

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 7, 2011

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

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Officer Eric Brewer of the Highway Patrol, Lt. Gwen Brady and Deputy Leah Stabio of the Sheriff's Dept., and Ms. Tracy Craig, of Craig Communications.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Chairwoman Mason

1. Approval of June 7, 2011 Agenda

Motion made by Councilman Stevenson to approve the corrected June 7, 2011 agenda. Seconded by Councilman Tremaine. Motion carried 4 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, and Tremaine voting "yes"; Council Members Kopitar and Zumwalt absent.

2. Consent items

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice - \$120.00**
- b. Approval of Record of Actions of May 3, 2011**

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia to approve the Consent Items. Seconded by Councilman Stevenson. Motion carried 4 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, and Tremaine voting "yes"; Council Members Kopitar and Zumwalt absent.

3. Public Comments:

Mr. Lloyd Mason stated he wondered if the Council was familiar with a newspaper article regarding Park Dedication Fees that might be going to Ambrose; that he is really concerned

about the other \$400,000.00 in litigation; all of this money basically going to The City of Pittsburg as the Ambrose Park was annexed into Pittsburg, and the grand Master Plan for Ambrose Park. Mr. Mason stated Lynbrook, Hickory Meadows, Boeger, Sea View, and Gateway Parks will not get any of the money toward services; he thinks the Council and the community need to be aware of this; that those funds are supposed to be for all of Bay Point, not just one project at one park. Mr. Mason stated the second item was to bring attention to the next Ambrose Park Board meeting on June 9th, where they will be voting on whether to continue or not continue the After School Program contract that Debra Mason oversees; a great, award winning program that serves over 700 kids a day and also employs 80 local people. He stated it's beyond his comprehension they would even consider not renewing this contract, which puts \$30,000.00 in Ambrose's budget, and that they've had for 10 years. Mr. Mason stated it had previously been renewed automatically, but recently politics have become involved; he encouraged everyone to attend Thursday's meeting, at and support the After School Program that has been doing amazing things for the last 10 years in our community.

Chairwoman Mason stated they might want to invite Ambrose's General Manager to a meeting to give them a report on the state of the Park District

Ms. Elaine Prendergast, of Center for Human Development, part of the Bay Point Partnership, stated she was here this evening to extend everyone an invitation to the 8th annual 'Unity in Community' event, celebrating the diversity of Bay Point. She stated the event was Saturday, June 25th, 11:00am – 2:00pm here at the Ambrose Center. She stated they have a wonderful day planned including: local entertainment, music, dancing, DJ, Kaiser Educational Theater, Prizes, a free healthy lunch for the first 700 people, over 30 resource tables, adult health screening, whooping cough immunizations, children & adult dental screening, and a brown bag giveaway (thanks to Brighter Beginnings). She stated also on site, although not a part of 'Unity in Community', will be a mobile office of Senator DeSaulnier, from 10:00am – 1:00pm. Ms. Prendergast stated that eight years ago the first event was at Ambrose Park and had about 200 people attend, and it has been really exciting to see the event grow with 600 people participating last year, and expecting 700 this year. She stated they have many partners but they couldn't do it without good funding support from Keller Canyon Mitigation Funds, Kaiser Permanente, and new this year P.G.&E.

Councilwoman Garcia presented 'Outstanding Citizen' award to Benita Shaw-Malone, retiring Principle, of Gateway High School, in recognition and appreciation of all her hard work and caring.

Ms. Shaw-Malone thanked the MAC and Supervisor Glover's office for the award and for their support in keeping Gateway HS open, along with the rest of the community who came together on this issue. She stated writing letters and going to board meetings must continue to make sure Bay Point is represented; and also have a voice in choosing the next Principle and make sure they love the kids and are committed to the parents and the community. Ms. Shaw-Malone stated please don't let the School Board place just anyone here.

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

a. Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department – Lt. Gwen Brady

Lt. Gwen Brady introduced the new Bay Point School Resource Officer, Deputy Leah Stabio. She stated with careful consideration she hand-picked Deputy Stabio for this position, because she has worked with her in the past, and not only because she is a responsible mom, but because she *loves* kids; she is an amazing addition to their team and is already making a difference.

