

Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee



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Federal Glover, District V Supervisor

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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, April 3, 2012

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting chaired by Vice-Chairman Corbin in Chairman Tremaine's absence.

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

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Ms. Maureen Toms of Contra Costa County, Lt. Brown of the Sheriff's Dept., Officer Eric Brewer of the California Highway Patrol, Mr. Willie Scott, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Schubert of Golden State Water Co., Ms. Tracy Craig for PG&E/Shell Pond project, and Ms. Leigha Schmidt and Ms. Dana Hoggatt Ayer of the City of Pittsburg.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Councilwoman Zumwalt.

2. Approval of April 3, 2012 Agenda

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to approve the March 6, 2012 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Zumwalt. Motion carried 6 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson and Zumwalt voting "yes"; Councilman Tremaine absent

3. Consent items

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice for \$120.00**
- b. Approval of Record of Actions of March 6, 2012**

Motion made by Councilwoman Zumwalt to approve Consent Items. Seconded by Councilman Stevenson. Motion carried 6 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting “yes”; Councilman Tremaine absent.

4. Public Comments:

Mr. Clarence Wickers stated he wanted to share the progress made by the Safety Committee started about 6 months ago; started with just himself and is now a committee of 8. He stated their main drive is to get individuals trained in CERT and establish some neighborhood safety groups established to act as first responders in case of a disaster. Mr. Clarence stated they are including other subjects, and even have a website and include the MAC report. He welcomed everyone to come and help them grow, and if nothing else become CERT trained.

Mr. Dave Olum introduced himself as the new General Manager of the Criterion Catalyst plant, taking over for Alvin Lim who moved on to the refinery in Martinez. He stated Criterion is a part of Shell Oil Companies, has been in operation since the mid 1920s, and employs 56 full time employees, sometimes a few more. Mr. Olum stated his background is 32 years working for Shell Oil refinery, most of that time in the operation role; born and raised here in the bay area, with the last 30 years in the Pittsburg and Antioch area. He stated he was glad to be here and if anyone had any questions about the site to contact him.

Ms. Mary Rocha distributed flyers and stated she was here to make sure everyone knows about the wonderful Easter Egg hunt event on April 7th, with activities for the children at the Ambrose Center. She stated the good thing about it is that Bay Point businesses really came together and pulled together to have this event and provide some services for this community, along with a church that has come along side also. Ms. Rocha stated she hoped to see everyone there, give them some support, and enjoy the pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny attending too.

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

a. Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department – Lt. Brown

Lt. Brown distributed copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of March, stating there wasn’t a lot going on last month. He reported, as requested last meeting, there were 2 incidents of Taser use last month, both domestic violence calls, and in both incidents the suspects were not injured but taken into custody. He stated the upside too was that no deputy was injured either, because every time they lose a deputy to injuries, that persons time is backed up with others overtime, and also there are the medical expenses involved with injuries.

Lt. Brown stated there was an incident last night, someone driving 65mph down a residential street, and one patrol car occupied by a deputy was pulling into an intersection and was T-boned by the speeding car. He stated the net result is they lost a \$55,000.00 patrol car, and they aren’t seeing a lot of money these days; and the deputy should be back on duty in a couple of days from an injury to the side of his head. Lt. Brown stated

the suspect was arrested on the scene by the CHP, that they had done a great job on the investigation.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about the large number of residential burglaries and Lt. Brown stated that the Sheriff has sent staff out to examine operations and it was determined they are doing the best they can with what they have; running 15 – 20 deputies short of what they used to; and just responding to calls is the best they can do right now; leaving one service call to go to another; so not a lot of preventative patrolling can be done.

Councilwoman Zumwalt reminded Lt. Brown that the Council had requested the monthly reports use an older format that was easier to read and understand.

Lt. Brown stated he would certainly ask about using the different format with icons instead of colored dots.

Ms. Trina Hudson asked if any particular neighborhoods were burglarized more than others and Lt. Brown stated “no”, rather they are more crimes of opportunity.

b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

Officer Brewer reviewed first the collision statistics for Bay Point of the first quarter of 2012, January through March; total of 29 traffic collisions, of those 20 were non-injury, 9 were injury. He then reviewed the statistics for March in Bay Point including 22 DUI arrests, and that has been consistent with the last 4-5 months, higher than past years. Officer Brewer stated he doesn't know why there's the increase, he's looked and can't see a pattern.

