Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee



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The Bay Point Municipal Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.

Record of Actions

7:00 pm Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine, and Zumwalt were present. Council Member Magleby absent.

Others present: Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's office, Maureen Toms of County Redevelopment, and Officer Eric Brewer of the Highway Patrol, and Ms. Billilee Balangan, Mr. Chris Lau, and Ms. Adelina Huerta, from the Transportation Division of the Contra Costa County Public Works Department

1. Approval of February 1, 2011 Agenda

Motion made by Councilwoman Zumwalt to approve the February 1, 2011 agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia. Motion carried 6 - 0; Council Members Garcia, Kopitar, Mason, Stevenson, Tremaine and Zumwalt voting "yes"; Council Member Magleby absent.

2. Consent items

- a. Approval of monthly Recording Secretary invoice \$120.00
- b. Approval of Record of Actions of January 4, 2011

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

4. Public Comments:

None

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

a. Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department – Lt. Gwen Brady

None

b. California State Highway Patrol – Officer Eric Brewer

Officer Eric Brewer stated that in the month of January the CHP issued 69 citations in Bay Point for various violations; 13 traffic collisions; and 28 arrests for DUI, with over half of those citations being issued by the graveyard car alone. He stated that number is high for an area this small, and also that of the 13 traffic collisions, 4 involved the driver being under the influence.

Councilman Stevenson inquired what the average DUI arrests were and Officer Brewer stated he would get that number for next month's meeting.

Councilwoman Zumwalt asked if they planned on doing anything different like more DUI checkpoints.

Officer Brewer stated that in the 10 years he had been with the Contra Costa CHP office, every single DUI checkpoint they had hosted was done here in Bay Point. He stated they participate in other agencies checkpoints, but if they host one, it is done on Willow Pass Road in Bay Point. Officer Brewer stated that of all their unincorporated areas he could say for sure that most DUI arrests are from here.

There was a discussion again about the traffic trailer being placed in Bay Point locations.

c. Redevelopment Staff Report – Maureen Toms

Ms. Maureen Toms reported on:

Orbisonion Heights Land Acquisition Program update

Ms. Maureen Toms stated there are 3 structures left; the 2 on Bailey Rd. are now owned by the agency and are vacant; going through some remediation and following that will be demolished.

Bailey Road Improvement Project

Ms. Toms stated working with the Public Works Dept. and the City of Pittsburg, they are beginning to move forward. She stated the Board has approved some right-of-way dedication funds from Redevelopment Agency to the county for the road project; and PG&E has been out working on some relocating of power poles. She stated they are still working on some approvals from Caltrans, but anticipate beginning construction around the end of the year.

· Habitat for Humanity Project

Ms. Toms stated the vertical construction is underway, framing for all the houses are up, and they are continuing to work on completing the nine homes on Inglewood.

· Status of Redevelopment Agencies

Ms. Toms stated they continue to monitor the proposal from the Governor to eliminate Redevelopment. She stated their Redevelopment Director also sits on the

Board for the California Redevelopment Association, so they are hearing first hand the efforts being made to preserve the agency.

· Walgreens

Ms. Toms stated Walgreens will be opening this Friday.

There was a discussion regarding which MAC members were available to be present at the Grand Opening at 8:00am; and Councilman Stevenson stated he could.

d. Supervisor Federal Glover General Report – Ed Diokno

- · Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover has been assigned to the Board of Supervisor's Finance Committee, and will be dealing with the budget most of the time as we are facing a \$50,000,000.00 cut this year; making it the third year of cuts.
- Mr. Ed Diokno of Supervisor Glover's Office stated the 2011 Annual Training for members of County advisory groups will be February 28th, 4:30pm 6:00pm, in the Board Chambers at 651 Pine Street in Martinez. He stated it wasn't necessary for all the MAC members to come, but the officers at least should attend.
- Mr. Diokno stated the February 23rd workshop, sponsored by Supervisor Glover, meant to show what's needed to write a proper application for a grant, is already full. He stated they are no longer taking applications, but that interested parties can submit their names online at the Supervisor's website to get on the list for next fall's workshop.
- Mr. Diokno stated Supervisor Glover's annual Youth Summit will be held April 16th at Los Medanos College. He stated the day-long event includes entertainment, lunch, a rock-climbing wall, and workshops covering a wide range of topics. Mr. Diokno stated in the past, workshops included how to get a job, bullying, date violence, as well as how to use a digital camera, and what it takes to be a man. He suggested everyone circle the date; and if you are interested in taking part by providing a workshop or entertainment, to please call Tanya Smith at Supervisor Glover's office.

Councilman Stevenson asked about transportation being available for the Youth Summit.

