Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee



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The Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.

Record of Actions

7:00 pm Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Council Members Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt were present. Council Member Garcia arrived at 7:05pm.

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Mrs. Maureen Toms of Contra Costa County, Lt. Gwen Brady and Deputy Ken Marchese of the Sheriff's Dept., and Tracy Craig of Craig Communications.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Chairwoman Mason

1. Approval of October 4, 2011 Agenda

Motion made by Councilwoman Zumwalt to approve the October 4, 2011 agenda. Seconded by Councilman Stevenson. Motion carried 5-0; Council Members Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting "yes"; Council Member Garcia absent from vote.

2. Consent items

a. Approval of Record of Actions of September 6, 2011

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked for correction on page one to read 'Lt. Brady led Pledge' and not 'Chairwoman Lt. Brady' led Pledge.

Motion made by Councilman Stevenson to approve the Sept. 6, 2011 Record of Actions with correction. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 6 - 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting "yes"

3. Public Comments:

Mrs. Leticia Rodriguez stated she was having issues with Code Enforcement regarding the parking of some of their vehicles on Hanlon Way. Ms Maureen Toms shared her phone number with Mrs. Rodriguez so she could contact her with more details.

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

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

- Lt. Brady introduced herself as the commander of Muir station, and passed out copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of September. She stated she had worked with Crime Analysis, at Councilwoman Garcia's request, and created a better version of what goes on in the town of Bay Point.
- Lt. Brady stated in this past month they had about 177 details including 5 stolen vehicles and 4 recovered stolen vehicles. She stated this area is used a lot for dumping off stolen vehicles. Lt. Brady stated possession of drugs and different drug activities are up, and there are a lot still under investigation that aren't even on this report
- Lt. Brady explained that 'Suspicious Circumstance' is the kind of calls she likes to see because that means residents are watching and reporting on things that just don't look right, and that is what citizens need to do more of, which can lead them to crimes. She also stated there are lots of people in our community with warrants.
- Lt. Brady stated vandalism is up, and ironically it is usually the same people doing it, and the perpetrators are getting younger and younger; 8 and 9 year olds to 13 year olds; they don't understand the law and they don't understand the value of other people's property; and just not being taught at home what is right and what is wrong. She stated painting over graffiti immediately will prevent them from being able to show off their work to buddies. Lt. Brady stated she understands it can get expensive, and the Sheriff's Dept. doesn't' have it in their budget, but it is going to take a lot of sacrifice from good people like the MAC to keep the community cleaned up.

Councilman Stevenson inquired and there was a short discussion regarding 'Terrorist Threat'; that the correct designation should be 'Criminal Threat' as they are actually threats of bodily harm from one person to another.

Lt. Brady stated the good news is they have two new Resident Deputies. She stated Dep. Lohanas has gone to Investigative Division; she had worked so hard to get this position and she is there now buried in cases; and Dep. Tiegler has gone to Danville, still a contract through the Sheriff's Office, but sporting a blue uniform now. Lt. Brady introduced Deputy Ken Marchese as one of the new Resident Deputies, and stated the other Resident Deputy is Michael Rechter, who works on Wednesdays. She stated their hours have been adjusted so instead of having more Sheriff's Deputies are on during the day, instead they will be on duty until 1:00am. Lt. Brady stated Deputy Marchese comes

with a lot of experience, and is the narcotics 'guru'.

Deputy Marchese stated he was pleased to be chosen for this position and of all the places in the county most of his experience has been in Bay Point, and he has always gravitated towards Bay Point. He stated it is a good community, with lots to work on, but also many good people to help out. Dep. Marchese reemphasized the importance of residents watching and calling the Sheriff, not to hesitate if you see something suspicious.

Lt. Brady stated that it is getting close to their annual Christmas Dinner and Holiday Toy Drive; a pillar of this community for many, many years. She stated to watch for the letters asking you for your money and your help, as many are in need; last year they fed over 300 people a great meal as well as the kids getting toys.