Officer Brewer stated they are getting very short of staff again, the same situation as the Sheriff's office. He stated they have had no vacancies filled in almost a year in the Contra Costa CHP; they've lost a dozen officers, with at least 4 more leaving in the near future, and no replacements. Officer Brewer stated there is an academy class graduating in a couple of months, they haven't had word if they are getting any of them, and it's a small class of 75 for the entire state. He stated the good news is they have budgeted for 4 more academies after that, so hopefully down the road they will get some. Officer Brewer stated the good news is their Community Response Team, which he is a part, down to 3 from original 6, has been told they will stay intact; so they will still be coming to the meetings, and be dedicated to the problems the Councils bring to them.

Officer Brewer shared that some communities, not Bay Point, had complained that they weren't receiving the attention needed, and when they were patrolled, and tickets issued, complaints were made again that they were being picked on. He stated Discovery Bay and Byron want CHP around more often, but don't like it when they happen to be ticketed for breaking the law too.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about the Speed Trailer and Officer Brewer stated he was

going to stop telling her that it would be soon and more, but there is so much going on at the office he can't say when it will be.

Councilwoman Mason asked if the officer shortage was a budget or personnel issue and Officer Brewer stated it was a budget issue; that a budget to train new cadets to be placed in vacant slots is not there.

There was a short discussion regarding calling either the CHP or Sheriff's Dept. for traffic offences in neighborhoods, but probably getting a quicker response from the Sheriff's Dept.; and also about the recent increase in DUI arrests covering all ages, are Bay Point residents and on surface streets. Also shared was the community's appreciation of the work done by the CHP.

Resident Bruce Ohlson asked about texting/calling trends and Officer Brewer stated it was very underreported and a recent study showed incompliance to be at 60-70%. He stated speaking of that, April is 'Distracted Driving' month where they will be focusing on that and other 'distracting' violations.

c. Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Staff Report – Ms. Maureen Toms

- Ms. Toms stated the Oversight Board that is being assembled for the former Redevelopment Agency is almost full, 6 out of 7 appointments have been filled. She stated the Board of Supervisors has not selected their representative. Ms. Toms stated their first meeting has been set for April 18th with a full agenda set already with the Oversight Board approving the recognized obligations payment schedule; the budget for the period of January through June.
- Ms. Toms stated the Redevelopment Staff is unable to administer the Enterprise Zone, so they have been talking to the county Workforce Development Board to see if they would take the lead in that. She stated the Enterprise Zone has a deadline of early April to become finalized and they are working with Senator DeSaulnier's office and the Department of Housing and Community Development to get an extension. Ms. Toms stated their 2 meetings with the Workforce Development Board have been positive.
- Ms. Toms stated the Bailey Road construction project will be starting very soon if it hasn't started yet. She stated they just approved an agreement for the contractor to use a portion of the Orbisonia Heights property for a lay-down area; cost savings to the agency in that illegal dumping would not be occurring on the property when someone is there using and watching it, and also getting some lease payments for that use.

Councilman Stevenson asked about the other end of Bailey Pass Road and Ms. Toms stated there was a planning process for the northern end, that is to be implemented partially by Caltrans and partially by the county; they are at the design level now, and the part they have to do now is to find additional funding, and then they can move forward on implementing the design.

d. Supervisor Federal Glover’s General Report – Mr. Ed Diokno

- Mr. Diokno stated the Youth Summit was a success. He stated it was the first time in 12 years that it rained on the summit, but despite in inclement weather they were still able to draw between 400 and 500 kids. Mr. Diokno stated that fortunately LMC was on spring break so they didn’t disturb anybody’s studying; the indoor quad area provided for a more crowded but more intimate environment for the entertainment and resource tables.

Mr. Diokno thanked Council Members Mason and Corbin for attending.

- Mr. Diokno stated he also wanted to thank Councilwoman Mason for attending last night’s workshop on the Brown Act and the County’s Better Government Ordinance held in Martinez.

Mr. Diokno stated part II of that workshop will be held on April 30th, 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the same venue in Martinez. He stated although not mandatory, the information is important for Council Members to know as they are members of a public advisory body; and strongly recommended they attend. Mr. Diokno stated it is a lot of good information, even though presentation may be a little dry, there is good information for legal implications on running meetings; good background not only for this meeting but other agency’s meetings you might attend or represent.

- Mr. Diokno stated on April 28th Supervisor Glover is hosting the New/Small Business Startup Seminar that will be held at the IBEW Hall, 1875 Arnold Drive in Martinez. He stated if you ever wanted to be your own boss, this workshop is for you; you can register at the supervisor’s website: www.cccounty.us/supervisorglover Mr. Diokno stated it is good information on the practical steps to take, and there will be plenty of people who have already been through the process and succeeded there to share and give advice.

