

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, May 1, 2012

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

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

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Lt. Brown of the Sheriff's Dept., Officer Eric Brewer of the California Highway Patrol, Mr. Schubert of Golden State Water Co., Pastor John Gregg of Calvary Temple, Ms. Tracy Craig for PG&E/Shell Pond project, and Mr. Tim Stone & Mr. Brad Klock of the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Councilman Corbin.

2. Approval of May 1, 2012 Agenda

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to approve the March 6, 2012 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 5 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason and Tremaine voting "yes"; Council members Stevenson and Zumwalt absent

3. Consent items

- a. **Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice for \$120.00**
- b. **Approval of Record of Actions of April 3, 2012**

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

4. Public Comments:

Mr. Robert Quiery stated he was here to share two issues concerning him. He stated he lives on Anchor Drive where a lot of people drive too fast and would like to suggest putting in speed bumps; he's had two cars parked in front of his house struck and totaled out by speeders going in excess of 60 mph. Mr. Quiery stated we should not wait until someone is killed. Mr. Quiery stated there is also a lot of trash in Bay Point, especially if you walk down Port Chicago Hwy, Pacifica, and a lot of trash behind La Fincas restaurant. He asked why we can't clean up Bay Point and make it a nice place to live; in the future plant some flowers, shrubs, and trees.

Ms. Lupe Garcia stated she was here to announce their next Bay Point Safety meeting, on May 24th from 6pm – 9pm here at the Ambrose Center. She left flyers on the back table for distribution. Ms. Garcia stated they are also trying to put together a C.E.R.T program for Bay Point residents.

Mr. Delano Johnson stated he was from Classy Crew Inc., here today representing Bay Point Community All-In-One to announce a meeting tomorrow and invite the MAC, other public officials, and community leaders. He stated they are planning a community function sometime later this month and would like all the community organizations and groups to bring their literature and share what they have to offer the community. Mr. Johnson stated their goal is to help their community through this cooperation and hopefully help people get jobs and help some homeless persons get off the street. He stated he would be here after the meeting to get contact information from those interested so they can be emailed with future dates and further updates.

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

a. Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department – Lt. Ralph Brown

Lt. Brown distributed copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of April stating they were pretty benign this month. He stated Lt. Gwen Brady came back to work today, and would be attending the next MAC meeting. Lt. Brown reported there were no Taser deployments in April, that it appears word has spread that their officers were carrying Tasers and are better behaving themselves.

Lt. Brown stated regarding the format of the monthly report; the Sheriff's Office has changed vendors for the mapping application, and the vendor doesn't have the previous icons available, only the different colored dots.

Chairman Tremaine stated that on behalf of the MAC he wanted to thank Lt. Brown for all stepping in and attending these meetings.

"Thanks" were shared by other residents in attendance and Lt. Brown stated he would share sentiments with the Deputies working in Bay Point.

b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

Officer Brewer reviewed April’s DUI and collision stats for Bay Point including: the DUI’s went down, 12 compared to over 20 for previous months, and 5 traffic collisions investigated, with 4 of those involving DUI drivers.

Officer Brewer stated last month he was asked about where the drunk drivers lived and their ages, so he brought those numbers; the average age is 32 years old, and of the 12 current DUI’s 7 were Bay Point residents, 3 were from Concord, 1 from Antioch, and 1 from Bethel Island. He stated he had shared before that the majority of them are from Bay Point, and that still stands true.

Officer Brewer stated the CHP made a total of 21 arrests in Bay Point last month; the only significant one was a 28 year old female from Concord for auto theft. He stated they have been working Marina Road after citizens shared their concerns; he himself twice; however it is so congested during that time he hasn’t issued citations but their presence has definitely been getting people’s attention.

Officer Brewer stated they were unable to come into Bay Point today with the whole team and do their usual blitz because they were busy working the ‘Occupy Protest’; there is only 4 of them working the county right now so he would be leaving after his report.

Resident Lupe Garcia shared her thanks for listening and making a difference with the CHP team’s presence in getting people to slow down.

Chairman Tremaine stated ‘Thank you’ for everyone for their presence.

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

None

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

- Mr. Diokno stated as many already know, Supervisor Glover has not been in town the last week because of a death in his family; will be returning tomorrow.
- Mr. Diokno stated he would like to thank Debra Mason and Chuck Tremaine for representing the Bay Point MAC at the Brown Act training yesterday. He stated for those who have not taken the Brown Act training, the key thing they took away from there was that all this information is accessible at the Board of Supervisors website on the Contra Costa webpage. Mr. Diokno stated he had printed out 2 copies of the Advisory Body Handbook and given them to the Chair and Vice Chair; if anyone wants to look at them to ask, otherwise they are also available online.
- Mr. Diokno stated he’d also like to remind everyone that the Bay Point Code group is

meeting tomorrow, May 2, 10:30am – 12noon at the Supervisor’s office.

