

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, April 2, 2013

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

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

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Officer Eric Brewer of Calif. Highway Patrol, Deputy Ken Marchese and Lt. Paul O'Mary of the Sheriff's Dept., Mr. Paul Schubert & Mrs. Tina Gonzalez of Golden State Water Co., Ms. Natalie Monk, Mr. Hamid Taeb, and Mr. Daniel Potter from Habitat for Humanity, Mr. Willie Scott and Mr. Delano Johnson from Bay Point Community All-N-One, Inc., Mr. Alexander Rivas, Staff Engineer, with Mr. Chris Lau, Senior Engineer, both with the County Public Works Department, Mr. Rob Erickson, County Building Department, and Ms. Donna Pontrello from P.G.&E., and from Center for Human Development, Ms. Paulette Segovia of East County Alcohol Policy Coalition, and Ms. Tanya Balcorda from Friday Night Live.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by District V Supervisor, Federal Glover

2. Approval of April 2, 2013 Agenda

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to approve the April, 2013 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 5 – 0; Council Members 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 March 5, 2013**

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

4. Public Comments:

Ms. Janess Hansen stated she wanted to go on record that as of two weeks ago the Rail Road has been storing construction equipment, about a block long on the tracks where she lives, and she doesn't know how long it plans on being there; but she is keeping an eye on it.

Ms. Carolynne Born stated she was here tonight from the Pittsburg/Ambrose Lions Club to share about a couple of events coming up and leave some flyers on the back table. She stated you might have already seen the Carnival equipment starting to be set on Willow Pass Road and Clearland getting ready for their annual spring Carnival, April 4th through the 7th; their biggest fundraiser specifically to support their annual scholarship program for graduating High School students from Bay Point and Pittsburg. Ms Born stated their goal is to give these students \$1,000 – \$2,000 as a scholarship. She stated there are other community programs funded by this event including their free eyeglass program and the Holiday Food Basket program. Ms. Born stated the following Saturday, April 13th, is their spring Pancake Breakfast, serving eggs, pancakes and all the fixin's at the Lions Blind Center, 170 Alvarado; it's a lot of fun and would really appreciate the communities support. She stated lastly the Lions Club is always looking for new members, would love more people from Bay Point to join their service organization; they have been in Bay Point for over 50 years now, so please contact her.

Mr. Delano Johnson stated he was from the Bay Point All-N-One group here to share about their community event coming up at Anuta Park on April 20th, with the hope of other organizations coming and getting involved also. He stated they plan on having a free BBQ, a clothes giveaway, a martial arts demonstration, and a prayer booth set up. Mr. Johnson stated any other organization that would like to come and bring material about their group is welcome so that they can start to connect and work together, instead of everybody just doing their own separate thing. He stated they have also started a new breakfast added; they had been serving one every 4th Saturday, and now they are doing one every 2nd and 4th Saturday at First A.M.E. church. Mr. Johnson stated if anyone needs food, clothing, baby supplies, toys, etc., you should come out to Anuta Park on April 20th from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

Ms Jovana Vasquez stated she was here from the community group ACCE (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment), and left some flyers on back table about the group. She stated they are a state-wide but based on community concerns, and she working to start a group in Bay Point to talk about neighborhood concerns; have a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, April 9th, here in the Center's Dining Room at 6:30pm.

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

a. Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department – Lt. Paul O'Mary

Lt. Paul O'Mary distributed copies of the Bay Point MAC's Monthly Sheriff's Report for March and stated that as he'd mentioned at the preceding Town Hall meeting, the Crime stats are exceedingly low, close to 60% lower than they were in January. He stated some of the programs they had put together are working and others that aren't will be looked at gear up to go a different direction. Lt. O'Mary gave the example of a probation search of the whole county put on by the Probation Department, and Bay Point had 5 probationers with warrants; a few agencies east of us had 20+.

Councilwoman Zumwalt thanked Lt. O'Mary for changing the Color Key on the map to actual words for easier reading.

Chairman Tremaine stated he would like to take this time to share with the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Patrol how much their hard work is appreciated and asked for a round of applause, which was enthusiastically given.

b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

Officer Brewer stated he appreciated the community's support, that it means a lot. He shared Bay Point's statistics for March including, 11 DUI arrests and one other arrest for auto theft. Officer Brewer stated they investigated 13 traffic collisions, and 3 of those involved DUI's. He stated the ticket count was through the roof, over 100, so he didn't have an exact number.

