



CASTRO VALLEY

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ADVISORY Advisory to Supervisor Nate Miley, 4th District

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GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING

Monday, October 17, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Marc Crawford, Chair, Ken Carbone, Vice-Chair, Chuck Moore, Sheila Cunha, Dave Sadoff, Janet Everson, Linda Tangren

Location: Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94646

Summary Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Ramos, Castro Valley Resident, parent of children at Stanton Elementary School, stated that there are a lack of sidewalks near the school and there have been several near miss accidents. Parents pay a crossing guard for pedestrian safety. Ms. Ramos asked that the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council draft a resolution for pedestrian safety and prioritizing sidewalks, and request Alameda County to pay for a second crossing guard.

Rebecca Stanek-Rycoff requested an item to be placed on a future Castro Valley MAC agenda to prioritize sidewalks near Stanton Elementary School. Cars are often parked in the pedestrian right-of-way making it difficult for students walking to and from school.

I. Approval of Minutes - September 19, 2016

A motion was made by Sheila Cunha and seconded by Ken Carbone, that the minutes of September 2016, be accepted as submitted.

Motion passed 6/1

Abstained: Dave Sadoff

II. Castro Valley Community Identifier Mural Project Update

Rachel Osajima, Director, Alameda County Arts Commission, presented an update on the Castro Valley Community Identifier Mural Project.

The Community Identifier Mural Project was approved by the Board of Supervisors in August of 2016 and will create community gateway markers on freeway overpasses in the unincorporated area. The proposed site for the Castro Valley project is I-580 highway overpass at Redwood Road.

There will be several opportunities for community engagement, including email updates, community survey submit an interest form to serve on the Artist Selection Committee, roundtable discussions with artists and community meetings.

There is a Call for Artists out now for the project and the deadline to respond is November 30, 2016. An online survey will be available beginning November 15th, in addition to an online interest form to serve on the Artist Selection Committee. The survey and online form can be found at: www.acgov.org/arts and the deadline for participation is January 15, 2017.

The budget for each project site is \$135,000 and the estimated time for completion of the project is the fall of 2018.

Outreach to date

- E-mails sent to arts organizations informing them of the project
- Information sessions have been held by the Arts Commission
- An informational video is on YouTube, other social media
- Printed and mailed 7,000 postcards about the project

Ms. Osajima will continue to provide updates on the project to the Castro Valley MAC.

Questions/Discussion

Marc Crawford asked if the Castro Valley MAC should be the Selection Committee for the Castro Valley project.

Ms. Osajima stated that the understanding was that there will be a separate selection committee for each site, a majority vote of community members on the selection committee and will include artists and arts professionals, a county representative and a member of the Castro Valley MAC and other Castro Valley community members.

Ms. Osajima stated that she would take the information back to Supervisor Miley regarding the Selection Committee for Castro Valley and she is open to a very involved community process.

III. State of California Legislative Updates

Assembly Member Bill Quirk, California State Assembly, 20th District, presented legislative updates from the State of California. Information presented included:

Assembly Member Quirk will host a "Walk & Talk" on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Coyote Hills Park in Fremont.

Assembly Member Quirk will host a "Small Business Forum" on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Community Center in Union City

Staff

Carolina Salazar Herrera, District Director, arranges meetings and tours and can assist with issues with any state agency. She can be reached at 510-583-8818 or other staff members can assist.

Deborah Cox, Castro Valley liaison, San Leandro City Council

Legislative updates

- State passed a balanced budget due to majority vote on the budget instead of 2/3 vote
- The State of California has a \$10 billion rainy day fund
- California's effort to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG); suggestions: 15% of cars that generate the most GHG pay a fee and a rebate for cars that generate less; Assembly Member Quirk will review other options for GHG

- Housing - \$3 billion bond; allocated for developmentally disabled; initiative has been paying for living expenses; better way to build apartments for this population; Measure A1 housing bond
- Increased funding for schools, dependent on Proposition 55 passing in the upcoming election
- Gasoline tax set up 25 years ago is now worth half of what it was then; the State is collecting a smaller amount; increasing the gas tax and fee for electric vehicles to fund street and road repair is a suggestion to review;
- Climate/Environment: Utilities using smart meters; legislation requires utilities to make a convenient way for consumers to read smart meter information;
- Public Safety Committee; what matters is a good relationship between the community and police and transparency; rehabilitation of reentry population;
- Traffic Safety – The State should have a standard to know what would provide adequate protection to store fronts and schools adjacent to parking lots; legislation to regulate lane splitting with motorcycles
- Legislation to clarify hands free phone use in the car; mount phone on the dashboard or center console to use apps/phone in a car

Assembly Member Bill Quirk answered questions from community members and the Castro Valley MAC.

IV. AC Transit's New FLEX Shuttle in Castro Valley, Bus Route Changes and Bus Ballot Measure

Estee Sepulveda, AC Transit Representative discussed changes to the Castro Valley bus routes and the ballot initiatives.

FLEX service approved a one year pilot program in Castro Valley which represents additional bus service in the area. FLEX is an on demand bus system the bus shuttle makes a reservation and pick you up at a bust stop and take you to any other bus stop in the area.

AC Go from Measure BB funding allowed AC Transit to increase bus hours in Castro Valley for weekday and weekend service.

Green Initiatives: AC Transit uses hydrogen fueled buses to reduce air pollution.

Measure C1 requesting support for a renewed parcel tax measure to continue to provide \$30 million per year for AC Transit operations and maintenance for 20 years.

The AC Transit budget is 86% from public subsidized funding; federal, state and local funding.

Ms. Sepulveda answered questions from community members and the Castro Valley MAC.

V. Council/Staff Comments

Marc Crawford, Chair, announced that the only item on next Monday's agenda will be the Medical Cannabis and Cultivation ordinance.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to November 21, 2016.