- Mr. Diokno stated on Memorial Day the Supervisor plans to take part in Bay Point’s Memorial Day observance and parade on May 28th, at 9:00am
- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover will be sponsoring a team at the Relay for Life on June 23rd and 24th at Los Medanos Community College.
- Mr. Diokno stated on that same day, June 23rd, the Supervisor will also host a table at the Unity in Community Health Fair being held here at Ambrose. He stated members of the MAC are encouraged to spend some time manning the table as his representatives in the community; it is good for residents to get to know who the MAC members are as many don’t even know who is on the MAC. Mr. Diokno stated the table should be manned from 10:00am – 3:00pm, and at the June meeting he will pass around a sign-up sheet so they can sign up for the hours they want to be there.
- Mr. Diokno stated as they might know, the Supervisor has been holding a series of Town Hall meetings throughout his district to meet and listen to his constituents. He stated thus far, he has had Town Halls in Pinole, Hercules, Crockett, Rodeo and Clyde. Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover wants to hold a sixth Town Hall in Bay Point this summer and would like to hear some suggestions on topics that might be of interest to the Bay Point residents.

Some suggestions made:

- * How to get more community involvement – Tremaine
- * Traffic and Safety – Garcia
- * MDUSD’s new schools plans – Corbin
- * Adopt-a-Road – Kopitar

Mr. Diokno stated that more community meetings are being set up by the MDUSD, the next one being May 15th, 7:00pm at Riverview Middle School. He stated it is an important topic however it is outside the Supervisor’s prevue, and since the School District has already taken the lead on it, he would encourage everyone attend the meetings being held by the School District; they will be the ones to make the ultimate decisions. Mr. Diokno stated there is also another group, SparkPoint’s Bay Point Vision, who are taking on issues like education, and have meetings that residents could attend to share their concerns and ideas.

Mr. Diokno stated if anyone has more suggestions to call or email him.

e. Golden State Water Company – Mr. Paul Schubert

Mr. Schubert reported

- Flushing - 22,000 gallons of water, used to keep mains clean
- Meters – changed out 9 meters
- Valve maintenance – 25 valves maintenanced; 8 service leaks, 3 of those replaced

- Capital projects – Sea Breeze II and Mountain View Townhomes

Mr. Schubert stated May is Water Awareness Month and there are some hand-outs on the back table and a website www.gswater.com, where can register for free conservation kits, apply for conservation rebates, and see more conservation tips.

Mr. Schubert stated Councilman Stevenson had asked at a previous meeting about seeing a map of Capitol projects, past, present, and current are located, and shared a list of those projects by category and a large map indicating sites where mains have been replaced over the last 10 years, current projects, and proposed projects that would have to be approved by the PUC.

6. Presentations Presentations were made by:

a. Changes at Calvary Temple – Pastor John Gregg

Chairman Tremaine introduced Pastor John Gregg and stated for the record he is a member of Calvary Temple church.

Pastor Gregg thank you for the privilege to be here, that it had been very interesting to listen to the different reports regarding the community; that he feels very much at home here. He stated he and his wife are both from California and it's like a homecoming to be back here after years of being away. Mr. Gregg stated they have 4 children, have been serving as church ministry leaders for 30 years, and glad to be serving in Bay Point and at Calvary church now. He stated he had only been Pastor at Calvary 8 months, after the church being without a Pastor for 26 months. Pastor Gregg stated they have a heart to serve their community; deeds of compassion a large part of their mission as a local church. Pastor Gregg stated some of the specific things they want to embrace over the next year is participating in the Adopt-a-Road program on Evora Road, sponsoring Convoy of Hope again, the Singing Flag for the 24th year, and Days of Service to contribute hands on to serving by cleaning, painting, polishing, cutting, trimming, picking up, etc. He stated there is a deep core value that runs through the soul of the congregation to serve, without strings attached. Pastor Gregg stated they are also talking about a Thanksgiving meal, for that thankful time of year when many have so little, to give them a warm meal.

Pastor Gregg stated he counted it a privilege of being here tonight and being a part of this community.

Councilwoman Kopitar asked if they had a website and Pastor Gregg stated yes, it is calvarytemple.org and then specify Concord as it is a common church name.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she wanted to thank you for their good work; on her street during Christmas there were youth walking helping neighbors with all kinds of things, and then another time they were all at a neighbor lady's cutting the lawn and taking care of her yard, and another week, there goes those kids again cutting the overgrown grass at

an abandoned house on the block, and another time the kids were just playing soccer with the neighborhood children.