Officer Brewer stated the radar trailer is back in service, and was deployed at Evora & Pomo last month for a day and another location in Shore Acres. He stated the senior volunteers are taking it out almost every day Monday through Friday, somewhere in the county.

Councilwoman Zumwalt inquired and there was a short discussion regarding locations that were trouble spots, and Officer Brewer stated he had given a list of streets for Bay Point's rotation; at least once a month.

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

Mr. Diokno stated most of his report was covered in the previous hour's Town Hall meeting:

- Northern Waterfront Presentation
- Reduced, rebated water rates for Bay Point Residents
- Appreciation for Sheriff's Department and Highway Patrol

Mr. Diokno stated he wanted to add that the Youth Summit was a great success with several hundred people coming out to Los Medanos College and hang out with them for a whole day; they had fun and hopefully learned a few things.

Mr. Diokno stated he also wanted to thank the MAC members who attended the joint

MAC meeting, held at the Supervisor's Martinez office. He stated it was very informative with the same Waterfront presentation being done at their meeting first. Mr. Diokno stated the MAC members also learned tips on how to abide by the Brown Act and how county government functions; a worthwhile morning for all who attended.

d. Golden State Water Company – Mr. Paul Schubert

Mr. Paul Schubert shared diagram of new Chadwick Booster station, being built behind the Westwood Village condominiums; being upgraded with an above ground building with improved landscaping. He stated this provides the water supply to the 'Madison' zone. Mr. Schubert stated these plans aren't quite complete, aren't due until Friday, but he and Ms. Gonzalez had committed to bringing them tonight to share so this is what they have; construction should start in about 2 weeks.

There was a short discussion regarding the exact location.

Mr. Schubert shared Operations & Maintenance Report for March 2013 including: flushed about 60,000 gallons, they had 1 Main break, and they did their annual leak detection where they put electronic devices on all the mains to look for leaks and found 3 of them. He stated also at the County Science Fair at the college; 11 water and sanitation districts got together and gave out awards to the top water and sanitation High School projects; one of their staff got to participate as a judge. Mr. Schubert stated it was very cool and they plan on doing this every year.

Mr. Schubert stated they have a proposed decision regarding their rate case so he won't be explaining a rate increase as he normally does as there is a rate decrease of 12%.

Ms. Trina Hudson asked about what portion of water leak she was responsible for at her residence where a leak had been detected and Mr. Schubert explained that leaks on the house side of the meter would be her responsibility, and when fixed would be an obvious decrease in her water bill.

Mr. Schubert shared that on the water meter itself there is a leak indicator dial and if you look and that thing is moving when you're not running water, you know you have a leak.

6. Presentations Presentations were made by:

a. Citizen of the Month Awards – Councilwoman Garcia

None

b. Bailey Road Project to Underground Overhead Utilities – Mr. Alexander Rivas

Mr. Alexander Rivas, Staff Engineer, with Mr. Chris Lau, Senior Engineer, both with the County Public Works Department, Mr. Rob Erickson, County Building Department, and Ms. Donna Pontrello from P.G.&E., shared some large before and after photos

demonstrating the appearance of streets having their utility lines put underground.

Mr. Rivas gave a brief background on the project including:

- In 2008 this project was approved by the county retention committee of the Board of Supervisors
- In 2011 the boundary map was finalized

Mr. Rivas stated in the next few months they plan on doing a public hearing, maybe May, but the actual date has not been selected yet.

Mr. Rivas gave a short description of what ‘Undergrounding’; taking over-head facilities and trenching them, with the purpose of beautifying the neighborhood and reduce exposure of weathering to said facilities. He stated the work would be done starting at the off-ramp of SR4 west, along Bailey Road to Willow Pass Road; and then on Willow Pass Road from Bailey Road, all the way to Crivello Ave. Mr. Rivas stated they anticipate construction target time around 2016.

Ms. Donna Pontrello stated a lot of communities like to do these because it looks nicer without the poles and wires running along the street. She shared photos of a project in Napa, and stated the construction is done by digging a trench along the street or sidewalk, placing conduit in them for electric, phone, and cable to be placed, then dirt (backfill) is put on top of that, and then it is repaved over. Ms. Pontrello stated it is disruptive, noisy, and a little dirty during the construction, but it is worth it at the end.