Chairman Corbin asked about making sure his email was on the list to receive information about the Brown Act workshop, as he hadn’t received any this time. Mr. Diokno stated he should have been on that list already and will make sure he is.

e. Golden State Water Company – Mr. Paul Schubert

Mr. Schubert stated he would break down his report into 3 components; operations/maintenance, capitol, and new business and gave a detailed report including:

Operations/maintenance – 84,000 gallons flushed; 37 meters changed, 33 for age and 4 because of damage; 178 valves maintained, 7 leaks repaired and 2 replaced; 1 hydrant leak repaired, 1 baffel repaired and 1 removed during reservoir inspection, electrical panels being inspected.

Capitol – Willow Pass Road project 95% completed, \$444,831.00 will be spent on that; the other job sent out to bid is Sycamore Court, and the bid came higher than the budget so they are trying to come up with a different design, to change a 4 inch to 6 inch valve so a fire hydrant can be installed.

New Business – Sea Breeze phase II project, started in 2006 and dormant for a couple of years, they will be installing new mains and 17 connections for 17 new homes, 100% paid for by the developers.

Councilman Stevenson asked if it would be possible to have presented where pipes have been replaced the last 5 – 10 years, and include where work is planned to be done.

Mr. Schubert stated he thinks he has a poster board that has the budget for the next 3 year cycle, and he believes he can also generate a map to show requested information.

There was a short discussion regarding the refund from the PUC settlement being seen on bills; started in March 2012.

6. Presentations Presentations were made by:

a. Pittsburg/Bay Point Transit Center – Leigha Schmidt

Ms. Leigha Schmidt gave a detailed presentation on the proposed Pittsburg/Bay Point Transit Center including:

- ~ In 2009 the City of Pittsburg received grants from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Contra Costa Transit Authority to create a Master Plan for approximately 50 acres around the existing Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station; located in the overall Pittsburg/Bay Point Specific Plan; 27 acres of BART owned property and approximately 23 acres of vacant land.
- ~ Pittsburg City staff, project consultants, worked with the property owners, outside agencies, advocacy groups and the public, and developed a focus plan for the project area. Ms. Schmidt stated the plan is quite long and is available on online, and gave a summary of the plan.
 - ~ Under the EIR Assumptions, this is kind of a high to mid range development area; the Master Plan is expected to result in an addition of 1,168 residential units and approximately 146,000 square feet of commercial space.
- ~ Introduced the Pittsburg/Bay Point Transit plan in July 2010 to Bay Point MAC.
- ~ Now the EIR was certified with the Master Plan by the City of Pittsburg Council on Aug. 15 2011, however with the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency the City has lost a major tool in order to develop this site. She stated currently they are exploring for the opportunity to start on phase I which is to develop the center intermodal area, to take the buses out of there, to redo the hits & ride, and make the center area pad available for development instead of circulation of buses and cars.

Chairman Corbin asked that although the funding is kind of in limbo because of losing Redevelopment, do they have an approximate conclusion date.

Ms. Schmidt stated this is like a thirty year plan. She stated a developer could come in and partner with BART, but BART often wants something like a ground lease with kinds of rents that are near to impossible to afford; there would have to be a big shift in culture or gas prices, or something to lift the values. She stated this plan is really in place to insure that type of development in a future time.

There was a discussion regarding the included changes from some of the suggestions made in the plan, made at the original presentation in 2009.

b. Bay Point Community All-N-One – Willie Scott

Mr. Willie Scott stated he was here tonight to introduce an organization that was created just recently to give anyone in our community an opportunity to have a voice about what they want for their community; named Bay Point Community All-N-One. He stated ideas, needs, concerns, and suggestions for our community are heard by them and they see what they can do with them. Mr. Scott read their Mission Statement.

“The Bay Point Community All-N-One is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing economic development opportunities and funding for services that address the health, education and welfare of the Bay Point community.”

Mr. Scott stated that everyone is well aware there is a shortfall in public money for any development, and one of the things that happens is community type services are some of the first to go. He stated several months ago some long time residents came to him, and they were already providing food and clothes to the homeless, providing toys and special events for our youth; the troops on the ground, and they got together and brought all these passions together. He stated some of their goals of this organization are to really bring development projects to Bay Point off the backs of private funding; they will accept public funding, they will not turn down any money.

