1 of 4 community service Headstart sites in Bay Point serving 195 low-income children/families. She stated they have been in the community for some years, and next week they are having a special event for ‘The Week of the Young Child’, celebrated throughout the nation; and is inviting the Council Members to the Lavonia Allen Center to share Story Time with the children. Ms. Engleman distributed personal invitations to each Council Member with more information about the event.

Ms. Antonette Dumpit introduced herself as the Branch Manager for the new Chase Bank opening up on Bailey Road in the Oak Hills shopping center. She stated she wanted everyone to know they are opening next week, April 12th, and they are pleased to be a part of this community, and want to support the community as well.

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

a. Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department – Dpt. Donald Patchin

Deputy Donald Patchin stated he was here for Lt. Brady as she had another engagement tonight, and passed out copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of March, 2011.

There was a discussion regarding the ‘Assault of a Police Officer’ items on the report; Deputy Patchin stated it was about the shooting on Hanlon, and he wasn’t sure about the one on Pacifica.

b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

Officer Eric Brewer stated that in the month of February the CHP made 22 arrests for DUIs and he didn’t have a number of citations to report as they had over 1,000 collisions to investigate in this county, in this domain; and they usually have only 400 – 500; and the computers were just too busy to get the stats.

Officer Brewer stated the radar trailer is still broken; that Jerry Fahy of Public Works knows and he keeps ‘bugging’ him about using it here. He stated now that the weather is getting better it shouldn’t be long.

c. Redevelopment Staff Report – Maureen Toms

Ms. Maureen Toms reported on:

- **State Legislature’s attempt to eliminate Redevelopment**

Ms. Maureen Toms stated that item had gone up through the Assembly floor on March 16th and did not pass, by one vote. She stated it could still come back.

- **Enterprise Zone**

Ms. Toms stated it has not been eliminated either, to date, but is anybody’s guess if it will come back. She stated they are thinking maybe when the May revised budget comes out; there was a reform bill that was discussed in one of the committees today

- that had to do with the low and moderate income funds for Redevelopment Agencies.
- **Bailey Road project with City of Pittsburg**
Ms. Toms stated they do have an MOU approved by the Supervisors, the Redevelopment Agency, and the City of Pittsburg. She stated they have signed it but they haven't gotten it back yet from the City of Pittsburg.
- **Staff Changes**
Ms. Toms stated they are looking to make some staff changes in their division due both to retirements and layoffs, throughout the department. She stated the big news is that their Director, Jim Kennedy, announced his retirement; that was effective last week but they will get him back for about 4 – 6 weeks to work during this time of transition. Ms. Toms stated that in Redevelopment they are looking to downsize, and may be compressing Project Managers.

Councilman Stevenson inquired and there was a discussion regarding a Retirement Party for Mr. Kennedy; Ms Toms stated maybe later after the transition he would be more willing to have one, not at this time. Chairwoman Mason stated even if there wasn't a Party the MAC should at least give him a Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work in this community. Ms. Toms stated 'yes', and that he has been with the county for 35 years.

6. Presentations Presentations were made by:

a. Alvin Lim – Criterion Catalysts Update

Mr. Alvin Lim introduced himself as the Site Manager for Criterion Catalysts plant in Bay Point, and gave a little background on the site including:

- ~ Criterion is a wholly owned subsidiary of Shell Oil
- ~ This location is a global manufacturer of catalysts for the oil refineries
- ~ Also manufactures a minor catalyst that supports the manufacture of styrene, like in Styrofoam cups

Mr. Lim stated they are currently undergoing a downsizing at this location, resulting in some loss of jobs. He stated some background on the downsizing is:

- ~ The business of manufacturing the styrene catalyst has been sold; they are finishing final operations and will close down that portion of the plant, but will leave the buildings so as not to change the skyline, and use them for something else
- ~ The rest of the plant, the majority of the plant, manufactures hydrogen catalysts for the oil refineries, and is being affected by the economy
- ~ In order to remain competitive the company has considered and wants fewer plants (11 plants all over the world) with smaller more cost effective facilities instead of the larger less cost effective facilities
- ~ Several years ago they elected to build a facility in Louisiana (spent half billion dollars)
- ~ So with the new facility and the reduction in demand because of the economy they had to do some rationalization on their locations

Mr. Lim stated the good news is the Bay Point location had made the cut and remains a viable location; because it was one of the larger ones, is run very efficiently and safety is

a very big factor. He stated however, part of remaining viable was doing some reorganizing; the end result being that by mid-year the downsizing means the loss of 47 jobs. Mr. Lim stated if business picks up in a couple of years they could be re-staffing that portion of the plant, but what the future holds is anybody's guess.