Lt. Brady distributed and reviewed the crime statistics for Bay Point in May including: 62 out of a total of 118 arrests made were in Bay Point, stating that means they are really busy here, second only to Oakley where it is 'hoppin' now; we're higher even than Rodeo and N. Richmond, not as violent, but it is still here.

Chairwoman Mason stated that means that the Sheriff's Department is doing a really good job.

Lt. Brady stated that crime is up, but arrests are up as well. She stated that summer is coming and things aren't going to get better; she encouraged everyone to speak to kids, speak to parents, talk to your neighbors, ask kids what they're doing, ask parents if they know where their kids are and what they are doing, etc. Lt. Brady stated most crime happens in areas where the ones responsible for the crime don't even live there, they're just passing through. She stated the adage is true that it takes a community to raise a child.

Lt. Brady stated the Sheriff's Office is starting a new program called 'VINE', Victim Information Notification Everyday, a statewide program that basically provides victims of violent crimes information about the status of their offender; an extra layer of safety being offered to help the community. She stated there is a link on the Sheriff's website, and flyers and cards are being given out in the community to get the word out about this new program; www.vinelink.com

Mr. Ed Diokno asked if the Sheriff's Department had increased patrols on the trails, considering the last two incidents.

Lt. Brady stated not really, that those areas actually belong to the East Bay Regional Park District, so don't have a lot of control over that. She stated she hadn't heard any more regarding those incidents but would look into it. She stated it is all jurisdictional, i.e. what side of the property line it occurred, and it is a political fight. Lt. Brady stated if there was a question they would respond, but EBRPD has the equipment, ATV's, and bicycles to better access and patrol those areas.

There was a short discussion regarding the trails including the different police agencies communication devices not being compatible to contact each other, other than going through their dispatch.

Deputy Leah Stabio introduced herself and gave some of her background, including having worked with the Sheriff's Department for almost 12 years. She stated she loves her job but her focus has always been on mentoring; her college degree is psychology, focused on child psychology; and after many social settings decided that the best way to effect society in the way she wanted to was through working with younger kids, Junior High and elementary school level; and has been the most rewarding and been able to see the most impact; when you address kids as a police officer, at a young age.

Deputy Stabio stated that due to staffing issues as of late, the School Resource Officer had been pulled and used elsewhere, but that her intention and job, in accordance with Lt. Brady, is the School Resource Officer is for the schools, to get into the elementary schools and be consistent with her presence in a mentoring, friendly, communicative capacity. She stated over the summer she and Lt. Brady will be developing a better program to take to the schools, introduce a lot of the DARE program. She stated right now Riverview Middle school is where she spends most of her time; it is very busy, with girl on girl violence, gangs, etc.; she is working on bringing back the juvenile diversion program also. Deputy Stabio stated a lot of what she sees now scares her, that if they can behave this way now she shudders to think how will it be as they get older.

b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

Officer Eric Brewer reported that in the month of May there were 27 DUI arrests in Bay Point; 321 citations were issued for various violations, 52 of them just today. He stated that number would have been well over 100 if he and the 4 other officers that he had come with him to work Bay Point today hadn't been distracted by 2 occupied stolen vehicles, 2 major injury traffic collisions on Willow Pass Rd., and a wrong way elderly driver on Bailey Rd. Officer Brewer stated their radar trailer is still broken.

