

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 5, 2013

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

Council members E. Garcia, Hudson, Lopez-Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt.

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Lt. Paul O'Mary and Deputy Kevin Briggs of the Sheriff's Dept., Ms. Tina Gonzalez of Golden State Water Company, Ms. R. C. Ferris of Allied Disposal, Ms. Angela Lowrey of the Delta Diablo Sanitation District, Mr. Delano Johnson of Bay Point All-in-One, and Ms. Tracy Craig, of Craig Communications/PG&E Shell Pond project.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Ms. Tracy Craig

2. Approval of November 5, 2013 Agenda

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to approve the November 5, 2013 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman E. Garcia. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members E. Garcia, Hudson, Lopez-Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting 'yes'.

3. Consent items

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice for \$120.00
- b. Approval of Record of Actions of October 1, 2013

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to approve Consent Items. Seconded by Councilwoman Lopez-Garcia. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members E. Garcia, Hudson, Lopez-Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting 'yes'.

4. Public Comments:

Mr. Delano Johnson stated he wanted to extend an invitation to Bay Point All-in-One's third annual Thanksgiving Feast being held on Thanksgiving, November 28th, 10:00am – 2:00pm, at the First A.M.E. church. He stated last year they served 825 meals, and their goal this year is 1,600 with all the volunteers they have been blessed with. Mr. Johnson stated the invitation is extended to all the community to come out and be a part of what their organization is trying to do for the Bay Point community.

Mr. Michael Kerr stated we've all seen movies about alien invasions, coming as our friends, our leaders collaborating with them; but they're not really our friends. He stated there are flyers on the back table, explaining we have non-human aliens in our nation and the world right now, claiming to be our friends but needing to devour humans and our environment to exist; they go by the name of multi-national corporations. Mr. Kerr stated we must resist the current reality that says corporations are the same or better than humans; that our election system has become corrupted by money; that our government now systematically spies on everyone; that our government tortures and kills individuals all over the world; that our Bill of Rights has been shredded; and that our rights, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness has been spit upon. He stated what we need to do now is to educate ourselves about what is going on, and some good information and sources is included on his flyers.

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

a. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

Officer Brewer stated he was sorry for missing the last few months but he had vacation and then training engagements. He stated he therefore had brought the statistics for August, September, and October, including:

- In August there were 5 DUI arrests, 2 arrests for narcotics, 2 arrests for driving stolen cars, investigated 9 traffic collisions;
- In September there were 7 DUI arrests, and investigated 7 traffic collisions;
- In October there were 10 arrests for DUI, 2 felony arrests, and investigated 9 traffic collisions.

Officer Brewer stated all of those numbers, including the traffic collisions, are down substantially from Bay Point's average, but auto theft is on the rise, and recovering a lot of abandoned stolen cars here. He reported their staffing is O.K.

Officer Brewer stated they stopped a big caper this past Saturday on Mr. View, with people going around in a stolen, home-made trailer, soliciting people, taking their money, to get rid of their garbage for them, and then dumping it at the end of Evora.

There was a short discussion regarding stolen and recovered stolen vehicles.

Councilwoman E. Garcia stated she wanted to take this time to recognize and award Officer Brewer and other CHP Officers who work Bay Point, with a Plaque to show the

MAC's appreciation of all the good work they do.

Officer Brewer stated the other officers will especially appreciate the plaque as they aren't at these meetings to hear the thanks and appreciation and feel the love; instead they are out there dealing everyday with people who don't really appreciate them.

Chairman Tremaine stated that all the MAC members are overwhelmed with the quality of service given by both the CHP and the Sheriff's.

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

Lt. Paul O'Mary stated the monthly report is a little larger than usual as they have a new system and they weren't sure what was wanted so they just shared it all; they are still trying to figure out where they want to go with the new system. He stated as far as Bay Point's crime statistics, we are still enjoying an 8 year low average. Lt. O'Mary stated they too had been involved with a couple of stolen car chases, having to terminate a couple of them because the driver went the wrong way on the freeway. He stated their warrant arrests are up, their crimes are down; cases are being taken to the DA and warrants are being issued, which contributes to crime rate reduction.

There was a short discussion regarding a fire and Deputy Briggs stated that it had been determined to be arson.

Councilwoman E. Garcia stated she wanted Lt. O'Mary to know what a great job Deputy Briggs is doing of being present and visible in the community, always with a smile.