Ms. Pontrello stated the Public Works Department is looking at getting a grant and wanting the ‘Undergrounding’ done in 2016, which means they have to start at the end of 2014. She stated that is not finalized, they don’t know if they have the grant, but if they’re going to do it that soon there will be a lot of pushing to get things in place.

Mr. Rivas stated one of the main things is what will be the effects on property lines. He stated the goal is to make sure that property owners are not charged anything for this project. However, there is a caveat; if there are any safety issues identified the property owner will be charged with fixing or rectifying the issue that comes up. Mr. Rivas stated property owners will need to provide P.G. &E. access in order to come in and provide paneling on their property.

Ms. Pontrello stated the electric part of the project is being paid for by credits the county has saved up; so the county will likely choose to use those credits to pay for each individual property getting converted to the new underground system. She stated what Mr. Rivas was explaining was if there was a safety hazard identified, something not up to code, than that is the responsibility of the property owner.

Councilwoman Mason asked for an example of such issues, and Ms. Pontrello stated she had only seen one, where there had been work done without a permit, and equipment right above an entrance door not done properly; it would probably be something done without a permit that would cause the hazard needing to be rectified.

There was a discussion regarding resident's conversion process and Ms. Pontrello stated they would have another public meeting regarding the conversion when it was nearer to actual construction.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about resident's building permit fees being waived as they didn't request these changes and Mr. Rivas stated the fees would not be charged to the homeowner.

Mr. Ken Bartlet asked about when the trench disrupts the access to a property, and Mr. Rivas stated as a property owner or resident within the district boundary they would have to coordinate with P.G. &E. and the contractor; they would probably lay an access plate.

c. Habitat for Humanity Pacifica Avenue Project – Natalie Monk

Ms. Natalie Monk stated Ms. Leslie Palaroan couldn't be here tonight, instead she, Mr. Hamid Taeb, and Mr. Daniel Potter would be presenting. She stated since their first presentation in December 2012, some changes have necessarily been made to the 589 Pacifica Ave. project and she shared changes with PowerPoint presentation including:

- Some of the funding approved from Contra Costa County
- Civil Engineer concluded site plan was not financially feasible
- Site plan updated to bring down the costs by adding 7 units to original plans 16; total of 23 units to spread the infrastructure costs and provide for more families
- Changes homes to be townhomes; similar to ones built in Walnut Creek
- Material used to match surrounding homes
- New plans include large detached garage for each home; as well as surface parking
- Site includes common area, park, with lawn, picnic area, and maybe a playground for residents
- Applicants attend orientation and receive pre-application; if close to meeting income guidelines are given full application and are reviewed and participants selected
- Homes are not *given* to very low/ low income earners, rather sold at affordable prices
- Here tonight seeking input to this preliminary plan
- Will return, probably late summer early fall to ask for official project approval

There was discussion regarding changes in type and number of homes, need to cover infrastructure costs to make homes affordable, small individual back yards, confirmed ability of emergency vehicles to maneuver court, more information on application process, some disappointment in need of detached garages, the existing fence along backside of property to separate existing homes, and appreciation of work done in community by Habitat for Humanity.

7. Items for Discussion and/or Action

a. Alcohol Awareness Month Resolution – Paulette Segovia of East County Alcohol Policy Coalition

Ms. Paulette Segovia introduced herself, and stated she is replacing Mr. Erin Johnson's position for Center for Human Development's East County Alcohol Policy Coalition; her area of interest being Bay Point and Pittsburg. She stated basically what she does is organize and mobilize the community to decrease underage drinking. Ms. Segovia stated she partners with school administration, local law enforcement, and collaborates with Friday Night Live to do community assessments and store assessments; looking at the environment where underage drinking is an issue. She stated the goal is to decrease underage drinking; however she likes to think of it as increasing the quality of life for all our community members. Ms. Segovia stated currently her coalition consists of staff, and what she's hoping to get out of this meeting, and the previous Town Hall meeting, is to generate interest from community members; she needs people who care and want to mobilize and make changes in alcohol policy here.

Ms. Tanya Balcorda introduced herself and stated she is the Program Coordinator for Friday Night Live and has a chapter here at Riverview Middle School. She stated what Friday Night Live members do is effect their community and create change. Ms. Balcorda stated currently they are looking at alco-pops, their effect on our community, and what they can do about it to reduce underage drinking.

