

# Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee



**Debra Mason, Chair**

**Federal Glover, District V Supervisor**

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.*

## Record of Actions

**7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2014**

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

Council members E. Garcia, Lopez-Garcia, Hudson, Mason, Tremaine and Zumwalt present.  
Council member Stevenson arrived at 7:05pm.

Others present: Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Lt. Paul O'Mary and Deputy Kevin Briggs of the Sheriff's Dept., Officer Donnie Thomas of the California Highway Patrol, Ms. Megan Shea and Ms. Nora Martenyi of Habitat for Humanity, Ms. Tina Gonzalez of Golden State Water Company, and Ms Carol Louisell of Meals on Wheels/Senior Outreach Services.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **2. Approval of April 1, 2014 Agenda**

Chairwoman Mason stated item 6c is being removed from agenda and clarified 6b's Pipeline update is being made by Councilwoman Hudson and herself about their tour.

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudson to approve the adjusted April 1, 2014 Agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Zumwalt. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members E. Garcia, Lopez-Garcia, Hudson, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting 'yes'.

### **3. Consent items**

Chairwoman Mason asked that correction be made on 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of page 6 of Record of Actions; Chairwoman Mason made presentation, not Councilwoman Hudson.

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice for March 2014 of \$120.00**
- b. Approval of Record of Actions of March 4, 2014**

Motion made by Councilwoman Zumwalt to approve Consent Items with above mentioned correction of Record of Actions. Seconded by Councilwoman E. Garcia. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members E. Garcia, Lopez-Garcia, Hudson, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting ‘yes’.

#### **4. Public Comments:**

Mr. Delano Johnson, President of Bay Point Community All In One, distributed flyers and shared about their upcoming event, co-sponsored by the Ambrose Recreation & Park District; their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ‘Picnic in the Park’ Day. He stated it is being held at the Center’s Ball Field and parking lot on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – 2:00pm and invited everyone and their families to participate in this family oriented event where there will be games, free food, clothes, and community resource information.

Ms. Megan Shea of Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley introduced the newest AmeriCorps, Community Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Nora Martenyi, replacing position held previously by Anna, Leslie, and Abby, working in the Bay Point community.

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

##### **a. Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department – Lt. Paul O’Mary**

Lt. Paul O’Mary, Muir Station Commander, distributed and reviewed stats for March which also included comparisons for the past 3 years; he stated crimes are in normal range from over the years, but arrests are really up which contributes to keeping crimes down. Lt. O’Mary also shared pictures of firearms confiscated during a probation search and also a stop where they were actually in route to sell them. He stated unfortunately there was a homicide in March, apparently an argument over a girl, probably not gang related, suspect in custody, but still under investigation. Lt. O’Mary stated there was a drive-by shooting a couple nights ago off of Shoreview that does have some gang tones and is still being investigated. He also shared about a humorous pursuit of a stolen motorcycle which concluded with the motorcycle colliding with parked patrol car; it was stolen from Walnut Creek, suspect was from Livermore, and the motorcycle couldn’t go over 30 mph.

Deputy Kevin Briggs shared about their upcoming ‘Bike Rodeo’ on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 2:00pm, at Riverview Middle School. He stated they are collecting donations from different businesses and sponsors in the community, and their hope is every kid goes home with a bicycle (new or refurbished) and helmet; also considering giving scooters. He stated it is done in conjunction with Street Smarts, a non-profit who has brought in about \$8,000.00 worth of donations and provides the 2 safety courses the kids ride, and will running a station to make sure bikes are working safely and helmets fit correctly.

There was a discussion about how people could make a donation, how the MAC is making a donation, and Lt. O'Mary stated he will also be applying for a Keller Canyon Grant this year to help supplement next year's event; they would like to make this an annual event.

**b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Donnie Thomas**

Officer Thomas reported for the month of March in Bay Point there were 8 DUI arrests, 2 other arrests for warrants, and another for a Hit and Run incident. He stated there were 5 other collisions, a couple on Willow Pass, Bailey, and Canal. Officer Thomas stated regarding citations, he was unable to get that information, but he himself wrote over 25 tickets on and around Driftwood.

Officer Thomas stated this month is Distracted Driving Awareness month, so there will be increased enforcement; cell phone use, texting, etc.

There was a discussion about using phones for mapping being legalized; and distracted driving is illegal regardless if it's causing you to be reckless.

