

# 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, November 6, 2012**

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

Council members Corbin, Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt were present. Councilwoman Kopitar arrived at 7:15pm

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Officer Eric Brewer of Calif. Highway Patrol, Deputy Ken Marchese of the Sheriff's Dept., Mrs. Tina Gonzalez of Golden State Water Co., Mr. Jim Lowe of Mt. Diablo High School, and Mr. Lee Mason of the Teen Garden Corp.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mr. Lee Mason

### **2. Approval of November 6, 2012 Agenda**

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

### **3. Consent items**

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice for \$120.00**
- b. Approval of Record of Actions of October 2, 2012**

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

#### 4. Public Comments:

Mr. Michael Kerr distributed flyers and stated on October 18<sup>th</sup> the Ambrose Recreation & Park District (ARPD) voted to approve the new Ambrose Aquatic Center, phase I; which will demolish the existing pool, and with 2.3 million dollars build a 'water play structure'. He stated the ARPD's Master Plan website has not been updated for 3 years, since the original study programs, and they haven't had any town meetings since. Mr. Kerr stated before the Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting he had filed an appeal with the City of Pittsburg to postpone the vote until November 19<sup>th</sup> on the Park Project, and had asked the Park District to not vote on the matter at the Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting rather wait until November; and in the meantime do a mass mailing informing residents what the situation was about the pool, and hold some town hall meetings. He stated they voted 5 – 0 anyways to approve the Aquatic Center; and even now there is nothing on the Park District website about the plans to let people know what is going on. Mr. Kerr invited everyone to check out his flyer; that the Park District could even have just repaired the existing pool for a lot less money, and had it open the last 4 years.

Mr. Clarence Wickers distributed flyers and stated he was here tonight to give an update on what his Safety Committee group has been doing. He stated their first 2 series of meetings for the community were safety oriented with CERT in the background, once a month for about 8 months. He stated after some discussion within the group they decided they wanted to change it up a little and go towards the Neighborhood Watch theme. Mr. Wickers stated they have had some speakers come in and they learned about Neighborhood Watch. He stated after speaking with the Sheriff's Dept. he realized it was more important now because the Sheriff's Dept. has to back away from supporting Neighborhood Watches because of budget and staff cuts. Mr. Wickers announced they have a meeting coming up on this Thursday in Room 7 here at the Ambrose Center, and a continuing series about what Neighborhood Watch is over the next few months. He thanked the Park District and SparkPoint for allowing them to use space for their meetings.

Ms. Darcel Jones introduced herself as the new Community Library Manager at Bay Point's Riverview Middle School site. She stated this is important because before going on Maternity Leave she had 32 hours to manage Bay Point and Pittsburg libraries; when she came back in August she was given the 32 hrs. for Bay Point only. Ms. Jones stated she is excited about being able to focus on Bay Point's library and has already done some fun things. She stated the one thing she does not have the power to do is increase the budget in any way; we still have the same 18 hours a week and the same book budget, but now you have her, and she "rocks". Ms. Jones stated what she has done so far, since she is in the middle of a Middle school in an unincorporated area with a lot of refineries, was put on an emergency preparedness seminar, copied from the CDC, and over the week of Halloween they had prepared for the 'Zombie Apocalypse'; took basic first aid, learned how to shelter in place, and learned what to do if they can't contact their parents for 24 hours; culminating the week with a dance. She stated it was well attended with at least 10 kids participating in each workshop and 70 kids at the dance. Ms. Jones stated what she is looking for is input and suggestions from the community, what they want, as she doesn't live here. She stated she plans on attending the MAC meetings regularly, and invited everyone to come visit the

library; Mon. 2:30 – 6:00pm, Tues. 2:30 – 8:00pm, Thurs. 2:30 – 8:00pm, and Fri. 2:30 – 6:00pm, for a total of 18 hours a week which is the standard county gives them as they're not considered a full service library, rather an outlet. Ms. Jones stated we are the only library in the county closed both weekend days.