Mr. Lim stated that in spite of all this, Criterion remains committed to being an integral part of the community and continues all the interactions, as that is also one of the requirements to being a viable location.

* Mr. Diokno arrived at 7:20 and Chairwoman Mason suggested he could give the Supervisor's report after presentations were completed.

b. Tracy Craig – Public Comment period for PG&E pond clean-up

Ms. Tracy Craig stated her update was a short one, that they have actually been approved by the Department of Toxic Substances Control to go to Public Comments; which means next Wednesday, April 13th, through May 12th, the documents will be available for public comment. She stated she will be sending an email to the Council Members with attached documents, including a fact and summary sheet. Ms. Craig encouraged Council Members, as representatives of the community, to think hard about what they would like to see; DTSC will be taking the comments but PG&E will also be considering suggestions made, so make sure you email or write them also.

Ms. Craig stated they have a public meeting scheduled for April 27th, here at the Ambrose Center from 6:30 – 8:00pm, and they are doing a lot of outreach to get the word out in general about the clean-up; not just the normal going to community meetings to share, but also working with Contra Costa County to sponsor a meeting with the Latino contingent, some Latino media, door-to-door outreach, working with the Health Conductors, and dropping off fact sheets to 30 CEO's in the area. She also stated if anyone wanted to meet with her or go out to the site, to help with their public comments, just let her know.

Councilman Tremaine asked if they were still planning on removing all the material from there.

Ms. Craig stated they are removing the material from the bottom of the 72 acre pond, going down about 1 – 1 ½ feet (about 90,000 cubic yards of material), which is a substantial amount, and truck traffic will increase 2 extra trucks every 10 minutes, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, for a 6 month period. Ms. Craig asked again about Members wanting a tour of the site.

5d. Supervisor Federal Glover General Report – Ed Diokno

Mr. Ed Diokno apologized for being late, his first and only time in his six years of service; he had been talking with one of our residents about a rash of graffiti on Mota Drive

- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover's Youth Summit is April 16th at Los Medanos College. He stated they are thrilled to announce the keynote speaker is Michael Pritchard, comedian, who has won several local comedian competitions, been on TV & movies, and who was a juvenile probation officer in his former life. He stated he should be able to connect with the kids really well. Mr. Diokno stated although the MAC Members aren't exactly the target age group, they are welcome to attend and take advantage of the free breakfast and lunch, and attend any of the workshops.
- Mr. Diokno stated the bi-monthly Bay Point Code Committee meeting has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday in order to accommodate several county staff members, who often have to be present at the Board of Supervisor's meetings on Tuesday.
- Mr. Diokno stated the Bethel Island Bridge ribbon-cutting ceremony will be April 9th at 11:00am. He stated for those of you with long memories, the long-awaited project began during Tom Torlakson's term as County Supervisor, but had to find funding, have environmental reviews, and design, etc. etc., before it got to this stage.
- Mr. Diokno stated on April 16th the owner of the New Mecca Restaurant, Guillermo Muniz, will be feted at an event at Marina Vista Elementary School starting at noon. He stated the free community-wide event honors Guillermo for his generosity to community events and people in need, and his many wood works in which in donated food, money, and/or his time. Mr. Diokno stated his health is deteriorating and they want to honor him while he is still able to attend.
- Mr. Ed Diokno stated on May 7th the Supervisor will be one of the sponsors of the bicycle race dubbed the Pitt Crit, or Pittsburg Criterium. He stated the day health-themed event will team up with the Los Medanos Health Care District Foundation's annual Fit Fest to stage the race. Mr. Diokno stated professional racers will be coming from around the nation to participate in this event. He stated there will be an opportunity for amateurs and kids to race along the race path in downtown Pittsburg, and for more information to call 252-6968.
- Mr. Diokno stated June 18th is the date of the annual Juneteenth Celebration for the Pittsburg/Bay Point/Antioch area that will be held at Pittsburg City Park all day. He stated the free event will include food, great entertainment and of course, there will be speeches by local officials and educators.
- Mr. Diokno stated on June 25th the Supervisor will take part in the Unity for Community celebration that will be held here at Ambrose. He stated last year about 500 Bay Point residents attended the event where various nonprofits had booths to give out information. Mr. Diokno stated it is a good community event with last year's event probably being the best so far with about 500 people in attendance; with food provided by Kaiser, many booths with lots of information, and a good time celebrating living in Bay Point.