Pastor Gregg stated the ministry she was talking about is called Adopt-a-Block where about 30 of their teens go out and provide groceries, and practical things like yard work, moving heavy items for widows or elderly, or playing soccer with the neighborhood kids.

Pastor Gregg stated when there are practical needs like that to please don't hesitate to call, that he could share many practical deeds that are done all the time by their church members.

Chairman Tremaine asked how different groups within the community could interface with Calvary and maybe partner in some projects, that a lot of parallel projects might be going on if they don't.

Pastor Gregg stated his philosophy as Pastor, and pretty influential as such, he doesn't care who gets the credit as long as things get done to help people; they have no exclusive right to anything that had been mentioned tonight. He stated they are only one of many churches in Bay Point and they are not territorial, they just want things done to help people's lives, so just call them and let them know. Pastor Gregg stated the guy you will most often connect with is would be John McClendon, who in charge of all their pastoral care, orchestrating teams and ministries, and lives here in Bay Point with his dear wife.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated she has their Singing Flag event and their Convoy of Hope and they were amazing, so professionally done, that many people attend, and she is so very appreciative of their good work.

Pastor Greg thanked Councilwoman Kopitar and stated the appreciation needs to be shared with law enforcement and parks department who gives them permission and then works with them. He stated the three day Singing Flag event, July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th draws about 35,000 people and 600–700 volunteers; they couldn't do it without law enforcement's help with parking and traffic. Pastor Gregg stated it is their way to be a part of the community, celebrate our country, and just connect with people.

b. PG&E/Shell Pond Mitigation Update – Ms. Tracy Craig

Ms. Tracy Craig stated she had a brief update, and also wanted to thank the Council for their letter of support from last month. She stated people have probably seen some activity at the site; they are demobilizing, removing the equipment from the site that was costing them a lot of money. Ms. Craig stated they have no intention of giving up on the project, but the plan they had to remove all that material by dredging wasn't a good plan because they couldn't control the odors, even after talking to experts as far away as Asia and looking at other alternatives; it just can't be done with the current plan.

Ms. Craig stated they are going back to the drawing board, issue a new Request for Proposals (RFP) in about a month, asking for people to come up with their best ideas for

removing that material with every intent to restore that area to wetlands, and with the understanding to all the contractors that there can be no offsite odor impact; it just isn't going to happen as quickly as they originally thought. She stated they hope to do a pilot study this fall, something scalable, to see if it will actually work before a lot of time or money is spent on the project. Ms. Craig stated they are also committed to the Bay Point, Pittsburg area, will attending meetings regularly, and will have a table at Unity in Community not just about the project but also to talk about PG&E's various programs. She stated she has applied for charitable funds; through PG&E they have been working with Gateway High School students this year, but wanted to let us know that she has applied but doesn't know yet if she will receive these charitable funds, maybe next month. Ms. Craig stated the funds would be used to bring a wetlands curriculum, Wonders of Wetlands, to Shore Acres elementary; also for Rio Vista a program that teaches play skills and also conflict resolution & mediation skills, with the thinking of helping with the problems that they are seeing at Riverview Middle School. She stated she is hoping she gets the money, that she thinks she wrote very persuasive proposals, but there is lots of competition.

Chairman Tremaine stated that Ms. Craig has done a commendable job in letting them all know what is going on, and that PG&E couldn't have a better representative.

Ms. Craig thanked Chairman Tremaine and stated it has been a joy working with the MAC, and she will continue to think of Bay Point as her second home.

7. Items for Discussion and/or Action

a. Bailey Road "Welcome to Bay Point" Sign – Mr. Tim Stone/Mr. Brad Klock

Mr. Klock, President of the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce, stated the Bay Point Chamber, and specifically Mr. Tim Stone headed up the Welcome to Bay Point Sign movement on Willow Pass Road. He stated the Chamber, through the Adopt-a-Road program is maintaining the property around where the sign is posted. Mr. Klock stated the Keller Canyon grant the Chamber received this year is for the installation of another sign on Bailey Road. He stated Mr. Stone headed up this project as well and they have been asked to present it to the MAC for consent of what they're doing.

Mr. Stone presented each MAC member diagrams of proposed Bailey Road 'Welcome to Bay Point' sign and location of installment, and explained location was in the median strip where the trail crossing is. He also shared picture of the sign that has been up for a year on Willow Pass Rd., with 6 different groups logos already added to the sign. Mr. Stone stated they want to do the same thing on the Bailey Road sign, the idea being to create more pride in Bay Point. He stated this design is the one out of three that the county has chosen to tentatively approve.