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

- Mr. Diokno stated the Grant Workshop sponsored by Supervisor Glover was a success with over 100 participants packing the Hercules Community Center last October 30th. He stated the next Workshop will be early 2014 and it will be held at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg.
- Mr. Diokno stated the planning for the Supervisor's annual Turkey Drop is underway. He stated the target date is November 22nd. Mr. Diokno stated last year Supervisor Glover gave away 700 frozen turkeys with about 100 of the turkeys distributed by agencies serving Bay Point. He stated it is one of his favorite days of the year.
- Mr. Diokno stated on November 11th, Veterans Day, Supervisor Glover will be speaking at an event sponsored by Dow Chemical honoring their employees who are veterans. He stated from there the Supervisor will proceed to the Pittsburg ceremonies and/or the Martinez ceremonies honoring veterans.
- Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor will also be participating in the Pittsburg Christmas Parade on December 14th in downtown Pittsburg.

- Mr. Diokno stated tomorrow the Bay Point Code Enforcement committee will be meeting at Supervisor Glover's Pittsburg office. He stated it starts at 10:3am and runs through 12:00pm; it is open to the public.

There was a short discussion regarding the turkey distribution, and how it is done through different agencies in Bay Point serving our residents.

d. Code Enforcement – Mr. Joe Losado

Mr. Joe Losado reported they currently have a total of 27 active cases, opening approximately 10 new cases this month and closed approximately 5. He stated there was a major shift in the department this last month; Bay Point missed the bullet and gets to keep Robert; he on the other hand covers all of East County now. Mr. Losado stated any complaints could be emailed to him, and he would forward them to Robert; he likes to see them before they go to Robert to stay on top of what is going on.

Mr. Losado stated they had a new location; their office is 1120 2nd St. in Brentwood. He stated because of the changes they are requesting complaints and inquiries be emailed to him.

There was a short discussion regarding a property and Mr. Losado stated he was trying to move that particular property towards abatement.

e. Golden State Water Company – Mrs. Tina Gonzalez

Mrs. Tina Gonzalez distributed handout of present correspondence explained, and shared October's report including; flushed 34,450 gallons, 45 meter change outs, flushed 4 dead-end valves, exercised 46 hydrants, 6 services repaired, 1 hydrant repaired and they also had their annual inventory audit.

f. Recognition of Resident or Business – Councilwoman E. Garcia

Councilwoman E. Garcia presented Ms. R. C. Ferris with plaque demonstrating the MAC's appreciation of the work done by Ms. Ferris, and Allied Waste, in making the Neighborhood Clean-ups such a success.

6. Presentations Presentations were made by:

a. Bay Point Clean-up – Ms. R.C. Ferris

Ms. R. C. Ferris stated they had a great turn out for the Bay Point Clean-up this past Saturday, even after the having to move it from the normal Clearland Drive location to Calvary Temple. She stated they had 7 roll-offs; 9.69 tons came in. She stated one of the things that impressed her the most that day was the California Skyline Adopt-a-Road group who amazingly brought in 2 truckloads of litter they had picked up off of Evora

Road. Ms. Ferris stated her job was to hand out information as people drove up, their resource guide being very useful; but also a new company has opened in Antioch that people should know about, the 1st in Central and East County, American Iron & Lumber, a recycled fixtures and salvage place where you can take in your sinks, doors, windows, etc., and you can also go shopping there for these type of items. She also made available all the same information at the meeting on the back table.

b. Protecting Your Home/Safeguarding the Environment – Ms. Angela Lowrey

Ms. Angela Lowrey stated she is the Public Information Manager for the Delta Diablo Sanitation District. She stated most people don't know that waste water and the services they offer every customer are essential to our quality of life.

Ms. Lowrey stated the District was originally formed in 1955, and their present facility on the Pittsburg/Antioch Highway has been in operation since about 1982; they operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; they process waste water through 14 miles of underground pipes; and average about 14 million gallons per day; serving Bay Point, Pittsburg and Antioch. She stated they also operate one of the largest industrial recycle plants in California and also manage, as the lead agency, the Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility. Ms. Lowrey stated they are very proud to have been recognized this year by the National Association of Water Agencies with the Platinum Award for meeting, over the past 9 years, all regulatory guidelines in regards to their discharges; only 1% of treatment plants in the nation (16,000 plants) receive this award.

Ms. Lowrey stated they have a Board of Directors and are considered a public agency. She stated they are not only involved with sewer system management, recycled water, household hazardous waste, pollution prevention, and they are very involved with education. She stated if you'd had a 5th grader they've probably been out on the Delta Discovery Voyage to learn about the delta habitat.