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

- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover will be hosting a table on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Convoy of Hope event at Rio Vista School along with a bunch of other country departments, including the Sheriff's Department. He stated it will go on, rain or shine, as they have large circus tents for covering.
- Mr. Ed. Diokno stated the grant writing workshop was held last March 26<sup>th</sup> at Los Medanos College with a packed house. He stated about 90 participants, non-profits and government agencies, learned how to write better applications for grants.
- Mr. Diokno stated he represented the Supervisor at the annual Cesar Chavez Awards at Los Medanos College. He stated we would be happy to know that the recipient of the Spirit Award, which is given to a promising future leader, was given to LMC student Ms. Felipa Gonzalez of Bay Point.

Councilwoman E. Garcia stated Ms. Felipa Gonzalez works for her at the Career Center.

- Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor's annual Youth Summit will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Los Medanos College. He stated it is free and will be held 8:00am – 4:00pm with workshops on how to be responsible on the Internet, cyber bullying, how to get a summer job, managing personal finances and a bunch of other useful workshops. Mr. Diokno stated the Sheriff's Office will be offering a workshop in how to overcome, the pressure to join a gang with a particular emphasis on Bay Point gangs. He stated there will be martial arts demonstrations, police dog performances; a helicopter landing (hopefully), tattoos (air brushed & manicures, food, music & dancing, prizes

and surprises. Mr. Diokno stated free summer bus passes will be handed out if you attend three workshops. He stated all are welcome to attend, even if you don't meet the 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade target audience.

Councilwoman Lopez-Garcia stated she wanted to thank the county for painting over the awful graffiti that was all over the Della Villa Market that had closed.

There was a discussion with Mr. Diokno and Deputy Briggs stating the painting was done by the new owners, just before Code Enforcement was about to take care of it. Lt. O'Mary stated they recognized the graffiti as gang related and have a house they are keeping an eye on.

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

Mrs. Tina Gonzalez distributed handout explaining advice letter correspondence for March and gave her report for March's operation maintenance including; flushed 45,000 gallons (done to maintain water quality), 14 meters changed out; for valve maintenance, 46 hydrants, 48 main valves and 2 dead ends, and 1 main replaced. She reported they also just completed their annual electrical maintenance. Mrs. Gonzalez stated it's been on the news a lot about a 15% mandatory reduction in water use because of the drought, however there will not be any additional conservation requirements in by Golden State Water Company customers as they have already they have already been doing a 20% reduction since 2009; instead we'll just continue doing what we've been doing.

There was a discussion regarding people still wasting water i.e. washing cars in driveways and letting water run, and Mrs. Gonzalez stated they can still report it to the Water Company so they can go out and talk to them.

There was also a discussion regarding a large water leak at Lynbrook Park, and that a tech is supposed to respond within an hour when a problem is reported, but Mrs. Gonzalez stated you could contact her personally also if needed.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated she wanted to compliment Mrs. Gonzalez on always being timely with response when she has had to call, and all the good work done in Bay Point.

Councilwoman E. Garcia also thanked Mrs. Gonzalez for being so willing and available.

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

**a. Meals on Wheels and Senior Outreach Services – Ms. Carol Louisell**

Ms. Carol Louisell, new Director of Community Engagement for Meals on Wheels and Senior Outreach Services, only in the position since January, but will do her best to answer any questions. She stated most people know them for their Meals on Wheels program, their largest program, serving 717 meals a day with 47 routes that serve 65% of

Contra Costa County; do need more volunteers especially in the Antioch, Pittsburg, Bay Point communities.

Ms. Louisell stated the program was founded in 1968, serving home-bound seniors for almost 50 years now. She stated they also have their C.C. Cafés; one being here at the Ambrose Center and others in Concord, Walnut Creek, Pittsburg, and Crockett, serving over 200 meals each weekday. Ms. Louisell stated they also have a 'Friendly Visiting' program where they visit over 200 seniors each week, and they have their 'Fall Prevention' program emphasizing exercise to keep people from falling, and also go into over 100 homes each year to make home modifications like ramps, grab bars, etc. She stated they also received a grant from John Muir Health to expand their Geriatric Care enabling them to hire another part-time social worker to help meet the needs of low income individuals and don't have any other resources. Ms. Louisell stated they also have a Home Care Registry program where they screen qualified Home Care Providers and match them with seniors who can't afford to pay a lot and offer free Family Care Giving Workshops. She stated lastly, she manages their volunteer program; with over 800 volunteers whom they have been criminal background screening since 2012, and going now to their long-time volunteers asking them to do a screening too. Ms. Louisell distributed flyers regarding programs and left extras on back table.

Ms. Louisell stated there were a couple of Save the Date events coming up; Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> they are kicking off their 'Volunteer Ambassador' program; then hosting their 'Volunteer Appreciation' event; and then Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is Grandparent's Day and they will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast and maybe a walk with their 'Fall Prevention' program, and also encouraging church groups that support them to do a special collections that day.