Chairman Tremaine asked about the county's plan to do major improvements along Bailey Road, and how that might affect the sign; Mr. Stone stated the county is aware of the sign and the improvements, and if the sign had to be moved it was built so that only

the base would have to be replaced to move it.

Mr. Diokno asked about the sign being washable, and there was a discussion regarding the difficulty in removing some graffiti, and the possibility of having a special sealant to make cleaning easier.

Councilman Corbin asked if they had considered aerial signs on lampposts, and Mr. Stone stated they were thinking about putting another sign, and inexpensive sign that just says 'Welcome to Bay Point' with our elevation and population, on Willow Pass Road coming from Pittsburg.

Motion made by Councilwoman Garcia to approve the proposed sign as plan. Seconded by Councilwoman Kopitar. Motion carried 5 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason and Tremaine voting “yes”; Council members Stevenson and Zumwalt absent

b. Finances – Councilwoman Garcia

Councilwoman Garcia shared handout of budget and stated right now they have a balance left of \$3,593.00 and after Secretary Services and Rent is paid \$2,967.03.

Mr. Diokno stated that before any discussion began he needed to tell them the money cannot be returned to the county, as there was some discussion of doing at last month's meeting; it would go back to the Keller Canyon fund to be dispersed this coming year.

Councilwoman Mason asked Mr. Diokno, after last evening's Brown Act training when they made it clear that there are very few Advisory Boards that spend money, how would that work with this.

Mr. Diokno stated it is true, that Bay Point MAC is one of the few who has a source of income, other MAC's have donations and fundraisers to pay for their expenses. He stated however, since this is give to you through the Keller fund, the process that was developed for expenditures, through the Auditor's office, that solves any of the problems that the other MAC's might have. Mr. Diokno stated the problem with other MAC's was they were putting the money into bank accounts under their name, and that's the whole reason they had the handbook issue was to stop that practice; any money raised by any MAC would be considered county money and handled for the MAC through the county Auditor's office.

Some suggestions made for spending of remaining MAC funds:

- * Citizen of the Month Awards (frames) - Garcia
- * Sign or Banner for Annual Neighborhood Clean-up – Garcia
- * Helping with cost of another camera – Mason
- * Giving back to community by giving each school money or items – Kopitar
- * Pay for dumpster for someone needing assistance - Mason

After some discussion it was decided to table this item, Council members to send

expenditure ideas with cost estimates to Chairman Tremaine for compilation, and they would vote on it at next month's meeting.

8. Committee Reports The MAC received the following reports:

a. CAP – Councilwoman Mason

Councilwoman Mason stated the meeting was at Henkel, where Lt. Brown gave a report on the Office of Emergency Services through the Sheriff's Dept. and all the volunteers they have for all the different services they offer.

b. Code Enforcement – Chairman Tremaine

None – Code meeting May 2, 2012

c. Adopt a Road – Councilman Stevenson

None

f. Schools – Councilwoman Mason

Councilwoman Mason stated at the last meeting Mr. Parker made a presentation with Ms. Loza about the Measure C Bond about whether the school board should consider selling them now while the interest is low; and the District actually had a meeting on April 16th at Riverview, with about 10 in attendance, trying to do outreach. She stated the next one is scheduled May 15th to talk about the future of the schools.

9. Members' Reports

Councilwoman Garcia stated she wanted to remind people about the Community Clean-up on May 26th, courtesy of Pittsburg Disposal this time. She stated it is free of charge, but you must have proof you live in Bay Point, and you cannot dump tires, e-waste, or appliances.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she has started working on the Newsletter, and want to remind the All-in-One group and the Water Company to send her their information so she can include it. She stated the deadline for turning in articles to her is Monday, May 7th so she can put it together.

Councilwoman Mason stated she regularly attends the Ambrose Rec. & Park District's Board meetings and frequently groups will come to them and ask for free meeting space; the CERT training and safety meetings have free space, the parade gets free space, the Mexican Consulate was given free space. She stated that maybe the Chair or Vice Chair could either go to one of their meetings or go to their General Manager and ask if the MAC could also have free space for our meetings.

10. Correspondence.

Councilwoman Kopitar reviewed correspondence and made available for public viewing including:

- Correspondence from Golden State Water Company
- Child from El Sobrante's request for donations

Chairman Tremaine asked if Councilwoman Kopitar had straightened out the address change with Golden Stated Water Co. so their correspondence would get to the MAC on time and she replied that she had.

Councilwoman Mason stated that during last night's training it had told all the MAC's correspondence should be kept for 30 days, in a binder or someplace, so that anyone from the public could have access to it.

11. Future Agenda Items.

- a. MAC Finances
- b. East County Alcohol Policy Coalition's Alcohol Merchants Awards Program – Erin Johnson

12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 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.