Ms. Lowrey stated most people don't think about the water that is flushed down the toilet or drained from our tubs and dishwashing; they are taking care of that too. She stated they are looking to the future of this industry, and the water environment industry confirms and believes the waste water treatment plant, including waste water recovery, has the potential to reduce the country's dependency on fossil fuels for the production of electricity. Ms. Lowrey stated they are looking at how taking waste out the water benefits their customers and safeguards the environment. She stated by supporting local economic development; every business in Bay Point, Pittsburg and Antioch rely on their services. Ms. Lowrey stated they are also looking to spearhead innovation; they were chosen out of the Bay Area waste management agencies to look at taking nutrients and nitrogen out for pure energy potentials; they are partners with the Lawrence Livermore Lab in trying to take energy from their bio-salts, creating electricity and fuel; and the next thing they are looking at is taking grease to create energy.

Ms. Lowrey stated she loves to come and present with Ms. Ferris as they call themselves the 'Trash Girls'; they are not the trash companies, Ms. Ferris represents recycling trash,

and she represents recycling water.

Ms. Lowrey stated her main purpose here tonight is to really consider the ‘pipes’, especially during this holiday season, as they have seen over the years they are called out more regarding clogged pipes because people are pouring their fat, oil and grease down their drains. She shared some tips:

- Never pour fat, oil or grease down your sinks – it will back up your pipes, your neighbor’s pipes, or somewhere down your street.
- If you cook with oil, after it cools put it back into its container.
- Consider scrapping plates and food scraps.
- If you’re soaking your pan/s place a paper towel over the drain to catch most of the oil.
- Bring these grease, oil and fat remnants to the Household Hazardous Waste site.
- Regarding street sweeping, the storm water drains are not connected to the water recycle system – anything on the roads will go down the drains and go directly to the delta.
- Please move your cars on designated street sweeping days (found on their website).
- Recognize the street sweeper is not a cleaner – not meant to come clean up big piles of leaves.
- Please keep the area in front of you residence clear; the sweeper cannot go closely around things like basketball hoops.
- Trim your shrubs and bushes back so the sweeper can come in close to the curb.
- Please be vigilant about the storm water drains near you, particularly during the rainy season, so they aren’t clogged and will back up.

Ms. Lowrey stated this is also a great time of year for the Hazardous Household Waste facility. She stated it serves about 97,000 households in Contra Costa County, a free service for Bay Point residents; and they also have a re-use room, supported by a \$300,000 grant from the state of California. She stated it is a good time to bring in your old batteries, medications, paints, pool & garden chemicals, etc.

Ms. Lowrey stated she hopes to have communicated today how much they appreciate their customers, they are a public agency that is proud to serve them, they are passionate about protecting the environment and passionate about being public employees that want to engage and serving and being there for their customers. She stated if someone is interested in taking a tour of their facility they should contact her.

There was a discussion regarding prescription drugs being taken at their Hazardous Household Waste facility, and the necessity of being very careful about what they do take; that they be brought in their original bottles with your name blacked out our zip lock bags.

Councilwoman Hudson shared her appreciation about Ms. Lowrey’s and Ms. Ferris’s passion for their jobs of recycling and taking care of our environment; that their presentations are very meaningful.

c. Rio Vista/PG&E Playworks – Ms. Tracy Craig

Ms. Tracy Craig stated she was here to share about the event at Rio Vista Elementary and some other things that have been done in the community recently, and also invite everyone to an event coming in December. She stated she also wants to ask the ‘Trash Girls’ if they will come present at Gateway High School.

Ms. Craig shared a PowerPoint presentation including:

- PG&E sponsored an event on October 12th of repainting of the Rio Vista Elementary School playground – the second playground having done Shore Acres playground last year; and to be done next year is Riverview Middle School. Repainting done with a partnership with the group Playworks whose whole goal is to increase children’s activity and facilitate meaningful play which has proven to help kids get along and stop bullying.
- Our community was awesome with 60 people coming out to participate, including Trina Hudson, Debbie Giles, Eva Garcia, Lupe Lopez-Garcia, Supervisor Glover, and Deputy Briggs.
- The lunch ladies served lunch for the participants at the end of the event.
- Everyone got free T-shirts so everyone was wearing blue.
- It was a wonderful, fun collaborative event that made a colorful improvement to the playground; teachers, other residents, MAC members, parents, and kids.