There was a discussion regarding the county's radar trailer, and Mr. Diokno stated that one of the earliest projects of the Keller Canyon fund was to buy that trailer; that if it is the same trailer it should be used in Bay Point; but that was a long time ago and they may have bought another trailer. Mr. Diokno shared with Officer Brewer information regarding the Keller Canyon fund application.

c. Supervisor Federal Glover's General Report – Ed Diokno

- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover congratulates the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce and Garden Club for holding the Memorial Day parade and festival. He stated the Supervisor took part in the parade, which continues to get better every year. He stated Supervisor Glover was in the parade riding in a convertible, and pictures are on the Supervisor's facebook page.
- Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor also enjoyed himself at the tribute to Gloria Magleby, and met a lot of his older constituents at the event he hadn't seen in awhile.
- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover will be attending the 'Relay for Life', this June

25th, and he has a team again this year; also that day the Supervisor will have a table at the ‘Unity in Community’ celebration here at Ambrose Center. He stated the supervisor invites the MAC to have representatives at his table to meet and introduce themselves to the community. He stated many don’t know who the MAC members are, and this would be a good opportunity to show their faces.

- Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor has opened the application process to fill Gloria Magleby’s seat on the MAC. He stated the application period is until June 14th, they have already received a couple of applications, and the hope is to introduce the new MAC member by the July meeting. Mr. Diokno stated hopefully, at the same time, it is hoped that the MAC will invite Gloria to the MAC meeting, for the transition and to receive further acknowledgement of her contributions to the MAC and the community.
- Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor will also be able to name the members of the Keller Canyon review committee by our next meeting. He stated the deadline for applying for that committee is June 21st. Mr. Diokno stated, as they know, the Keller review committee will include a member from the MAC (Councilwoman Zumwalt was appointed), the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, either a teacher or administrator from a Bay Point school. He stated anyone interested in applying to either of these councils/committees should contact the Supervisor’s office.
- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover also hosted a Town Hall meeting regarding redistricting. He stated the county will have to redraw district lines in order to have about the same number of people in his district based on the new numbers of the 2010 Census. He stated he was happy to say that in all the maps proposing district boundaries, Bay Point remained in District V. Mr. Diokno stated the county website has all the proposals online and you can still submit your comments.

5. Presentations Presentations were made by:

a. Pittsburg Disposal

None – not present

6. Items for Discussion and/or Action

a. Excess budget discuss and vote

Chairwoman Mason stated she had spoken with county’s Jerry Fahy regarding the crosswalk, and he stated there are no fees involved with that; that if areas identified are approved by county they just paint them.

Chairwoman Mason stated the radar trailer would cost between ten and twenty thousand dollars, so we can’t do that. She stated the traffic speed signs suggested cost between six

and 10 thousand dollars, so those too are too pricey for the budget.

Chairwoman stated at the last meeting they discussed putting away money for the mailing of 'Adopt a Road' letters; having a plaque made for Gloria Magleby; and Councilwoman Garcia was going to look into the price of paint supplies to support the graffiti removal.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she had not gotten an amount for painting supplies, but after having just had the Neighborhood Clean-up this past weekend, they might be able to afford having another dumpster pick-up for another Neighborhood Clean-up day, but hadn't called yet to find out.

Councilman Stevenson stated he didn't have an exact amount for the Adopt a Road mailing, but thought paying ahead for some meeting spaces was another idea.

After a short discussion and some direction from Mr. Diokno it was decided:

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia to pay for a plaque for Gloria Magleby, obtain dumpsters for another clean-up, pay for Adopt a Road mailing, and buy painting supplies, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Stevenson. Motion carried 4 – 0; Council Members Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, and Tremaine voting "yes"; Council Members Kopitar and Zumwalt absent.

7. Committee Reports The MAC received the following reports:

a. CAP – Chairwoman Mason

Chairwoman Mason stated they had a wonderful tour of the PG&E Shell pond, joined by Councilwoman Garcia; and updates from the three participating companies.

b. Code Enforcement - Mason

Chairwoman Mason stated she had attended the Code meeting at Supervisor Glover's office, first time in a long time, and all the agencies that serve Bay Point were there, along with a group of residents from Bay View who continue to be concerned by the restaurant on Bay View associated with noise and rodents, also the business across from there that is a recycle, tire, and auto music business. She stated they also had a representative from East Bay Regional Parks there who announced they would be doing their monthly camp-fire meetings at the Shoreline Park like they did last summer.

8. Members' Reports

Councilman Stevenson stated they are scheduled to remove the Welcome to Bay Point sign this weekend; however it depends if they have enough man power; and they are waiting on hearing from the Boy Scouts about putting up the new one. He stated hopefully it will happen this month.