Mr. Diokno stated the Tri-Delta bus service was not going to be available this year; that the Ambrose Teen Center had a van that was used last year for their teens; and that it was only a bus ride away for those interested.

6. Presentations Presentations were made by:

a. Billilee Balangan of Contra Costa County Public Works – Willow Pass Sidewalk Project

Ms. Billilee Balangan introduced herself, Mr. Chris Lau, and Ms. Adelina Huerta, from the Transportation Division of the Contra Costa County Public Works Department.

Ms Balangan stated this is a follow-up to the August 2009 meeting to continue the discussion with the community about the Willow Pass Road safety improvements. She stated she also had some information to share regarding the progress of the Phase I project and some ideas about Phase II.

Ms. Balangan made presentation with PowerPoint including:

- · Phase I improvements
 - 1) Upgrade curb ramps to ADA standards from Bailey Road to Madison Ave.
 - 2) In-road warning lights at crosswalks in 3 locations: at Anuta Park, Solano/Willow Pass, and Madison/Willow Pass Rd.
 - 3) Remove existing crosswalk at Solano/Willow Pass Rd.
 - 4) Install speed feedback signs at 4 locations: 2 of them just east of Clearland, near Anuta Park, and by Bella Vista Ave.
 - 5) Intersection modification at Bailey/Willow Pass Road: Restripe intersection to allow for 2 through lanes eastbound, and have merge lane coordinated through intersection. A lot of these improvements are already done with the Walgreens development, including sidewalk improvement.

Ms. Balangan stated more information regarding the Willow Pass Road Safety Improvements can be found at their website, www.cccpublicworks.org

Ms. Balangan stated they have advertised for the project, and bid openings are scheduled for March 1st, construction to start by May, and to be completed in 20 working days. She stated she wanted to highlight that the crosswalk removal at west-leg of Willow Pass/Solano Ave. is scheduled in April, and they will be providing signage, on-sight, sometime in March to inform community about the removal of the crosswalk.

Ms. Balangan reviewed information on funding:

- Has 1 million dollars from Proposition 1B funds allocated to Willow Pass Road in Bay Point to make safety improvements.
- \$500,000.00 allocated to Phase I improvements
- · In June 2010 received remaining \$500,000.00 for Phase II project
- · Have approximately two and a half years to spend the remaining funds.

Ms. Balangan stated some items were not included in Phase I improvements because they didn't have enough funding, including filling in sidewalk gaps, installing LED traffic lights, and some kind of a micro-surface or pavement treatment for the road. She stated as these items had been previously discussed with the community they wanted to take the opportunity and continue the discussion about some Phase II alternatives.

- · Phase II Alternatives West of Bailey Road
 - 1) Sidewalk gap closure Sycamore to Walgreens (around \$640,000.00)
 - 2) Sidewalk gap closure Fire Station to Criterion site (around \$300,000.00)
 - 3) Sidewalk gap closure near Port Chicago (along empty lot and put a path through

- existing island) (around \$490,000.00)
- 4) Surface treatment from Hwy. 4 off-ramp to Pittsburg City Limit (around \$410,000.00)
- 5) Upgrade 9 traffic lights to LED lamps (around \$160,000.00 \$800.00 per light)

After an extensive question and discussion session, members leaned towards sidewalk improvements #1 and #3, and possibly traffic light upgrade #5.

Mr. Diokno stated that after a discussion with the Supervisor, 1 or 2 alternatives will be prioritized, and then they will come back with a recommendation.

7. Items for Discussion and/or Action

a. Request for extension of hours by Taqueria El Grullense - Maureen Toms

Ms. Toms of Redevelopment stated they received from the Alcohol and Beverage Commission (ABC), a request for comments on the Taqueria at Willow Pass Rd. and Bay View who have asked to extend their hours to 2:00am. She stated they currently have an alcohol license to sell beer and wine with restrictions that they are only open until 10:00pm and that they don't have any music playing, and a number of other restrictions that are included in the Councilmember's information, as well as an email received from Norma Siegfried.

Ms. Toms stated this site has also been the subject of some concern at recent Code Enforcement meetings; complaints about music, late night hours, and such. She stated they wanted the MAC to have the opportunity to draft a letter either in support of or not in support of extending the hours of the Taqueria.

Ms. Toms stated she had sent a letter to the applicant informing them that if the business is approved to stay open until 2:00am, it is a substantial change in the character of the business and would require a land use permit under the county ordinance. She stated she also reminded the applicant that playing music requires an administrative permit through the entertainment part of their Code. Ms. Toms stated the business owner was present and had brought a translator to help her as well if the Council had any questions.

Councilman Tremaine stated that from Code Enforcement, the single largest discussion at the last 3 meetings, which happen every other month, has been about this restaurant, and how they are not fitting into the community; with loud noise, disruption with owners loosing tenants, and parking and loitering issues.