Mr. Scott stated he believed with the economy the way it is and the government not funding things the way they used to, it will depend on private developers as a means to get some of these things done; work a deal to get services for the elderly, for the teens, for the people that are homeless, and bring it to this community.

Mr. Scott introduced some of the other members including:

Mr. Delano Johnson, who got everyone together

Jan, with Zion Disciples, who are at Anuta Park every Saturday giving out food

Pastor Michael, of First AME church

Reisha LeGrande & husband, feeding hungry out of their own pocket last 6-7 years

Mr. Scott stated they intend on going out to see what kind of projects are out there, talk to as many organizations as they can, provide contact info for the organization; they don't have all their documentation yet, but they do have a spirit and a desire to help.

Mr. Scott stated one of his parts in this organization is that he used to build houses, designer houses one at a time; which taught him if you really want something you can get it; he is bringing to the organization for an opportunity and a means to go out and find whatever they need to find by any means they can.

7. Items for Discussion and/or Action

a. MAC Finances – Treasurer Eva Garcia

Councilwoman Garcia stated there was nothing to report.

b. Letter to Mount Diablo Unified School District – John Parker

Mr. John Parker stated he had contacted all the Council members about this movement in the School District. He stated he had brought his friend Linda Loza tonight, who is really behind this push for restructuring the current Measure C bond; he was approached by Ms. Loza and asked “How would you like to save a lot of money?” Mr. Parker stated Ms. Loza and some other folks worked and came up with plan to recommend to the Board of Education about saving a significant amount of money by restructuring Measure C. He stated the current structure is to sell these bonds, do the construction and then pay them back over a period of about 40 years; if they were to accelerate the program sell them early and pay them off earlier the community could save about 400 million dollars.

Mr. Parker stated there was a presentation at a school board study session last night by the District’s bond advisor, and some of the numbers they were talking about they could save up to half a billion dollars or more, saving money over time and finishing the construction projects earlier too.

Ms. Linda Loza thanked the Council for having them, and stated this has been a 2 year project fighting this bond; she would not be fighting the bond if it were fiscally responsible and helped our kids. Ms. Loza stated she has been a part of the bond early, and is very upset with the structure they proposed after the election. She stated right now there is an opportunity to make a change and help our community save a lot of money. Ms. Loza then read the letter to give better understanding of the overall proposal:

“We the undersigned have come together as an unlikely coalition. We are from all areas of the district, having various district experiences, and from both sides of the Measure C issue. What we do have in common is our interest in doing what is best for our students, schools, and community.

We are urging the District to reconsider the proposed financing structure of the 2010 Measure C bond. We understand the MDUSD has issued low interest CREBS, QSCBs, current interest bonds, and capital appreciation bonds as part of the Measure C 2010 issuance. Our concerns lie with the issuance of any additional capital appreciation bonds (CABs). Capital appreciation bonds have been banned in other states because of the exorbitant cost and undue financial burden they place on the next generation of families

and property owners.

The funds from Measure C 2010 can provide our children with facilities that will enhance their educational experience. However, right now, due to the \$60 cap, you are faced with waiting several years for Measure C 2002 bonds to mature before issuing additional 2010 bonds or issue expensive capital appreciation bonds, both of which will not best serve our children.

Rather than being faced with the decision to delay projects or issue costly bonds, we propose a third option that would take advantage of the current low interest rates, allow our school sites immediate access to upgraded facilities, and save our community hundreds of millions of dollars in compounded interest.

We request that you include on the next Board agenda an action item providing issuance of the remaining \$228 million of bonds, as needed, with conventional bond financing, without deferment of principal and interest and with terms no greater than 25 years. In addition, the action item would call for, and be conditioned upon, the development of school site lists that reflect a current and comprehensive project list that is school site driven and Proposition 39 compliant.

We estimate that selling the bonds today with conventional financing and a 25 year term will cost the community approximately \$400 million over the life of the bond and will cause the tax rate to increase in the range of \$20-\$30 per 100,000 of assessed value. However, if the bonds are sold with a 25 year term and 25 years of deferred interest, similar to the CABs sold last year, we estimate it will cost the community over \$800 million.

By exceeding the \$60 cap and issuing the bonds with fiscally responsible conventional financing our community saves approximately \$400 million.

We believe our proposed action will be met with community support and will ensure that our children's educational experience is improved by meeting their most pressing facility needs today. We realize this will require courage on the part of the Board. It is the right thing to do for our kids, our schools, and our community. This is a unique opportunity to come together with a common goal as evidenced by those who have signed below.