- Mr. Diokno stated finally, for those Council Members who haven't turned in their Form 700s, please do so as soon as possible. The deadline had passed.

7. Items for Discussion and/or Action

a. Dates for Community Clean-up – Councilwoman Garcia

Councilwoman Garcia stated she had been in contact with Pittsburg Disposal Service and would like to do it on May 22nd, but haven't had a reply from them yet. She stated she will email the Council Members when the date is confirmed and also have it in the next Newsletter.

b. Renewal of permit (LP11-2009) for an existing wireless telecommunication installation. (Robert & Velina Herrenkohl-owners and Crown Castle-applicant) No expansion is proposed. The subject site is 816 Port Chicago Hwy., Bay Point – Maureen Toms

Ms. Toms stated there is a cell site and their conditions require getting a renewal after so many years. She stated they are not looking at doing any expansion. She stated that in 200 when this was set up, technology was changing and it was set up this way to renew after 10 years. Ms. Toms stated if there were any questions or concerns she could share those with the zoning administration.

Councilman Stevenson asked how many of these sites there were in Bay Point, and why there were so many here.

Ms. Toms stated she didn't have that exact information, but that there are a number of them, the ones she was aware of were on Riverview Middle School property, on this Port Chicago site, further down Port Chicago by Willow Pass, off the Bailey Rd. trail on a PG&E tower, and on Manor on another PG&E tower. Ms. Toms stated they are everywhere and more are needed to keep up with coverage and the capacity to cover the number of cell phones in use and the quality for new generation 3g & 4g networks.

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia to approve renewal of permit, LP11-2099 for an existing wireless telecommunication installation. Seconded by Councilman Tremaine. Motion carried 5 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Sterling, and Tremaine voting “yes”; Council Members Magleby and Zumwalt absent.

c. Welcome to Bay Point Sign – Councilwoman Mason

Chairwoman Mason stated she had done her homework after last meetings discussion regarding what the MAC's role was regarding the sign. She stated that she had gone back to the August 16, 2010 minutes where Councilwoman Zumwalt stated that since the Chamber of Commerce is paying for the sign the final decision should also be theirs; that although the MAC may have initiated the conversation, that if the Chamber is going to

pay for the whole thing, they should be making the decision, and as long as it is a professional sign there shouldn't be a problem with what they decide; and Ms. Toms had suggested the MAC could make a recommendation to the county as far as any permits they would need regarding encroachment. Chairwoman Mason stated she also went and checked with Julie Nelson of the Chamber just to make sure and that is the same page they are on, and they are in agreement that it is their project, just coming to the MAC to get their blessing and approval before moving forward.

Chairwoman Mason stated they also received a letter from the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce inviting the MAC to purchase a logo to go on the sign. She stated she thought the logo would be the County Seal.

After some discussion about a previous logo it was determined that just like the promotional water bottles, as an Advisory Board, it would have to be the county logo, with maybe District V MAC under it.

Councilman Stevenson stated the project is moving forward, they have had one church and the Park District respond, but they are waiting to hear from East Bay Mudd about replacing the sign as it is their property, and he had hopes that it would be finished before summer before the soil gets rock hard.

Ms. Vivian Lisa stated that it had come to her attention that not only did the sign need replacing, but all around the sign needs to be cleaned up and taken care of.

