

Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council



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2012 Annual Board Report – Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council

In 2012 we saw the start of some long awaited projects and the completion of existing projects. We saw a groundswell of residents volunteering to make Bay Point a better place to live. We said goodbye to Mrs. Maureen Toms as dissolution of Redevelopment took place and the assets passed on to a successor agency. This disappointment was partially offset by the continuance of the Enterprise Zone that Mrs. Toms also tirelessly worked on.

We saw amazing police coverage provided by both the California Highway Patrol and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office during a period of reduced coverage. As part of this, the CHP implemented and staffed a program called Senior Volunteers (SV) to augment the CHP activities in Bay Point which includes the SV patrolling Bay Point in a marked CHP vehicle. The annual Sheriff's Christmas Dinner and Toy Giveaway again made many proud to be living in Bay Point.

We saw the start of the PG&E Shell Pond cleanup which with the best intentions will need to be re-started when a better odor mitigation plan is in place.

Tri-Delta Transit added tethered garbage cans at each of its bus stops to help mitigate the trash problem in Bay Point.

We saw Habitat for Humanity dedicate El Rincon, a nine home complex on Belle Vista Avenue and the beginning discussion for their next Bay Point project on Pacifica Avenue. Habitat also announced that they have decided to launch in Bay Point a new model for doing business which will focus on neighborhood revitalization and they have an ongoing community improvement project with Bel Air Elementary School and Adopt-A-Road (Canal).

Paul Schubert and Tina Gonzales of the Golden State Water Company started to report monthly their activities to the MAC which has been received positively by the community.

The initial planning for the Willow Creek cleanup began. The cleanup is long overdue and will be done in the sprint jointly by county agencies and volunteers.

The Supervisor held several Town Hall meetings in his District and sponsoring several workshops to cover various “how to” subjects. A very popular one continues to be the workshop on writing grant applications. His last town hall focused on Public Safety,

Of special note are the individual responsibilities that each member of the MAC participated in;

- Councilwoman Zumwalt represented the MAC for the Keller Canyon Mitigation Grants. Her efforts helped secure a School Resource Officer for this school year in Bay Point.
- Councilwoman Mason and Councilman Corbin represented the MAC to the Mount Diablo School District. Due to their efforts, communication between Bay Point and MDUSD has expanded.
- Councilman Stevenson represented the MAC to the Adopt-A-Road program which has dramatically improved the visual attraction of Bay Point.
- Councilwoman Kopitar represented the MAC to the Bay Point Citizens Advisory Council (CAP).
- Councilwoman Garcia organized the spring and fall Community Clean-up. She insured that persons who have significantly contributed to Bay Point were recognized for their efforts with a Citizen of the Month plaque. In addition, Ms. Garcia seemed to be everywhere as she involved herself in almost every Bay Point event insuring MAC representation and is editor of the Bay Point MAC newsletter.
- Councilman Tremaine represented the MAC at Code Enforcement meetings.

The following individuals/organizations have been working in conjunction with the MAC to make Bay Point a better place. This is a sampling of projects started or significantly enhanced during 2012:

- Ms. Tracy Craig of Craig Communications has represented PG&E during the Shell Pond clean-up and in conjunction with this has gotten PG&E to sponsor several projects including Adopt-A-Road (Port Chicago Hwy). She is also worked to get PG&E to fund a wetlands curriculum called Wonders of Wetlands to Shore Acres Elementary and a conflict resolution skills course for Rio Vista Elementary.
- Mr. Clarence Wickers started a Safety Committee that includes himself and eight others. The Safety Committee plans to promote Community Emergency

Response Team (CERT) training to those who live in Bay Point and promote increased participation in Neighborhood Watch programs.

- Mr. Willie Scott started the Bay Point Community All-N-One project with a number of volunteers. 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.” Part of this organization is feeding those who do not have enough to eat.
- Pastor John Gregg became the new Lead Pastor at Calvary Temple and decided the church would participate in Adopt-A-Road (Evora). Calvary Temple also started a program to deliver bags of groceries at Thanksgiving so families could cook and eat the meal in their own homes. Calvary Temple has also started a program called Adopt-A-Block where teens from the church provide groceries and practical things like yard work, moving heavy items, etc.
- SparkPoint, Bay Point expanded their educational workshops and mentoring to individuals. SparkPoint is a project of United Way of the Bay Area and the Bay Point location serves all of East County.
- The Bay Point Chamber of Commerce completed the “Welcome to Bay Point” sign on Bailey Road. They also hosted the first (in recent memory) political debate for the Ambrose Board candidates. The debate was moderated by the League of Women Voters. The Chamber also participates in Adopt-A-Road (Willow Pass) where they have the other “Welcome to Bay Point” sign.
- Mr. Lee Mason and his wife Debra Mason (MAC member) ran the Teen Garden Corp for 8 teens this summer.
- Mrs. Carolynn Born with the Ambrose/Pittsburg Lions Club announced a community service project called “Lions Pride Urban Garden” which plans to utilize vacant lots to grow food to provide 25 identified families with a weekly box of food.

There were no joint MAC meetings scheduled for 2012. The theme for the year was community involvement.

Attached is a list of our 2012 meeting and the council members who were present and absent. All absences were excused.

Proposed 2013 Work Plan:

- 1.) Coordinate Adopt-A-Road and possibly expand into neighborhoods.
- 2.) Promote more community involvement.
- 3.) Coordinate various volunteer groups for a synergistic outcome.
- 4.) Sponsor a volunteer dinner or event to honor those who volunteered.
- 5.) Town Hall meetings.
- 6.) Memorial Day Parade.
- 7.) Newsletter.
- 8.) National Night Out.
- 9.) Outstanding Citizens of the Month.
- 10.) County annual training for MAC members.
- 11.) Encourage greater community involvement in MAC meetings