- * Linda Loza – Northgate Parent, former CUES Committee Measure D Site Caption
- * John Ferrante – Concord resident, 2002/2010 Board Oversight Committee, Measure A Advisory Committee, CUES Committee
- * Alicia Minyen – Pleasant Hill parent, 2010 Bond Oversight Committee
- * Tammy Nelson – Ygnacio Valley parent, MDMEF Board Member
- * John Parker – Mt. Diablo parent, 2002/2010 Bond Oversight Committee, CUES Committee
- * AJ Fardella – Bay Point parent, 2002 Bond Oversight Committee
- * Ralph Austin – Northgate parent, Northgate Pride President, 2010 Bond Oversight Committee

- * Jack Weir – Pleasant Hill Taxpayers Association, former 2010 Bond Oversight Committee
- * Monica Fitzgerald – Northgate parent, Northgate PFC President
- * Shel Perham – Walnut Creek Parent, former CUES Committee Treasurer
- * Diana Corkran – Concord High parent, Concord High School PFC President
- * Carla Ludwig – Walnut Creek parent, former CUES Committee, PACE Foundation co-founder, Measure D Site Captain
- * Kevin Hennessy – College Park parent UMDAF Vice President
- * Jim McClelland – Walnut Creek resident, Northgate Pride Board Member
- * Paul Kitchell – Ygnacio Valley parent, UMDAF Board Member
- * Don Wildes – College Park parent
- * Kent Caldwell – Northgate parent, UMDAF Board Member
- * Karen Barta – Pleasant Hill parent, former CUES Committee

Mr. John Parker stated Councilwoman Mason would say the same thing, as she was at last night’s Board of Education meeting too, that he believes it is the Board’s intent to hold a community meeting in Bay Point to discuss this proposed restructure.

Motion made by Councilman Stevenson that the MAC recommend Supervisor Glover consider supporting Coalitions letter to the MDUSD Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 6 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson and Zumwalt voting “yes”; Councilman Tremaine absent.

c. Letter of Support for PG&E/Shell Pond Mitigation – Tracy Craig

Ms. Tracy Craig stated they are redesigning the engineering plan for the PG&E/Shell Pond clean-up project, with the Department of Toxic Substances still overseeing them, as in the original plan they had begun, they weren’t able to control the offsite odors in a manner that was acceptable (nuisance odors).

Ms. Craig explained the new method would involve a mechanical excavation of the (dry) sediment. She stated she was here tonight with a proposed letter of support and would like to have the letter submitted to Supervisor Glover through the MAC as the previous presenter had done.

Ms. Craig gave a short overview of the property’s history, and PG&E’s effort to plan and clean-up the property to bring it back to its original delta wetlands, with additional amenities i.e. an Interpretive Center, using the access road they built to become a part of the Great Bay Delta Trail, recreational opportunities for the community, and lastly the material removed (pending removal of odor) would go to Keller Canyon Landfill putting money into the Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund coffers.

Ms. Craig stated she feels it is a really great project, with a good local hire program going, and restoring the wetlands in an area that has precious little open space. She stated the letter of support asks the Director of the Department of Toxic Substances Control to help them move this project forward in an expeditious fashion.

There was a short discussion on the small number of complaints, but even just nuisance odors are not acceptable; and various recreation possibilities.

Motion made by Councilwoman Zumwalt that the MAC recommend Supervisor Glover consider supporting PG&E's proposed letter to the Director of Department of Toxic substances Control. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 6 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson and Zumwalt voting "yes"; Councilman Tremaine absent.

8. Committee Reports The MAC received the following reports:

a. CAP – Councilwoman Kopitar

Councilwoman Kopitar stated they had met at Criterion Catalyst and introduced to their new General Manager. She stated they had reviewed their annual CAP evaluations, and determined everything was going well.

b. Code Enforcement – Chairman Tremaine

In Councilman Tremaine's absence, Mr. Ed gave a report on the Code meeting, stating they had received a report from county Flood Control that they had installed 1 flash camera in Bay Point to catch illegal dumpers; that when a vehicle stops in its view a light turns on and a voice says "Halt, your picture is being taken and if it is illegal you may be arrested". He stated it has been so effective people are stopping what they are doing and leaving the area... and finding another place to dump it. Mr. Diokno stated they will be installing another camera, possibly on Port Chicago Hwy. He stated there was a really atrocious house brought up for discussion; the Neighborhood Watch Captain and other residents there brought it up and had pictures of junk in the backyard, descriptions of activities and illegal vehicles. Mr. Diokno stated they shared information with Sheriff's and Code at the meeting, and last week the Neighborhood Watch Captain had called them to report that it had been cleaned up, "Thank you very much". He stated it shows you what an active Neighborhood Watch group can accomplish in your neighborhood.