Councilman Corbin asked about the hours being posted outside at the side, and Ms. Jones stated it is posted but not in a place where its' easily seen; but it is posted on their website.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about having space at the library for meetings, and Ms. Jones stated they don't have space for such a room but the public can come and meet in the general area as long as they aren't disturbing others.

Chairman Tremaine stated it looks as there are a lot of questions, and suggested that Ms. Jones come back to another MAC meeting where she can be placed on the agenda and given more time for a presentation and questions.

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

**a. Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department – Deputy Marchese**

Deputy Marchese distributed copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of October, stating there was nothing substantial to report this month. He stated residential burglaries had gone down a little this month; and just shy of 1,500 total calls for the month. He stated that at least half of the 60 arrests made were from people calling in, so he wanted to encourage residents to continue calling if they feel something isn't right; glad to see Neighborhood Watches starting up too.

**b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer**

Officer Brewer shared DUI statistics for October; 15 arrests, 14 of those from DUI's and 1 from theft; of those 14 DUI's 3 were out of traffic collisions, 11 were Bay Point residents, one was from Concord, and one from Oakland. He stated those numbers are down from the last few months. He stated there were a total of 17 traffic collisions, 9 were injury (minor) collisions and 8 were non-injury. Officer Brewer stated the traffic citation data is a month behind, so for September there were 188 traffic citations issued, includes Bailey Road going over the hill, all of Evora Road, but not the freeway.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if any of the DUI's were from checkpoints, and Officer Brewer stated no, there were all made from stops; he stated the numbers are down but to expect them to go up again during the Holiday season and extra over-time holiday patrols through Federal grants that they always get; including check-points.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about the Traffic Trailer, and Officer Brewer stated the trailer is gone; that the day it was fixed (literally) it was involved in a traffic collision and is again broken sitting in their back lot, and because of funding issues will not be fixed in the for seeable future; county's Public Works has the only working trailer and it is used

every day.

Chairman Tremaine stated he would see the person from Public Works at tomorrow's Code Enforcement meeting and he would ask about getting the trailer placed in Bay Point.

Councilwoman Mason asked if the HOB lanes were enforced here as she commutes from Bay Point to Brentwood and many are using the lane that shouldn't; and Officer Brewer stated it is enforced, but people do it all the time anyways.

Councilwoman Kopitar asked if Riverside Drive can't be patrolled more as there is such serious speeding going on there all the time, and Officer Brewer stated he has sat at Mota Drive, as suggested, and has caught speeders. He stated most of his efforts tend to be on Evora & Pomo; today he was actually on Riverside and was pulled away for the bicyclist vs. vehicle incident on Pacifica which took up 3 hours of his time. Officer Brewer stated he had written up 14 tickets in town today, and towed 2 cars.

Chairman Tremaine asked how the volunteer program was going, and Officer Brewer stated it is up and running and doing an outstanding job; staffed with the maximum they can handle, 17 or 19 volunteers. He stated they are doing so much work the CHP can't keep up with what they're doing for them in the sense they have done all their administrative work, and now the officers need to go out and do their follow-up.

Chairman Tremaine stated he wants the CHP to know how much the MAC appreciates all the hard work they do for our community.

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

- Mr. Diokno stated today is election, and Supervisor Glover wishes to send this message:

*“Today most of you exercised your right to have a say on who will lead our country, and be our representatives in Washington, Sacramento, local school boards and other agencies. In a few hours we will have a pretty good idea on the direction of our country for the next four years.*

*Whether or not you agree with the results, we will – we must – learn to live with the winners, accept the results, and work with the elected leaders. If you agree, well and good. Whether your candidate wins or loses, it is the American way to accept the will of the majority of the people. If you disagree, you have the right and obligation to seek to change that person's mind through give-and-take dialogue and petitions, not through setting up roadblocks and hurdles to the governing process.*

*In a Democracy, the winners cannot govern without the consent of the losers.*

*Unlike other countries, in the United States the transition of government is relatively*

*bloodless. This orderly transition is what sets America apart from other nations.*

*Tonight, when you hear the concession speeches, listen carefully because they will determine the tone of the country for the next four years: If we become a country divided (some say we already are divided), or we come together as Americans and unite to achieve our common goals.”*

Mr. Diokno stated in January the Supervisor will be starting his next four year term by being sworn in as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. He stated this is also the time for members of the MAC to reflect on whether they want to continue as a member of the Bay Point MAC. Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor would appreciate some notice of their intentions, if they wish a change in their status, by the December MAC meeting. He stated if the Supervisor doesn't hear from them, he will assume they wish to remain as his representatives to the Bay Point Community.