Ms. Louisell said they serve 700 seniors a day, but could serve over 1,000 if not limited by funding and volunteers; the need is great.

Mr. Diokno inquired about recent funding problems and how clients are located, and Ms. Louisell stated their funding is back where it should be, and clients find them primarily through word-of-mouth, or other social agencies that might be in the home and recognize a need. She stated they don't advertise for clients as they already have waiting lists.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked about cost to clients and Ms. Louisell stated the meal is free, but clients are made aware of value of meal (\$7.00) and they are welcome to make any donation they can afford.

Councilman Tremaine stated he had attended one of their Family Care Giver Workshops a couple of months ago, and it was outstanding; every question he or others asked was answered competently by the facilitator.

Ms. Louisell stated they are changing their model of service because of the grant they received and instead of just participating in just one of their programs, they will be assessed by social worker about programs needed; more of a continuum of care approach.

Councilwoman E. Garcia stated she has observed the C.C. Café here in the Center as she works in the building, and it is wonderful to see the volunteers come in, and she knows the seniors get the nourishment they need, but more than that they have others to socialize with; they are happy to be here.

**b. PG&E Pipeline Pathways Program Update**

Chairwoman Mason stated there was no one here tonight from the PG&E Pathways Program, but last month's presentation left some feeling not well informed and within a week of that presentation where they said there would be 50 tree removed it became 110 trees removed in Bay Point. She stated she sent a letter saying she didn't feel we received information we should have and the supervisor of last month's presenter contacted her and said let's please do a reset, start over; they would come again in the future but for now would come out and take Chairwoman Mason on a tour of where all the trees are.

Chairwoman Mason stated in the meantime Councilwoman Hudson had responded so they both went on a tour about a week ago to see where the trees are and what is going to be removed. She stated a lot has been said about the tree removal, negative things, but she and Councilwoman Hudson felt positive about them coming out for the tour, avoided no questions, and they now know where every tree is that needs to be removed; bottom line is they want our community to be safe. Councilwoman Mason stated there might be some trees we miss, but we don't want to be another San Bruno.

Mr. Lee Mason stated they probably got off on the wrong foot at last month's presentation, she had upset a lot of communities, but PG&E is kind of between a rock and a hard place. He stated PG&E is really trying to do the right thing and making communities, including ours, safe; that everyone should step back and calm down. Mr. Mason stated he knows Concord and Walnut Creek are trying to get a coalition of residents to go after PG&E to stop taking out trees, but what about the planners that should have known better than place/plant around these areas. He stated everyone needs to share in the blame; PG&E is trying to correct a bad situation and make us safer, trees can be replaced, people can't.

Councilwoman Hudson stated she agreed with what Chairwoman Mason had said, that as soon as PG&E was contacted about the poor presentation and the significant change in number of trees to be removed, not only did the man in charge of community engagement of the Pathways program come out for the tour but also a registered forester who was responsible for identifying every single tree, shrub, plant that was to be removed. She stated she was impressed by their concern over exact placement of trees so that they might be saved from being removed, being very mindful. Councilwoman Hudson stated another cool thing is they are going to replace anything they remove, and we can, as a community direct them where we want the replacement trees and plants to be planted; also the wood chips from trees removed will be made available for us as a community to decide where they could be spread.

Councilwoman Hudson stated she didn't feel as passionate as Mr. Mason against the other communities putting together coalitions to fight this, especially if they had the same presentation. She stated they are talking about getting permits for here in Bay Point, whereas she didn't think they were giving the other communities the same consideration. Councilwoman Hudson stated her take away is PG&E will look out for our community as long they we keep on top of this.

Councilwoman E. Garcia stated she had started to write an article about the Pathways Program for the Newsletter, with some locations of work to be done, but she had never heard back from the person she had called.

Chairwoman Mason stated she would forward again the report Ivan from PG&E had given her with numbers and locations Councilwoman E. Garcia to see the exact changes from the original report from last month.

Councilman Stevenson asked about getting a map from PG&E that shows where all the gas lines run in Bay Point, and Chairwoman Mason stated she would ask.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if they were going to replace the gas lines underneath the trees and elsewhere, and Chairwoman Mason stated no.

Chairwoman Mason stated she asked why now, and PG&E response was that until the San Bruno tragedy, they didn't know the damage that could be done by roots; they are being removed now to prevent damage by roots and to have ready access to these lines.

Deputy Briggs stated he could speak to the issue of checking the lines, that they had just attended a meeting where they learned about the machine they put through the lines, and they can determine thickness and corrosion level, that they have been doing that regularly for awhile now.