Councilwoman Kopitar asked if the map on the report could include words in the key, as well as code numbers, to be read easier. Lt. Brady stated she would have them do that.

b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

None – not present

c. Redevelopment Staff Report - Maureen Toms

Ms. Maureen Toms reported on:

· Bailey Road Improvement Project

Ms. Toms stated this program runs from Hwy. 4 to Leland; will be starting soon. She stated the City of Pittsburg is taking the lead on this project and will be signing contract with contractor probably early next week. Ms Toms stated the contractor is looking at phasing it a little bit differently, and County is looking at offering them some use of vacant properties at Orbisonion Heights for some of their set-up; a cost savings for the project and thus a cost savings for the county.

· Board of Supervisors Adopted Ordinance to "Opt In" to Redevelopment

Ms. Maureen Toms stated last Tuesday the Board of Supervisors adopted the Ordinance to 'Opt In' to Redevelopment. She stated along with that they directed staff to work on a debt reduction program; a program that work on eliminating some of the outstanding bonds that haven't been spent, to recall some of the bonds; in turn reducing county's debt payment.

Ms. Toms stated the other direction received from the Board is to move forward on doing a Redevelopment Plan Amendment Study in looking to combine all the Redevelopment areas in the county. She stated right now Bay Point is the most difficult financially, but there are other areas that might be able to help out, i.e. the Contra Costa Center, where the Pleasant Hill BART station is, are doing very well. Ms Toms stated the way the Redevelopment areas are set up now, you can't take any of the revenues out of one to help another; since some of the areas are further along in their redevelopment programs, they think it is time to look at combining them so

revenues can be shared. She stated they will be going through this process in 2012.

Lawsuit filed by the City of San Jose, the California Redevelopment Association, and the League of California Cities, on Governor Brown's approval of the two bills that would eliminate Redevelopment and then allow for buy-back into Redevelopment.

Ms. Toms stated the Courts have indicated the Supreme Court will be hearing this case, and there will likely be a decision by January 15th, 2012. She stated the first payment of the 'buy-in' is due February 1st, 2012.

Councilwoman Zumwalt inquired about the Hotel that supposed to go in on Evora Rd. and some of the older projects the MAC hadn't heard about in a while.

Ms. Toms stated that Bay Harbor Commerce Center and the Hotel, both the property owners have not been able to make their projects 'pencil' during this economic slowdown; with trouble getting financing and unable to make the investments right now; or even selling the property and coming out even. Ms. Toms stated she would report next meeting on any other long pending projects.

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

- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover has decided to keep the Pittsburg office as his main office, with satellite offices in Martinez and Hercules. He stated they have identified a site in Hercules and Martinez already and the new addresses will be in the upcoming newsletter.
- Mr. Diokno stated the interviews for Councilwoman Magleby's replacement are completed. He stated hopefully at this time next month the Council will have their new member join them. Mr. Diokno stated the interviews went very well, and there were some good people who applied.
- Mr. Diokno stated this morning the Board of Supervisors approved the county's plan for 'Realignment'; the Governor's plan to save money by transferring the prisoners from the state to the county facilities.

Chairwoman Mason stated she had heard two different things, that it would happen as federal and state moves forward, and that it would happen currently; and asked which one was correct.

Mr. Diokno stated it was probably a combination of both. He stated the prisoners being returned to the county are 'non-serious', 'non-sexual', and 'non-violent' offenders. He stated fortunately in Contra Costa County, unlike some other counties, we have room in our county jail for everyone coming back, so they will be under the custody of the county; the first four had come over this past weekend, and they expect a couple dozen every month for the next one and one-half years. Mr. Diokno stated that in order to provide safety and monitor them they were able to use the state

money given to the county to hire additional probation and Sheriff's Deputies.

Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover's annual Crab-Feed is January 7thand will be held at Good Shepherd Church in Pittsburg.

Councilman Stevenson inquired about the Supervisor's Grant Writing workshop, and Mr. Diokno stated it was on October 19th, but already full. He stated there will be one in the Spring and if you sign up online you will be first in line for the next one.