Ms. Balcorda stated they were here tonight to present a Resolution that they will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors on April 16th, and would like the MAC's support of the resolution. She gave a brief over-view of the Resolution including:

- Acknowledges April as Alcohol Awareness Month in remembrance of Casey Goodwin, a young Friday Night Live member in Exeter, California, who was hit head-on by an underage drunk driver. As a result of her death her mother created an organization who after a collision, finds out who gave the underage drinker the alcohol, and they get in trouble; been in place for 10 years now.
- This Resolution is done in collaboration with Friday Night Live and the Alcohol and other Drugs Advisory Board.

Councilwoman Mason asked about the Coalitions meeting date, and Ms. Segovia stated she is keeping the same date as before, every third Tuesday, here in Room 7, but thinking about changing the time to 3:00pm to 4:30pm, instead of 1:00pm – 2:30pm, to hopefully get more community involvement; maybe even consider doing it in the evening if that was better.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if they were still looking at store fronts and how much their windows are covered, and Ms. Segovia stated yes, they are actually doing that this Friday.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated she remembers students coming in and giving the MAC a report about their findings of violations in the community, and that she would love to see that again.

Motion made by Councilwoman Zumwalt to support the Resolution and approve recommending the Supervisors sign the Resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Mason. Motion carried 5 – 0;

Council Members Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting “yes”; Councilwoman Kopitar absent.

8. Committee Reports The MAC received the following reports:

a. CAP – Councilwoman Mason

Councilwoman Mason stated the meeting was at Henkel where things were reported to be going well. She stated they had a nice presentation about how they are using composites in airplane construction and how some of it was developed right here in Bay Point. Councilwoman Mason stated things are also turning around for Criterion, how have been able to hire back some people they had laid-off. She stated all the companies reported doing well on safety.

b. Code Enforcement – Chairman Tremaine

Chairman Tremaine stated they spend a lot of the last Code meeting talking about the results of the Creek Clean-up; also talked about some other areas they might be able to clean up in Bay Point.

c. Adopt a Road – Councilman Stevenson

Councilman Stevenson stated Mr. Medina had emailed him a copy of an ordinance the county has for restaurants, that they are required to put some kind of a receptacle for trash a certain distance from their business. He stated he sent that in response to the trail between Bailey Road and Madison having the majority of the trash being from McDonalds. Councilman Stevenson they should be forced to put something for trash on the north side of their property to hopefully try to get some of the people to discard of their trash there instead of along the trail.

Councilwoman Mason stated she thought there used to be an ordinance that establishments had to go out within so many feet of their business and pick up trash.

Councilman Stevenson stated he wasn't sure about that one, but was sure about the one Mr. Medina just sent him.

Ms. Lupe Garcia asked and there was a discussion about individuals wanting to work on cleaning up should probably join one of the existing participating groups.

Ms. Janess Hanson stated there was no longer a camera on Driftwood Drive, and there was a discussion regarding the intent was the cameras would be rotated to different locations, but were also supposed to put up dummy boxes to keep people guessing. Councilman Tremaine stated there also may be a problem with putting them on P.G. &E. poles; they might not be putting them on their poles anymore.

There was a short discussion regarding the pick-up of trash spotted on streets and the

trash gathered in clean-ups.

Councilwoman Garcia announced that on Saturday, May 25th, from 8:00am – 11:00am, there is a Community Clean-up scheduled on the Clearland/Willow Pass Road property, with dumpsters for residents to bring their trash; this spring clean-up is sponsored by Pittsburg Disposal.

d. Schools – Councilwoman Mason

Councilwoman Mason stated there were 2 meetings in March, one that she and Councilman Stevenson both attended on March 13th at Riverview Middle School and now the whole discussion of building a new school has been shelved, but in the near future Delta View School will be impacted and have too many students so they were looking at possible ways to relieve the crowding at Delta View and identified 2 areas that could possibly move to a different school; one of those being the Oak Hills community, closest to Safeway, and the other one being the community right behind the center here.