**d. Golden State Water Company – Mrs. Tina Gonzalez**

Mrs. Tina Gonzalez shared the Bay Point Operations & Maintenance Report for October, including: Flushing – 45,000 gallons, for water quality; Meters – changed out 33 that were over 20 yrs. old or damaged; Valve Maintenance – exercised 61 hydrants and 61 main valves; Service leaks – 4 repaired and replaced 5; Hydrants – none. She stated if anyone had noticed the traffic at Willow Pass & Sycamore Ct., that project is almost finished too.

**e. PG&E/Shell Pond – Ms. Tracy Craig**

None – not present

**6. Presentations** Presentations were made by:

**a. Citizen of the Month Awards – Councilwoman Garcia**

Councilwoman Garcia stated this award is for someone who has served our community for many years with many thanks; and presented Certificate of Appreciation Award to:

- \* Debra Mason – serving our community in many different capacities for over 20 years.

Councilwoman Mason stated she could not have done all the work without the love and support of her husband, Lee.

**b. NEXT STEPS for High School Graduates – Mr. Jim Rowe**

Mr. Jim Rowe introduced himself as a College & Career Counselor at Mt. Diablo High School, and stated for the last several months has been working with the Bay Point All-in-One Council and his Bay Point/Pittsburg students; about 500 of them. He stated he has a real passion about these students because he sees such brightness and such abilities, but

sees it often going to waste. Mr. Rowe stated he is trying to generate interest in the community in general and also help educate parents about the pitfalls facing their students. He stated he had retired but came back; he understands what parents go through. Mr. Rowe stated parents believe it is the school's responsibility of looking after the well being of their children and teach them, and he considers that to be their right; they pay taxes and do the best they know how to do. He stated his job as a professional in the world of education is to help their children negotiate successfully the rigors of the High School education process.

Mr. Rowe stated that unfortunately what happens is the way the system is engineered, they have developed a language all their own, and few parents understand that there is more than one educational process going on in the school. He stated there is this thing called the A – G and parents don't know a thing about it, thinking their son or daughter is doing fine bringing home A's and B's on their report cards; but those grades are in courses that will graduate them from High School but not in courses that will get them into colleges and universities. Mr. Rowe stated that is the tragedy, that parents can look at their child's report card of A's & B's, and then when they get to the end of the child's senior year, all of a sudden their child does not qualify to go to a CA state university or the UC system.

Mr. Rowe stated he brought packets labeled 'Next Step', the senior bound handbook to look through. He stated you will notice a calendar on about page 3, full of things that have to be done on schedule that many parents aren't aware of. Mr. Rowe stated he is on a campaign to educate parents, particularly in Bay Point/Pittsburg, to help them navigate and go where they need to go; that timelines are critical, calendars and deadlines have to be respected. He stated he has had a series of "Kitchen Table" meetings with parents, and he would like to encourage the MAC, and anyone else within a public organization, to hold the same types of meetings, to become familiar with this thing called 'getting into college'. Mr. Rowe stated he would be willing to help educate these organizations willing to assist in this effort to educate parents and students; parents are sharing with him "Nobody ever told me that", about remedial classes, taking introduction classes in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, etc. He stated once you hit 9<sup>th</sup> grade you need to be taking 'pure' classes; college prep classes not 'intro to' classes.

Mr. Rowe stated parents need to come to the school and be more involved too with their student's education and what is going on at the school; come and make him do his job by asking questions about student's classes.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about doing outreach to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents before they get into High School, and Mr. Rowe stated that unfortunately he can't because he's only one person and he has to focus on the High Schools.