In addition:

- The PG&E group is still doing the Adopt-a-Road program, going out on Willow Pass about once a month; collecting to date 82 bags of trash.
- On February 14th they are taking Gateway students (Ms. Craig’s favorite), on the schooner Alma; giving 15 kids a chance to go to San Francisco, 12 of whom have never been there before. She stated they will be on a boat for the first time; learn how to navigate, use a compass, get to drive over the new Bay Bridge; a lot of firsts for the kids who haven’t had the easiest time.
- Ms. Craig stated she loves Gateway, the kids, the Principle who will take any support they can get, and she loves personally to sponsor them as much as possible.
- Going to have a Wetlands in Your Backyard program that ties into the Shell Pond, on December 7th, partnering with Wetland Scientists and PG&E to sponsor this program for Riverview Middle School and Gateway High School students. She stated they will have a naturalist, Jack Laus, who is also a great storyteller, who takes them out on the wetlands and teaches; also Sacramento State students and a professor who will be leading hands-on activities.
- Over the next couple of years, these same people will be working to institute an Afterschool program in math and science at the Middle School; their goal is to have some kind of sustainable Afterschool as Riverview is marginalized because of income levels and a lot of students who are English as a second language students.
- Will be participating at the Sheriff’s Christmas Dinner and Toy Giveaway.
- They have given California Academy of Science tickets to Gateway students and will be taking a bus to get them there.
- Ms. Craig personally has about \$2,000 left in her budget to spend by the end of the

year, besides contributing to the Sheriff's Dinner; contact her if anyone has an idea or a need that might qualify for a donation.

- Ms. Craig believes they will be out in February to present an update on the Shell Pond.

There was a short discussion regarding possibly asking for money for the MAC's next year's National Night Out, and it was determined the MAC is not eligible to solicit donations, as an extension of the county.

Councilwoman Hudson shared her appreciation for Ms. Craig being to engaged and involved in our community; her affection for Bay Point shows.

7. Items for Discussion and/or Action

- a. none

8. Committee Reports Due to late hour, all reports were tabled to next month's agenda:

a. Neighborhood Committee – Councilwoman Hudson

There was a discussion regarding the name of the committee, the difference now of the committee from original Neighborhood Watch / National Night Out Committee and Committee members. It was concluded that the committee is now the Neighborhood Committee, part of the Neighborhood Collaboration between the Sheriff's Dept. and the MAC, that the MAC committee members are Councilwomen Hudson and Lopez-Garcia, and that Councilwoman E. Garcia can participate to help out with the National Night Out event planning.

Councilwoman Hudson stated there was nothing to report as far as the Neighborhood Committee was concerned, and the National Night Out committee will be meeting tomorrow night.

b. CAP (Community Advisory Panel) – Councilwoman Lopez-Garcia/Hudson

None

c. Code Enforcement – Chairman Tremaine

Chairman Tremaine stated the Code Committee meets every other month, and they will be meeting tomorrow.

d. Adopt a Road – Councilman Stevenson

Councilman Stevenson stated Councilwoman E. Garcia had shared with him that SparkPoint would be accepting the portion of Willow Pass Road, right across the street from the Community Center.

Councilman Stevenson stated he had driven down Willow Pass, and has an organization in mind that he wants to ask to take on Willow Pass Road between Bailey Rd. and Loftus. He stated they have one more area that needs to be adopted, the west side of Canal Road, from Bailey to Alves Lane.

e. Schools – Councilwoman Mason

Councilwoman Mason stated she was still waiting for an email response from the new Superintendent to set a date for she and Councilman Stevenson to meet with her, but she has been really busy, she has been out to Bay Point a couple of times already, so that's a good sign.

Councilwoman Mason said another interesting thing is the controversy about the State Education Superintendent deciding to not do STAR testing; therefore all of the federal dollars that come to our schools are at risk, which would be bad for Bay Point because all of our schools get Title 1 funding. She stated hopefully they will get all that worked out.

Councilwoman Mason stated she had been to a Coordinated Health Council meeting today, and was very interested in these statistics; the District has been found to have a disproportionate amount of minority students in Special Education, labeled emotionally disturbed. She stated that while the District's total percentage of African American is 4.4%, 13% of emotionally disturbed students in Special Ed are African American. Councilwoman Mason stated they have basically been ordered by the state to spend \$1,000,000 of their Special Ed funds to fix this; 3 of the 5 schools they are looking at are in Bay Point, so they are working with Riverview, Bel Air, and Rio Vista. She stated she will keep the Council updated on this as she intends to attend the meetings they have on equity and disproportionate as she thinks what is happening is kids are being put into Special Ed because teachers don't understand their behavior that doesn't have anything to do with their learning ability, rather the teachers don't want to deal with the discipline.

f. Finance/Budget – Zumwalt/Mason/Garcia

Councilwoman Garcia distributed copies of the budget to Council and stated when she first took this position she was told to always contact Lynn at Supervisor Glover's office to make sure the balance was correct, so she checked with her and they have more money than reported previously, because both invoices for rent to Ambrose had been paid from last year's funding. She stated the correct total is \$3,680 if the Secretarial services are paid through the end of the fiscal year; that after the October meeting they are at \$4,640.