Councilwoman Mason stated the Oak Hills residents were very vocal that they did not want their kids going to any schools down in Bay Point, so they determined they would have another meeting which they did on May 27th. She stated basically what happened on the 27th is the committee came up with their plan, which was to totally appease the Oak Hills people and not move their kids, instead move the kids who live behind the community center; basically those kids will walk to Bel Air and kids from Hill Street to Water will have to walk to Rio Vista. Councilwoman Mason stated that still didn't take care of the issue so what they are proposing is that if you have a 4th or 5th grade student at Delta View they get to stay there and they will grandfather in their siblings; if you have a 3rd grader they'll be chosen by lotto who gets to stay; and all kindergarten students will go to the new boundary school, until they eventually have the numbers where they want them.

Councilwoman Mason stated she expressed a concern that there were no parents from the other affected communities, it was all the Oak Hill parents who are now all very happy; and also a concern that they are now looking at impacting one of the poorest and most diverse community in our community and they are not being represented. She stated she asked them if they looked at any other demographic besides their age and they stated "no", why would they. Councilwoman Mason stated the Principle from Bel Air was also concerned about that population not being represented and the response from the Oak Hills parents was they knew there was a meeting too so they should have been here. She stated they have no empathy for those who might be working 2 jobs, worried about feeding their kids, and have no car.

Councilwoman Mason stated she did ask that when they made this proposal to the school board that they include in it that there was a concern raised about the demographics of the community being impacted and that the principle of Bel Air also expressed her concern about the kids walking and no transportation provided for them.

Councilwoman Mason stated it's also been in the newspaper, that the Superintendent really isn't concerned about any of this right now, because he doesn't even know if he has a job now.

Councilwoman Mason stated she was really disappointed because she thought the community was going to get to have more say in this, and they wouldn't even consider any other suggestions or listen to concerns. She stated she wants parents to know that because their kids are attending under-performing schools, they have the right to have their kid bussed to any school in Mt. Diablo School that is designated; have your kids bussed over to Ayers or one of those other schools because they have to do that by law.

Councilman Stevenson stated Bay Point previously had this problem with the School Board.

Councilwoman Mason stated the Board didn't even know he was having the first meeting as she went to the School Board meeting the next Monday they were very upset that they were not informed.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if maybe they could have Supervisor Glover step in and write a letter, and Mr. Diokno stated he could do that, but it is not on the agenda to have action taken tonight.

Chairman Tremaine asked about putting something on next month's agenda, and Councilwoman Mason stated 'yes', that hopefully they would have something official to hand out, or they would have given some kind of report.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if they couldn't have another community meeting, and Councilwoman Mason stated maybe, that it would be Ms. Rose Locke she would ask.

9. Members' Reports

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated she wanted to mention they will be having a Keller Canyon Grant Funding coming up, to interview the applicants, April through June time-frame, and she would like to sit on that committee again as the MAC representative. She briefly reviewed the process of dispersing the approximately 1.2 million dollars of Mitigation funds from Keller Canyon landfill to grant applicants by reading every application, and listening to every applicants proposal.

Councilwoman Mason stated it was a busy month; she attended the Creek Clean-up, the Youth Summit, the Joint MAC meeting, Shore Acres Safety plan meeting, the Chamber Breakfast, the CAP meeting, the School Board meeting, and two meetings at Riverview.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she would be putting out the spring newsletter the beginning of May, and reminded everyone if they had something they would like included, to be sure and send it to her in the next two weeks as she needs to also translate it, and get to it Mr. Diokno for approval and posting on the Supervisor's website.

Chairman Tremaine stated on April 13th the Red Cross will be offering here at the community center, CPR classes. He stated the English only class is at 1:00pm and the English and Spanish class is at 3:00pm; at it is free. He stated you will not be certified, but you will have the skills, and they are also giving away first aid kits.

Councilwoman Garcia stated at last month's meeting she had reported about the \$298.91 allocated to this fiscal that should have been allocated to last year's budget. She stated after talking to Mr. Diokno it looks like they're going to have to do the rent billing on a delayed basis and get the allocation the following year.

10. Correspondence.

None

11. Future Agenda Items.

Councilman Stevenson stated he spoke last month about the attorneys that are having the sexual predators come live on their property, come to the MAC meeting, give a presentation and explain their reasoning; understanding they don't have to come but would like to invite them. It was determined Councilman Stevenson would get the attorney's contact information and get it to Chairman Tremaine to send the invite.

- a. Elections
- b. School Boundaries - Mason
- c. Invite attorneys Anthony Ash and Arceli Ramirez – Stevenson
- d. National Night Out Celebration (from previous Record of Actions)

12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 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.