After some discussion regarding who would make the sign's logos it was decided:

Motion made by Councilwoman Kopitar to approve spending \$100.00 to buy logo to be placed on new 'Welcome to Bay Point' sign. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 5 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Sterling, and Tremaine voting "yes"; Council Members Magleby and Zumwalt absent.

d. Adopt a Road Program – Councilman Stevenson

Councilman Stevenson stated he was told that we needed to submit a draft letter to the MAC before sending it out to the community; talking about the program and its goals.

Chairwoman Mason stated the first step would probably be approval by Supervisor Glover's office of the letter, and then the MAC should be fine with it.

Mr. Diokno stated he would get back to them about the letter.

e. Discussion on excess budget

Chairwoman Mason stated that Council Members Stevenson, Zumwalt and she had met last week and were a little fuzzy about exactly how much money they were talking about, and what was allowable and not allowable, but the general consensus they came up with

was that considering the hard economic times the county and everyone else is experiencing, they didn't want to spend money on something just for the sake of spending the money, and tried to think of ways they could spend it to benefit not only Bay Point but the county as well; such as some kind of a Code Enforcement issue, or beautification issue, something the county would normally have to pick up for Bay Point.

Chairwoman Mason asked if it was Keller Canyon money, that if it weren't spent would it go back into the General Fund, and Mr. Diokno replied 'yes' it would go back into the General Fund.

Chairwoman Mason stated graffiti abatement was also brought up as a use for the funds as it has gotten really bad.

Councilman Tremaine stated one of the street crossings for the trail is not marked, and maybe they could use part of the funds for that. He stated he didn't know for sure the name of the street but he would let them know, not the part that EBRPD maintains but the other side.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that regarding the graffiti issue, she suggested that painting supplies be bought, as they had paint donated but needed rollers and brushes so when volunteers were available they are ready to go. She also stated she would like to see a couple more heavy cement garbage cans along Willow Pass Road to help the growing litter problem; place them in front of businesses that agree ahead of time to be responsible for emptying them.

There was a short discussion regarding the on-going cost and maintenance of the garbage can idea; also discussed was the exact amount of money available and deadline to have it spent; and contact person, Jerry Fahy, to ask about the cost of painting the trail crosswalk; how much would remain after that; and where painting supplies would be stored.

Chairwoman Mason stated she would look into the costs of marking the trail-crossing, and look at it again next month.

8. Committee Reports The MAC received the following reports:

a. CAP – Chairwoman Mason

Chairwoman Mason stated it was basically the reporting out of the annual evaluation of the CAP's performance, and each of the companies gave them an update; heard from Mr. Lim tonight regarding Criterion, Henkel is doing well, and General Chemical, like Criterion, is facing a lot of layoffs because of the economy and some changes at their plant. She stated the CAP members will be going on a tour of the PG&E/Shell Pond at their May meeting.

9. Members' Reports

Councilman Stevenson stated he is involved with the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce in planning a 'Roast' for Ms. Gloria Magleby sometime in May. He stated he had hoped to see it on this agenda. Councilman Stevenson stated he was just going to announce they are planning a 'Roast' to honor Gloria Magleby and the years she participated in supporting Bay Point.

There was a short discussion regarding the exact date being May 26th, that how it can be placed on next month's agenda to remind people about it, and Chamber Secretary will be notified that not all organizations have received notice about the event.

Councilman Stevenson asked Mr. Diokno where he would get any information about Bay Point's population.

Mr. Diokno stated that the population is 100 less from the 2000 census; Bay Point actually lost population; twenty thousand and some.

Councilwoman Eva stated she had visited with Ms. Gloria last Sunday; she is doing well; and is inviting everyone she knows to the event in May. She asked if they could bring out some of the MAC's promotional water to use at the event; maybe a couple of cases; that she would contact Ms. Julie Nelson about it also.

Chairwoman Mason stated the water was bought to use at community events, and Ms. Magleby's event qualifies as a community event; no vote is necessary to use the MAC's water.

10. Correspondence.

Chairwoman Mason reviewed list of correspondence including;

- Letter from Bay Point Chamber of Commerce regarding placing logo on new sign

11. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Pittsburg Disposal Company
- b. Certificates to community volunteers
- c. PG&E coming to speak on our underground gas lines
- d. Gloria Magleby's Roast
- e. Redistricting – demographics of Bay Point

12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 7:00pm, at Ambrose Community Center's 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.