5. Presentations Presentations were made by:

a. PG&E/Shell Pond update – Tracy Craig

Ms. Tracy Craig distributed an Information Sheet regarding the Shell Pond Wetland Restoration Project and stated there were a couple of things she wanted to share including:

- ~ Construction of access road has started; this is the 1st phase, going from the Shell Pond to McAvoy Road so the trucks can cross at a signal light crossing. She stated construction of road should be completed by December.
- ~ Ms. Craig stated a new company they have chosen for the next phase is ARCADIS US, an international firm, well known and well respected with an excellent safety record; who will be on site starting in November building the materials handling area.
- ~ Ms. Craig stated trucks have been running the last three days at about the frequency that will be seen next year; and the great news is they haven't had any complaints. She stated this is part of the first phase and will only have trucks moving about 10 days at this point, and trucking hours have been designed to allow for children walking to/from school during school year. Ms. Craig stated on their trucks is a community hotline number where you can call and talk to a real person, or get a response within an hour about any questions or concerns.
- ~ Dredging and Excavation will start in December and will probably go through August 2012. She stated trucks won't be running and bringing material out until spring.
- ~ Ms. Craig reported on the Local Hire program and distributed copies to the Council of the people chosen and where they lived. She stated for this first phase of the project 11 locals were employed for a total of 1,172 hours for \$34,000 made by residents of Bay Point, Pittsburg, and one from Antioch (who was actually laid off by Criterion).
- ~ Ms. Craig stated ARCADIS will start making their hiring calls this month into November and hope to employ about 15 people. She stated there is the viable opportunity for these employees to be picked up for permanent employment if they want it and are good strong workers with good attitudes.

Ms. Craig stated she also wanted to make the MAC aware there are three other projects in

the area; one is General Chemical with its proposal in the public comments stage and involves truck traffic as well; one is the Department of Toxic Substances Control proposing a clean-up of chemicals & pigments at the foot of Nichols Road and too involves truck traffic; both have the potential to dove-tail on the Shell Pond clean-up projects truck traffic. She stated they are working with General Chemical and DTSC to figure out how that's all going to play out. Ms. Craig stated they have talked to the Navy about the possibility of opening up Port Chicago Hwy. for DTSC. She stated the third project they are hoping to work concurrently with is the Bailey Road Improvement project, and they've been talking to the City of Pittsburg regarding that too.

Ms. Craig stated lastly, we might see a big bridge being hauled this week that is going to span a drainage swill, and will then remain and become a part of the Great California Delta Trail.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about the where the material is being hauled to that is removed from the Shell Pond, and Ms. Craig stated it will be taken to the Keller Landfill and used for cover as it is not toxic.

Councilwoman Zumwalt also shared her appreciation of Ms. Craig coming and regularly updating them on this project. She stated PG&E has done a great job of keeping residents informed of what was going on.

Ms. Craig stated 'Thank you', and she has been amazed that every step of the way PG&E have been supportive of her ideas (and cost) of keeping community informed and updated. She stated PG&E has gone above and beyond, and she expects that will continue.

Ms. Craig stated tours were still available to members interested, and they were also planning a 'kick-off' event because this really is a great project for the community; maybe in November.

6. Items for Discussion and/or Action

a. Adopt a Road Program – Councilman Stevenson

Councilman Stevenson gave the Treasurer a bill and stated it was for the material needed and used to present the program at the meeting. He stated since the meeting they have so far one organization that has committed to a site for clean-up, and another one pending after discussing the liability for taking on the entrance to Bay Point which would include cutting the grass. He stated they needed to investigate that first.

Councilman Stevenson stated the Bay Point Allstars have selected the site across the street from the Ambrose Center. He stated the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce has not received the necessary votes, but are discussing taking on the Canal Road site that goes from Bailey Rd to Loftus. Councilman Stevenson stated other than that they are wide open for organizations to choose from. He stated he wanted to have a training meeting in

November with the three groups he has talked to, just to get this thing started.

There was a short discussion regarding a space for the training, including Ambrose, Supervisor Glover's Office, or Calvary Temple.

Resident Steven Cavin asked if they would also be interested in individuals as well as organizations to volunteer for this program. He stated he lives in California Skyline and has already spoken with others there that would be interested in getting involved.

Councilman Stevenson stated he would be willing to work with anyone, that he is intent on getting the other sites staffed and the program off the ground.

b. BPMAC Mailing Address - Chairwoman

Chairwoman Mason stated she had met with the General Manager of the Ambrose Recreation & Park District and he had stated he saw no problem at all with having the MAC's mail come to this address.

Chairwoman Mason stated maybe a small piece could be included in the next MAC newsletter about people wanting to mail things to the MAC to mail them to 3105 Willow Pass Rd., Bay Point, CA 94565; Councilwoman Garcia agreed.