Mr. Rowe stated he needed to say this delicately, there is a language surrounding getting your kids to be successful and be their best, raise the bar, and there are too many people that are too focused on maintaining mediocrity; people are not willing to say to parents "your child needs help" in algebra or science, lets figure out how to fix this. He stated

this is a real problem; that they have taken on this thing about it is damaging to one's self esteem to hear the truth about one's inadequacies.

Councilman Stevenson asked about the number of Bay Point students that fit the criteria he was speaking about, and Mr. Rowe stated there are approximately 500 students from this area that go to Mt. Diablo, and far, far too many of them are in a situation where there is remediation required. He stated he has a meeting tomorrow night where they will be talking about Saturday schools, for parents; and he also believes he can tutor a couple of kids at a time, but if he can get parents involved in learning how to tutor their kids and parents will help their kids if they know how. Mr. Rowe stated as an educator he needs to figure out how to teach, equip the parent to tutor their kids.

Councilman Stevenson asked how the MAC, as a Board, can assist him in reaching those parents and kids, and Mr. Rowe stated he would love to see a Saturday school, and a safe place for kids to be able to do their homework, a study hall arrangement, staffed by people like students from DVC & LMC, to come lend a hand in kids getting tutoring services. He stated he would also like to see a continuation of the education process for parents; that the Board would be better able to determine how to reach the community, to get them on board with this thing called education, and not have our kids miss out.

Chairman Tremaine stated he wanted to make the comment to Mr. Rowe that he is not only a nice person, but can come across emails as a nice person, and that is rare.

Councilman Corbin asked about contact information for him, and Mr. Rowe stated he can be reached at Mt. Diablo High School, phone number 682-4030, extension 3424. He stated he's there every day, that he loves kids and sees such potential; out of 329 graduating seniors, 109 are qualified to go to a UC school, and last month he gave out 86 applications to CSU's, and if he processed the application they will qualify.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about kids getting grant or scholarship monies, and Mr. Rowe stated yes, they work hard within the federal grant system, and this year they will have Dream Act access for kids that may not have all the documents necessary will qualify for Dream Act monies to go to school.

**c. Teen Garden Corp. – Lee & Debra Mason**

Councilwoman Mason stated she was going to let her husband Lee and a couple of the participants do most of the talking, but she wanted to say that this is something she started just over 10 years ago, was very successful, and when she left the After School Program people approached her and asked if she was going to continue, and she decided she would. She stated she thought she had a teacher secured, but he had twins and decided to be a stay-at-home dad; so about 4 weeks prior she asked her husband how he would feel about being a mentor to some youth and doing the Teen Garden Corp, as he does have a lot of experience in landscaping. Councilwoman Mason stated he took it on without any experience as an official mentor and did a fabulous job.

Mr. Lee Mason shared some photos on the back table for people to see, and stated this was a 5 week program, with 7 kids participating. He stated the 3 components were gardening, teaching them about gardening as everyone should have a garden; nutrition, as the obesity problem in our country is off the scales, and he hammered that home about making good eating choices; and job/work, teaching the kids job skills as in working a 8:00am – 1:30pm work schedule, had to call in if they couldn't make it, and they could only miss twice. Mr. Mason stated they had a few issues and they squared those up early on. He stated a lesson was taught, they went over safety and equipment, how to properly use tools i.e. wheel barrel, shovel, hammer, etc. Mr. Mason stated he was surprised that with these young people ages 14 – 20, some had never used a hammer or cordless drill before. He stated after instruction they built boxes, on their own, not perfect but they did it themselves, without him stepping in. Mr. Mason stated he wanted a couple of participants speak about the program themselves.

Mr. Marlo Shelton stated he was 22 years old and a Bay Point resident all his life. He stated he had participated in the Garden Corp. at 14 years old and worked for the After School program for 4 years while attending college; have known the Masons for a long time and was pleased to be asked to help mentor the Teen Garden Corps. this year. Mr. Shelton stated one thing he liked about it was helping the kids, even his little sister, how to eat healthy. He stated he loves working with groups of younger kids and does whenever he gets the chance.