Councilman Stevenson stated that the sub-committee he and Chairwoman Mason sit on regarding the schools in Bay Point and connecting with the School Board; that he had spoke with Supervisor Bonilla and she had suggested that they insist on having someone from our community sit on the committee that will select a new Principle for Gateway High School.

There was a short discussion regarding some possible persons to sit on that committee, and Councilman Stevenson asked if Chairwoman Mason couldn't email the School Superintendant and ask if a member of the MAC couldn't be a part of the Gateway HS Principle selection committee.

Councilwoman Garcia stated the Neighborhood Clean-up day had been a success, that it had taken a little longer to fill the dumpsters up, and had gotten a little wet, but people were very nice, appreciative, and were wanting to thank the disposal company; also complaining about all the illegal dumping going on now. She stated they had reserved one dumpster just for mattresses and that's what had given her the idea of maybe putting on another Clean-up day, so people might bring them instead of just dumping them on the side of the road.

Councilwoman Garcia stated the weeds are still really bad coming into town from San Marcos exit. She also stated that Driftwood Drive, at the bottom, has a doggie basket including the baggies, and she was wondering why we don't have any in other neighborhoods.

Mr. Diokno stated they are in an assessment district and pay extra for that. Mr. Diokno stated that all of Bay Point is not included in the assessment district, that is why the weeds are still there; that is usually paid for by the general fund and as everyone knows money is very tight this year, and they will get to it, it is just not a high priority for them.

Councilman Tremaine stated that as he has been driving through our community watching the illegal dumping, he believes it is small commercial haulers that are responsible for most of the dumping on local streets, as most residents don't own trucks for that size of dumping.

Chairwoman Mason stated she had been to a meeting last week with the county who is going for a CDC (Center for Disease Control) transition grant for healthier communities; she had participated as she wanted to be at the table to say Bay Point wants some of the money. She stated if they were to get the grant 50% of the money that is received is supposed to go to non-profits and local groups to provide services in their community. Councilwoman Mason stated she was pitching Bay Point to be the perfect pilot program location as we are not a city and depend on the county for everything.

9. Correspondence.

Chairwoman Mason reviewed list of correspondence and made available for public viewing:

- City of Pittsburg initial study about Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery Park project
- An application from Golden State Water Co. and then a correction to the application

10. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Susan Cohen from County (regarding assessment district and overgrown weeds)
- b. Environmental Hazard (regarding gas line emissions)
- c. Ambrose Recreation & Park District General Manager

Public Comments Reopened

Ms. Tracy Craig, of Craig Communications, stated they are still waiting for approval for the pond clean-up project, but that she and Councilwoman Garcia (through the Career Center) have already been working on the local hire component. She stated that keeping in mind the project has not yet been approved; they have set some tentative dates for orientations for those interested in working on the project, and free 40 hour Health and Safety training for selected applicants. Ms. Craig stated if anyone knew any able bodied men or women looking for work to have them contact Ms. Garcia through the Career Center.

Mr. Antoine Peyton stated he wanted to let everyone know about the summer program being put together for youth out of Liberty Church on Alves Lane. He stated they just had a very successful carnival this past weekend, and thanked the Sheriff's Department for the great job they did. Mr. Peyton stated they are tapping all the non-profits in the area to get together and put some programs together so our youth have something positive to do this summer, and help keep them out of trouble and away from negative peer pressure. He stated they wanted to offer some activity nights, scholarships for sports programs and one-on-one tutoring (including their parents). Mr. Peyton stated this week they are pounding the pavement and reaching out to the community and other non-profits to get together and get this program started to help the families who aren't able to pay for these registration fees, begin their program, and get some kids off of the streets. He stated they are reaching out to the community to have some other options, and share some biblical principles on a level they can relate to.

Chairwoman Mason stated anytime they have any flyers to bring them to the community center, to Debbie Giles, so she can post them and they can be shared with the Teen Center.

11. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 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.