Councilman Tremaine asked about using some of the additional money to recognize more people.

There was a discussion about the rent being increased by the Park District in January, and also about the Petty Cash that shows on the budget that remains from a previous year as Petty Cash is not allowed anymore, but is discretionary money that can be spent with

approval from Lynn Reichard. Also there is a credit of \$18.35 from Ready Print.

9. Members Reports

Councilwoman E. Garcia thanked Councilwoman Zumwalt for coming out to help at the Neighborhood Clean-up; also a couple of residents were a big help who were collecting metal. She stated Ms. Helene Schwarzenburger had called during the week previous to clean-up asking about bringing trash she was collecting throughout Bay Point, including some mattresses; that she was there when it opened, and had picked up at least 10 mattresses, and made a second trip with just trash.

Councilwoman E. Garcia stated the Newsletter went out last Tuesday and should be on the website soon.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated the two women who helped at the Clean-up were very nice, they look for metal but they also old motors, like from vacuum cleaners and air conditioners, and that is what they do for a living. She stated their story was heart-wrenching; one has a small child, and they do not accept any public assistance. Councilwoman Zumwalt stated they worked very hard, and at the end of the day had a truck load of stuff.

Councilwoman Mason stated her understanding is what the women were doing is illegal unless they have registered.

There was a discussion, including remarks from Joe Losado of Code Enforcement, about what happens is they bring all of stuff home, dump it in the yard, sort through it, and make a mess; have had a lot of problems with it; in N. Richmond it had been to the DA office as a lot of the stuff taken to the recycling center was stolen; it is a huge problem.

Councilwoman Lopez-Garcia stated she would like to report on the Jimmy & Rosalyn Carter luncheon she had attended in Oakland. She stated they had a fantastic presentation, and it was an honor to be so close to a retired President.

Councilwoman Hudson reminded the MAC about a previous discussion regarding a Memorial plaque for Erick Hodges and other veterans who have died. Councilwoman Mason stated it was brought up that the Ambrose Park is a Memorial Park and it would be appropriate for a Memorial there, but that would be up to the Park District. Chairman Tremaine suggested the Neighborhood Committee might work on putting together a framework for a Memorial, and see where it might work; through the Park District or maybe through the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilwoman E. Garcia stated she had brought it up originally to the MAC as a simple request to adjourn the meeting in his honor.

Councilman Stevenson stated he would like to see Bay Point do more for our veterans who have died, as other cities do more.

There was a discussion about other manners the Hodges family have been honored in the past, at past Memorial Day celebrations, at past MAC meetings, Americans Friend Service Committee Boot Display which included one adopted by the Hodges family with some of his personal items, and a special Memorial plot in the community garden; could possibly paint a mural available on the Community Garden Fence.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated she wanted to share about a West-Pac project, an oil terminal in the City of Pittsburg by the old PG&E plant, who are asking to open that up to process crude and tar sand which would be transported by rail to Pittsburg. She stated on group is opposing it because of its negative environmental impact; it is going before the Pittsburg Planning Commission on December 10th.

10. Correspondence.

Councilwoman Hudson stated 2 of the correspondence was from the Water Company and the other 2 came from the Department of Conservation and Development; one was an agency comment request on the United Sportsman Inc. facility, and the other was another notification from the Department of Conservation and Development about a new office location about their new location in Brentwood.

11. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Discuss process for Citizen Recognition Award – Mason (from previous Record of Actions)
- c. Invite Mr. Ashe and Mrs. Ramirez, attorneys at law – Stevenson (from previous Record of Actions)
- d. Report of budget findings from Library’s Mr. Chris Brown (from previous Record of Actions)
- e. Representative from Health Department – Mason (from previous Record of Actions)
- f. Redevelopment Update by Ms. Maureen Toms (from previous Record of Actions)

Motion made by Councilwoman Mason to adjourn the meeting in honor of Marine Corporal Erick Hodges. Seconded by Councilwoman Lopez-Garcia. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members E. Garcia, Hudson, Lopez-Garcia, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting ‘yes’.

12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 7:00pm, at Ambrose Community Center’s Board Room, in honor of Erick Hodges; born in Bay Point, a Corporal in the Marines who fought in Fallujah Iraq, and who died on November 10th, 2004, defending our country, a day before his 21st birthday

This meeting record is provided pursuant to Better Government Ordinance 95-6, Article 25-2205(d) of the Contra Costa County Ordinance Code.