Mr. Steven Beltram stated he is also a lifelong Bay Point resident, and this was also the second time he had participated in the Teen Garden Corp. He stated it was interesting as the first time he was younger, with a different perspective as a participant, first as a learner and this time more as a mentor, thinking more about what you're saying; it was a fun experience. Mr. Beltram stated he learned a lot, like how important it is to square something; and as Mr. Mason mentioned, he had never been properly taught how to use a hammer. He stated he was happy to be involved with the program. Mr. Beltram stated he is actually working at Orchard Supply right now, partially because of the Mason's programs; he is qualified to work in their nursery.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if the participants were paid, and Mr. Mason stated they were given a stipend at the end of the program. He stated he wanted to share his thanks to the Keller Canyon Fund for helping with the infrastructure costs, and then Mrs. Mason had gone out and acquired funding from someone she partners with to cover the stipends.

Resident Trina Hudson asked where the program was held, and Mr. Mason stated it was a long story as they had originally tried to get property from the county to use, but it had to be a secure site to store the equipment, tools, and supplies; they had also tried to work with the school district on a site, but it was taking too long and the Funds had a deadline to be spent; so it ended up being at his mother-in-law, Ms. Vivian Lisa's place. He stated Ms Lisa actually participated as he used her experience and had her come out one day and teach the kids about the history of the community.

Councilwoman Mason stated she has already talked to the Superintendent of the Mt.

Diablo Unified School District and it looks like they will be able to have it at Gateway this next year, which is what she had originally wanted but got caught up in red tape.

Mr. Mason stated they just wanted to move forward and not let obstacles deter them; it's too easy to come up with excuses why you can't do something instead of working hard to come up with solutions. He stated they did help keep 7 kids off the streets this summer; he had done a survey and asked the kids what they would have been doing if not the Garden Corp. and their answers were they would be sleeping in, hanging out, and just walking the streets.

Resident Trina Hudson stated her daughter had been a recipient and worked with Mrs. Mason and it had been one of the greatest experiences of her life; she had been so shy and it really set the stage for progress in going to college and graduate school. She thanked the Mason's for their continued work in mentoring young people.

**d. Harvest to Home – Pastor John McClendon**

Chairman Tremaine stated Pastor McClendon wasn't present so he would give the short announcement for him that Calvary Temple was going to give away groceries for those who could not afford a Thanksgiving dinner themselves. He stated they were not prepared dinners, rather the means to prepare the dinner themselves. Chairman Tremaine stated the program is called Harvest to Home, and anyone interested or knows someone who could benefit should call or visit Calvary Temple and ask for Nia; they are going to be delivering the groceries.

**7. Items for Discussion and/or Action**

**a. County File #LP12-2101 Home based housecleaning business**

Chairman Tremaine stated this was a permit for a home based housecleaning business that MAC members were sent something by email. He stated his own personal comment is that he wished the people applying for the permit would attend the meeting because the MAC doesn't know exactly from what they're given what they are asking for.

The people involved in the next application let it be known that they were here.

Councilwoman Mason stated she had received through her email information about the 2<sup>nd</sup> application, but not this one.

Councilman Tremaine stated that because of the dating this application has already gone through the approval process, so they really don't need to vote if they don't want to.

Mr. Diokno stated it is because of this first one, they have developed a process so that now Public Works will send the applications to him and he will send it out to the MAC members; that's why they have the information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> one.

Applicant Mila Nunez introduced herself and stated she lives at 55 Pacifica and has lived in the community for many years. She stated she wants to start her business as it is hard to find jobs now, and do it the right way by applying for a license with the county. Ms. Nunez stated the only thing running from her house will be phone calls and paperwork.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if there would be any extra cars coming & going, and Ms. Nunez stated no, the trailer park where she lives is very strict too on cars and parking.

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason that even though the time has passed to approve County File #LP12-2101 and wish her the best. Seconded by Councilwoman Zumwalt. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting “yes”.