There was a short discussion regarding the issue of having new mailing address; why, used to share box, cost; and concluded with MAC using Ambrose Center's address. Mr. Diokno stated they would change the address on the website also.

7. Committee Reports The MAC received the following reports:

a. CAP – Councilwoman Kopitar

Councilwoman Kopitar stated the meeting was held at Henkel and there was a nice tour, that there had been some changes from last year, they are growing, and doing quite well; unlike the other two companies who have been downsizing.

b. Keller Canyon Mitigation Grants – Councilwoman Zumwalt

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated she had no report on the Mitigation Funds as the Supervisors had not yet approved the funding recommendations; she stated the Board of Supervisors would be voting on the Grant recommendations at their October 11th meeting.

c. Code Enforcement - Councilwoman Mason

Councilwoman Mason stated she had attended the last Code Enforcement meeting, a little late after some confusion about the time, and there are still the issues with the folks on Bay View. She stated since the meeting though, she hasn't seen so many people loitering

as she goes by there several times a day to check on her mom, so maybe the Sheriff's got on them and talked to them, but it seems much better than it was.

Councilwoman Mason stated the cameras are getting installed soon; this was confirmed by Mr. Diokno. He stated that 2 sets of cameras; one set of video cameras, complicated by the negotiations with the garbage companies as they are paying for cameras; and one set of motion-sensored cameras, being installed by flood control to watch over streets that are near to creeks and dumping has incurred.

Councilwoman Mason stated the concern about the truck repair on Port Chicago spreading its boundaries further and further was brought to Code Enforcement's attention also.

There was a discussion regarding the placement and type of cameras, and also the length of time residents have been waiting for negotiations to conclude with the garbage company and getting recycle bins for everyone.

8. Members' Reports

Chairwoman Mason stated the MAC, particularly Chairman Stevenson and she, had talked about the MAC getting more involved with the schools and she has been attending School Board meetings as frequently and possible; and was just last month elected to the Site Council at Riverview Middle School. She stated they meet the same day as the MAC so she will always know and share what is going on at Riverview.

Chairwoman Mason stated she attended the Sept. 27th School Board meeting as there was a lot of facebooking and twittering about getting a High School in Bay Point; and Pete Peterson was there to talk about this property they have had for some time that belonged to the Alves family, and donated to become a school site sometime in the future. She stated Bay Point is the only place MDUSD is seeing growth, so the idea was to hire an architect, for \$160,000, to evaluate and put together a plan for what kind of school would work best at that site; with the intent that if money becomes available through the state or federal government in the future to build schools, this will already be in place.

Resident, Mr. Parker, stated the site was originally intended for a K-8th grade school called Alves Ranch, and purchased 8-10 years ago by bond money. He stated the mentioned study of the site is for a Master Plan for the entire Bay Point area's schools.

There was some discussion regarding different ways grades are split up and their problems and benefits.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she would like the Supervisor to write the MDUSD and make sure they keep us informed, and make sure we are part of whatever process there is.

Mr. Diokno stated that any information that comes across his desk is shared; however the School District is not in the jurisdiction of the Supervisor.

Councilman Stevenson asked what happened to the them building a working relationship with the MAC that was discussed the last time School Board members came to a MAC meeting; Chairwoman Mason stated dates had been sent out by Councilman Stevenson for available meeting dates and they had never responded; they just need to do it again.

Mr. Diokno stated he also believed approaching them about a meeting date during a public meeting, so that it is on the record, would probably illicit a better response.

Councilwoman Garcia distributed and spoke on the Clean-up date for free garbage dumping on Saturday, Oct. 2nd.

Councilwoman Garcia also stated she wanted to say our water rates have 'gone through the roof', and it's really a hardship for this community; don't know how people are keeping up with their water bill; not talking about a cable bill, but a water bill. She stated she wasn't sure what can be done, but something needs to be done.

There was a discussion regarding the high water rates in Bay Point including: GSWC on next month's agenda; a PUC hearing coming November 29th, at Ambrose, regarding rate increase; and that a large number of residents should be at meeting to share their concern and be heard; Supervisor Glover's presence would be appreciated also.

9. Correspondence.

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

10. Future Agenda Items.

- **a.** Water Rates Golden State Water Company
- **b.** Marie Hembree Community Relations/Comcast; Special promotional program.

11. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 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.