Resident Janess Hanson stated Driftwood Drive where the camera is located is how she comes and goes from home, and it has been just incredible the improvement, a joy to drive on it now.

c. Adopt a Road – Councilman Stevenson

Councilman Stevenson stated on April 19th he has an appointment to go talk with Bel Air Elementary Schools PTA about them possibly adopting the trail between Bailey Road and Madison. He stated they probably need to have the county guy back to do some more training as Golden State Water has submitted an application as well as Habitat for Humanity. Councilman Stevenson stated he was hoping to be able to use the school site for their training meeting so there wouldn't be any more expenditures from the budget on renting meeting spaces. He stated he believes there are 3 more sites left for adoption; Port

Chicago Road, 2 sides, and Alves Lane to Bailey Road.

f. Schools – Councilwoman Mason

Councilwoman Mason stated Council Members Corbin, Stevenson, Mr. Parker and herself had met with Superintendent Pete Peterson this evening before this meeting, talked about the future plans for the schools, and how they plan on having at least 1, probably more, community meetings; that it is a long term plan and they really do not have a set plan in their minds, rather they are looking to see what the community wants. She stated she felt it was a very positive meeting.

Councilman Stevenson stated he believes an impression was made on the School District staff at the last meeting about the importance of community input; that their objective was misunderstood and he feels a little bad about what he did and said, but it got their attention. He stated the MAC is now actively involved with the process.

Chairman Corbin stated the impression he gets from the MAC is that our primary interest and concern is supporting this community and making sure MDUSD does what they would in any other given situation for our students and our community. He stated the Superintendent stated they would come out and present to the community the status of things, hopefully in the beginning of May. Chairman Corbin stated they spent a great deal of time talking about the development of the Alves site and what would happen to Riverview once it would transition back into a High School.

9. Members' Reports

Councilwoman Mason stated she had attends the last Bay Point Partnership meetings once a month, and there was an attorney, Juan Ortiz, who spoke about the International Institute of the Bay Area, which primarily helps immigrants with legal issues. She stated she thought it might be a good idea to have him come speak to the MAC, so constituents here could hear what he has to say.

Councilwoman Mason stated the SparkPoint's 'Creating Our Future Together', started last October and met again last week with about 50 in attendance (most of the MAC members present), and had some good energy going around some different topics. She stated they were planning on having more meetings to involve more members of the community.

Councilwoman Mason stated at the last Ambrose Park Board meeting the Board voted to approve a contract to take over the 5 county parks in Bay Point and receive \$400,000.00 in developer fees for doing that. She stated it is her understanding that the Park Board intends to designate that lump sum of money back to Ambrose Park, which is not in Bay Point any longer since they annexed it to the City of Pittsburg. Councilwoman Mason stated that would leave them \$51,420.00 a year to maintain all 5 of those parks. She stated they also approved a contract with D & H Landscaping to pay them \$42,198.00 to do the mow & blow in those parks which leaves them only \$9,229.00 for water, electricity, vandalism, and maintaining everything; just the surcharge alone on the water meters at those 5 parks costs them

\$15,000.00, which leaves them already \$6,000.00 in the hole; if they have to put fibar in the parks, and it looks like they do, that's another \$11,000.00. She stated the Board was asked repeatedly if their intention was to let the parks go brown; and regarding the playground equipment the General Manager's comment said he wished they didn't even have playgrounds. Councilwoman Mason stated it looks like they are going to be about \$30,000.00 short in maintaining those parks; that the Board's comments about 'just having to take a risk' didn't sit well as it hers and our tax money they are risking, and she encouraged concerned residents to attend the Park Board meetings.

Councilwoman Zumwalt notified the Chair that she will not be at next month's Council meeting.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated in discussing the MAC's budget, there is nothing that says they have to spend all the money, that she sees nothing wrong in letting it return to the county's general fund if there is nothing worthwhile to spend it on.

10. Correspondence.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated there was none to report.

11. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Further MAC Financial Discussion – Mr. Ed Diokno
- b. Attorney Juan Ortiz – Councilwoman Mason
- c. Update on PG&E/Shell Pond – Councilwoman Zumwalt

12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 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.