Chairman Tremaine thanked Mrs. Nunez for coming and stated it was very honorable that she wanted to do her business right by taking out the proper permits; that speaks volumes about a person.

**b. County File #LP12-2118 Home based housecleaning business**

Chairman Tremaine stated this is the home based housecleaning business that the MAC members received information on; 120 Pico Place.

Councilwoman Mason stated that even though the applicants aren't present, she had looked at it and sounds very much like the previous application; so she personally has no problem in approving the application and applauds them for going through the proper procedure in getting a home business permit, as a lot of people don't.

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to approve County File #LP12-2118. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting “yes”.

**c. Funding training room for Adopt-a-Road program**

Chairman Tremaine stated he had spoken with Ambrose's General Manager, Mr. Tarry Smith who said that as long as this isn't a regular, repeated thing, he has no problem with letting the Adopt-a-Road program meet at the Center for no charge. He stated Councilman Stevenson just needs to speak with Ms. Giles to get the date placed on the calendar. Councilman Tremaine stated Mr. Smith was very receptive about this being a community function to benefit the community, and it not being something that's done regularly; that if someone wants it more regularly than it has to go before the Ambrose Board.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated if there is a need in the future, it sounds like SparkPoint too makes accommodations for community efforts.

**d. January 1, 2013 MAC meeting and new officers**

Chairman Tremaine stated they needed to discuss whether they want to postpone the January meeting on a different date in January or cancel January's meeting as it falls on New Year's Day.

After some discussion it was decided:

Motion made by Councilwoman Zumwalt to cancel the January 2013 meeting and have their first meeting in February. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting “yes”.

Chairman Tremaine stated he is suggesting the new officers election be held in December, and also that in the first round of nominations for new Chairperson that the Vice-Chair is automatically be in that round; and if that is not acceptable that is OK.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated that she has some concerns about the automatic nominations, that to her it seems business is being done outside of the public view; that it might be a violation of the Brown Act; that making the suggestion through email regarding the nomination process was not appropriate.

Councilwoman Mason stated to then air on the side of caution she suggests they hold the elections in December the way they have always been done.

There was a discussion about how it has been done in the past, and if the MAC's by-laws have a specific process for elections that must be followed.

Mr. Diokno stated that in holding elections in December, the meeting would be opened by the sitting Chairperson, Mr. Tremaine, and then the gavel would be transferred at the swearing in.

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason that in December 2012 new officers are elected with installation of officers in February 2013. Seconded by Councilwoman Zumwalt. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members Corbin, Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting “yes”.

After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Diokno would look into what the MAC's bylaws say about the nomination process of new officers and get back to the MAC.

**e. Budget committee and MAC spending suggestions**

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated the committee had not yet met.

There was some clarification of the budget committee members consisting of Council Members Garcia, Zumwalt, and Mason.

Item tabled to next month after committee committed to meeting before then to have

budget completed before the new year.

**8. Committee Reports** The MAC received the following reports:

**a. CAP – Councilwoman Mason**

Councilwoman Mason stated the meeting was at Criterion and they had a presentation about recycling and waste management from 2 garbage purveyors; Angela Lowrey of Delta Diablo Sanitation District, and R.C. Ferris of Allied Waste Services.

**b. Code Enforcement – Chairman Tremaine**

Chairman Tremaine stated there was no Code meeting last month.

Mr. Diokno stated there is a meeting tomorrow at 10:30am – 12:00pm at Supervisor Glover’s office, and there is a presentation being made by a group who does creek clean-ups, and anyone interested is welcome to attend. He stated if the presenter is really interesting, maybe they would invite him to speak at a MAC meeting

**c. Adopt a Road – Councilman Stevenson**

Councilman Stevenson stated he has to get in touch with the county to set up some training. He stated they have had two offers to clean the road across the street and needs to see if the original group still wants to participate.

Councilman Stevenson stated he also needs to clarify with one of the county’s employees that he received an email from with some of the road assignments different than what he has recorded. He stated just about every area they wanted to cover originally with the start of the program is covered now.