Chairwoman Mason stated she will keep everyone posted, but she believes PG&E will have a representative at the MAC meeting in May.

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

### **a. Budget Committee Report – Councilwoman Zumwalt**

Councilwoman Zumwalt reviewed the distributed budget including;

- Fixed expenses like the Rent on the room and the Secretarial cost = \$1,702
- Administrative expensive including:
  - Petty cash of \$61 that needs to be used and was suggested they buy name badges; one that petty cash is gone, Contra Costa County no longer allows petty cash for MAC
  - Business Cards, Plaques, Adopt-a-Road rentals = \$352
  - National Night Out expenses = \$500
  - Marketing expenses = \$800

There was a discussion regarding spending the \$1,600 on repairing or replacing and installing street banners. Chairwoman Mason stated she would contact Ms. Maureen Toms of Public Works to find out the exact status of present banners, and costs.

Motion made by Councilwoman E. Garcia to approve spending \$1,600.00 on banners. Seconded by Councilwoman Lopez-Garcia. Motion carried 7 – 0; Council Members E. Garcia, Lopez-Garcia, Hudson, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt voting ‘yes’.

**b. Participation in Unity in Community – Chairwoman Mason**

There was a discussion and it was decided the MAC members would sit at Supervisor Glover’s table, and be present as their time allowed.

**8. Committee Reports**

**a. Neighborhood Committee – Councilwoman Hudson**

Councilwoman Hudson stated they had discussed the National Night Out

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

Councilwoman Lopez-Garcia stated they had met at Chemtrade, formally General Chemical and Mr. Nelson Gomez and made a presentation about the new company. Criterion reported no injuries and they had received a rebate from PG&E of \$133,000; they also have placed new covers and filters on their drains and added more ground cover.

**c. Code Enforcement – Councilman Tremaine**

Councilman Tremaine stated he was unable to make the last Code meeting and asked Mr. Diokno to report.

Mr. Diokno stated they had spoken a lot about the graffiti on the Market and the Orbisonia Heights property. He stated they also spoke about Section 8 rental issues and there is now a special District Attorney, Mr. Joseph Villareal, special for Housing issues.

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

Councilman Stevenson stated that SparkPoint had adopted Willow Pass Road and along with Cadets had picked up 65 bags of trash.

**e. Schools – Chairwoman Mason**

Chairwoman Mason stated she had spoken with Mt. Diablo School Board member Ms. Cheryl Hansen and been assured there were no plans to do anything with Gateway High

School. She also reported they were supposed to have an LCAP meeting in Bay Point, and so far she hasn't seen it scheduled, but keep the Board updated.

**f. Community Recognition – Chairwoman Mason**

Chairwoman Mason stated they would meet after the meeting and set a date that worked for Committee members Stevenson, E. Garcia, and herself.

**9. Members Reports**

Councilwoman Zumwalt requested the Keller Canyon Report be placed on the agenda regularly again as it is that time of the year. She stated Mr. Khurram Shah was also sitting on the selection committee.

Chairwoman Mason stated on April 3<sup>rd</sup> she will be at the Pittsburg Planning Commission meeting speaking on the annexation. She stated also that the protests and inquiries about West PAC had succeeded in sending them back to do more research before moving forward.

Councilman Tremaine reminded everyone that Convoy of Hope was this Saturday. He also announced that Calvary Temple has decided to work on their outreach differently and have cancelled the 'Singing Flag' and 'Scrooge' presentations.

Councilwoman Lopez-Garcia stated there is going to be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 19<sup>th</sup>, here at the Ambrose Center's grounds, and also a Pancake Breakfast that morning.

Councilwoman Hudson stated she had gone along on a field-trip with Gateway High School students to the California Academy of Science, which was generously sponsored by PG&E. She stated that she and Chairwoman Mason had also attended the Ahmadiyya Conference on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and enjoyed it very much.

**10. Correspondence.**

Councilwoman Hudson reported on and made available for public viewing the following correspondence:

1. VR14-1009 Agency Comment Request; a variance request for Patio Cove of 2001 Mendocino Dr.
2. Notice of Preparation – Draft EIR for proposed Faria/Southwest Hills annexation project
3. Two 1559-W GSWC Advice Notices

**11. Future Agenda Items.**

- a. Center for Human Development
- b. Update progress of Mosque renovation - Mr. Khurram Shah
- c. Presentation by new Mt. Diablo School Superintendent - Dr. Nellie Myer

d. Presentation about Housing Vouchers (Section 8) – Housing Authority/New DA

**12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 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.