Chairwoman Mason asked the translator if the owner had anything she wanted to share with the Council.

The translator stated that the music is only on Saturdays and that because of complaints she stopped about a month ago. She wanted to be open late at least Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays because business is slow. She also stated she would like to have music,

played quieter, at least on Saturdays.

Ms. Toms stated the music is a separate issue that would require coming to the department for a use permit, and there may be some requirements as far as building code is required to add sound proofing.

Chairwoman Mason stated for clarification, there are already 2 letters submitted for comments to the ABC, and the MAC just needs to decide if they want to follow with their own letter

Councilman Stevenson stated he didn't like this because the owner needs to see the letters and see what people are saying about her establishment; and if she has some way of justifying or responding to this, have the opportunity to do so. He stated he didn't think they have given her the opportunity.

Ms. Toms stated she is not actually responding to the letter we got from the public, that the letter received today and shared with the MAC was also sent directly to the ABC. She stated the question is does the MAC want to submit a letter to ABC, that they need to receive by Friday, on the request of extending the hours for serving alcohol.

Ms. Toms explained that if ABC were to deny this request, the applicants can appeal it; all of the records and correspondence would be included in the appeal, as well as being included in the decision that is made. She stated if ABC grants them a license they would still need to come to them with a land use permit under their Deemed Approved Alcohol ordinance, and if they get to that stage this will be back before the MAC.

Councilwoman Garcia stated the letter from Supervisor Glover is very clear on what he is requesting, that the allegations be investigated, before considering extending the hours. She stated that says a lot to her and sees no need for the MAC to write a letter.

Chairwoman Mason and Councilman Stevenson shared their agreement.

b. Approval of BPMAC Annual (2010) Board Report

Tabled to next month's agenda as everyone had not yet seen the report.

c. Restaurant toy incentive standards, information only – Chairwoman Mason

Chairwoman Mason stated some other counties have put bans on fast foods and other restaurants using toys to lure kids to eat foods that aren't healthy, and they have done it in unincorporated communities as well; so she thought wouldn't it be neat to do it in the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. She stated it is something she wanted the MAC to look at and decide next month if it is something they want to recommend that Supervisor Glover move forward on.

d. Schedule Clean-up dates – Councilwoman Garcia

Councilwoman Garcia stated she would like to do the clean-ups in April and November, probably the first weekend in each month.

After some discussion regarding weather and possible conflicts with using the Ambrose's Clearland property; it was decided to check with the Ambrose Park District regarding the April and November dates, and set them after clearing the dates.

8. Committee Reports The MAC received the following reports:

a. Code Enforcement – Councilmen Stevenson and Tremaine

None this month

b. CAP – Chairwoman Mason

Chairwoman Mason stated the CAP meeting was at General Chemical and they had a presentation from Opportunity Junction. She stated sadly, all of our plants are experiencing lay-offs. Chairwoman Mason stated they were also given hand-outs about carbon monoxide poisoning.

9. Members' Reports

Councilwoman Mason shared that R.C., from Allied Waste, had sent her a picture of some art that a local Martinez woman had put together from recycled bicycle parts.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated she wanted to comment and have on record that she was very disappointed that the county supervisors approved the rate increase for the garbage services, which will be changing in September.

Mr. Diokno stated that the increases are supposed to begin after a 30 comment period and will be notified in your statements when that begins. He stated after that rate increase occurs in September, the customer will have a choice on which container they want which will keep their rate the same or make it go down.

Chairwoman Mason and Mr. Diokno agreed that next month would be a good time for the garbage companies to come make a presentation regarding their services.

Councilman Stevenson requested having the draft agenda sent out earlier so that he would have more time to think and ask about placing items on the agenda. He also stated that he would like to have the Welcome to Bay Point sign, the Adopt-a-Road program, the School Committee, and Officer Election idea on next month's agenda

Chairwoman Mason agreed to do so, and explained the idea of sending the draft agenda is to let members know how the agenda looks already, see if it is already pretty full, but if it is a time sensitive matter to let her know so she can add it to the agenda.

10. Correspondence.

Chairwoman Mason reviewed list of correspondence including;

- · 3 letters from Golden State Water Company
- · 'Save the Date' card from Opportunity Junction for event in April
- · Flyer for First 5 Community Grant
- · Copy of Maureen Tom's letter to ABC
- · Advertisement from Ready Print
- · Notice of joint MAC meeting February 26th in Bethel Island
 - *Councilwoman Zumwalt only one available to attend that day.

11. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Garbage Company Presentation of Services
- b. Election of Officers
- c. Welcome to Bay Point sign Stevenson
- d. Adopt a Road program Stevenson

12. Adjourn to meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 7:00pm, at Ambrose Community Center's Board Room.

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