Councilman Stevenson stated he really needs to get clarification in his mind what his role is specifically in this program related with this program going forward; beyond organizing and getting it started, what now.

Chairman Tremaine stated he believes we still need a Liaison between the MAC and the county.

There was a discussion regarding Golden State Water Co. adopting a road and cleaning it even before training, and then Calvary Temple took on that whole road, and maybe the Water Co. would take on a different area after receiving their training.

Chairman Tremaine stated either somebody took down from the sign, or the Driftwood Association decided they didn’t want to do lower Skyline; but the lower sign has been taken down, or stolen. He stated the main sign is there, but the sign that said “Driftwood” has been removed.

There was a discussion regarding the county putting up the signs recognizing those who have adopted roads, with inserts for the name/s working there.

**d. Schools – Councilwoman Mason**

Councilwoman Mason stated on October 10<sup>th</sup> they had a first meeting of the group they were putting together regarding the configuration of the schools; apologized for not letting the MAC know, but they had thrown out a couple of possible dates and the next thing she knew she had received an email saying it was the following night. She stated there were not many people there, and since then there has been some controversy; the Superintendent had asked each principle to select a couple of parents to come represent their school, but she also thought the meeting would be advertised to everyone and it wasn't. Councilwoman Mason stated there were maybe 8 people there and most were School District employees. She stated what they did was go over each of the schools, their layouts, the capacity, and the number of kids projected to attend the schools; there was a big packet if anyone is interested in seeing it she would bring copies to the next meeting. Councilwoman Mason stated at this time there is not another scheduled meeting.

There was a discussion about getting the packet copies and Councilwoman Mason stated she would bring copies for each member next meeting.

Councilman Corbin asked if there was anything in the packet different from the initial information given at the public meetings, and Councilwoman Mason stated no, and a whole lot of money was spent having people re-work the numbers; some people including Mr. Parker were asking why this much money was paid to a company for the same figures they got last year.

**e. Keller Canyon – Councilwoman Zumwalt**

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated there was nothing to report and asked for the time being that this item be removed from upcoming agendas.

**9. Members' Reports**

Councilwoman Garcia stated she brought the remaining water bottles from the MAC, sitting on the back table, and as it has just expired, for people to please take some water with them.

Councilwoman Garcia reported the Newsletter went out at the end of last month and was posted on the Supervisor's website right away; she also delivered it to 2 ladies who have requested hard copies.

Councilwoman Garcia also reported on the Neighborhood Clean-up, stating Ms. RC Ferris from Allied came to help and was very sweet and helpful. She stated she usually get 5 dumpsters, but this time there were more, she had lost count, but at one time there were over 12; she did not leave until 2:00pm because they took the last dumpster away. Councilwoman Garcia stated sometime during the day Ms. Ferris' supervisor showed up and he was a

wonderful young man, who said he was actually raised in Shore Acres and lives now in the Oak Hills homes; she thanked him for his service and wants to send him and Ms. Ferris thank you notes. She stated that Ms. Giles had also introduced her to Pastor John of one of the churches that meets at Ambrose Center, so they coordinated to be able to offer free e-waste that same day at the same site.

Councilwoman Garcia inquired if it would be possible to ask Supervisor Glover to write a thank you letter to the Ambrose Rec. & Park District's General Manager for the use of the Clearland property for the clean-up days, and also request the continued use of the property on an on-going basis for the Neighborhood Clean-ups; she also wouldn't be taking care of it at the last minute each time. She also asked if she should send a thank you email to Allied Waste or if that is something the Supervisor should do.

Mr. Diokno stated it was a good thing, Councilwoman Garcia having a good working relationship with them, and that it would be appropriate for her to thank them and maintain that relationship.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she would send them the email on behalf of the MAC and share her appreciation of Ms. Ferris and her boss for being there and helping.

#### **10. Correspondence.**

Chairman Tremaine reviewed the correspondence and made available for public viewing.

#### **11. Future Agenda Items.**

- a. Budget – Budget Committee suggestions for spending of this year's funds
- b. Elections

#### **12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 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.