

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

6:30 p.m.

SUNOL GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Council Member Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members present: Connie De Grange, Gerry Beemiller, Nzingha Johnson, and Rosemary Chang

Board Members absent: Jordan Franco

Staff Present: Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Chris Miley, Supervisor Valle's Office; Christine Greene, Community Development Agency; Jessica Roque, Clerk, Board of Supervisors' Office; Jonathan Hamm, Sheriff's Office; Supervisor Richard Valle, Board of Supervisors

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Johnson announced a field trip to the Calaveras Dam will be held on March 29, 2017, from 9am to 12pm. The agenda will be posted on March 22, 2018. To attend, contact the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to RSVP.

Board Supervisor Richard Valle announced that he would like the town of Sunol to stand united with the 14 cities in Alameda County who are participating in a campaign against hate. His office would like to collaborate with the town of Sunol's local artists to create a campaign sign that is unique to Sunol. Supervisor Valle's office will cover all costs, including the artist's time. To volunteer, contact his office.

3. **REPORTS/UPDATES – Informational Items:**

Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Johnathan Hamm stated that a presentation was given for Supervisors Valle and Haggerty about Tri-Valley jurisdiction. The goal was to highlight the need for additional staff in order to better serve Sunol.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra reported 22 calls for service since the last Council meeting, one of those calls was for a vehicle fire.

PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) – Informational Items:

Sunol Septic Working Group – Member De Grange reported that the group had not met since July 2017, because of resource allocations and member illnesses. At the latest meeting, the consultant reviewed the results from the water samples taken from Sinbad Creek. Two groups of samples were collected, one by Questa Engineering and one by Alameda Creek Alliance. Alameda Creek Alliance collected 6 samples, the highest containing 460 MPN of fecal coliform per 100 milliliters. Questa Engineering collected 11 samples, the highest containing 550 MPN of fecal coliform per 100 milliliters. Alameda County has declared lower Sinbad Creek an impaired (contaminated) waterway. Water sampling results will be used in the feasibility study. Volunteer homeowners are still needed. The County will not see which properties were inspected. Properties from all areas of Sunol except Welch Creek Road, Sheridan, and Andrade road need to be evaluated. The Local Area Management Plan, which was accepted as presented by the regional

water quality control boards, will go into effect on 5/17/18. The next Sunol Septic Working Group meeting is 4/10/18.

Sunol Fire Safe Coalition – Kim Johnson reported that on March 11, 2018, a chipping day was held at the school parking lot. Green Lane arborists collected 3 truckloads of debris. The community is encouraged to continuously dispose of debris and not wait for chipping days.

Niles Canyon Railway/Pacific Locomotive Association- Henry Baum, President of the Pacific Locomotive Association (PLA), informed the community about upcoming events. On May 20, 2018, the PLA will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of running trains into Sunol. He invited the community to join in as they recreate the first run. Next year will be the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad. The PLA will celebrate from May to September by hosting multiple events.

4. JOHAL/SIMEEN JOHAL, SITE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, PLN2017-00094

Application to allow construction of a new restaurant (replacing the existing Sunol Railroad Café) with the operation of a tavern in an SD (Sunol Downtown) District, located at 11882 Main Street (site address 11870 Main Street), south side 350 feet west of Bond Street, Sunol area of unincorporated Alameda County, bearing Assessor's Parcel Number: 096-0140-011

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Christine Greene, Alameda County Planning Department, stated that staff recommends the project is approved subject to certain conditions. The tavern cannot operate without the restaurant being open. Hours are from 6am to 6pm, 7 days a week. The County's definition of 'tavern' allows them to advertise happy hour specials and have a separate bar area, but the principle venture is the restaurant. They will be permitted to sell beer and wine only and will have 13 parking spots. Member De Grange would like the tree that was cut down replaced, would like that as a condition. Ms. Greene requested that it is 10 feet tall and consistent with the other trees on Main Street.

Motion to approve with condition by Member Chang, Seconded by Member Johnson - Approved 4/1 excused

5. TAN/CORPUS, SITE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, PLN2017-00081

Application to allow occupancy of a modular building as a residence, on property in the "A" (Agricultural) District, located at 3313 Andrade Road, west side, 1200 feet south of Interstate 680, Sunol area of unincorporated Alameda County, bearing Assessor's Parcel Number: 096-0001-012-02

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Christine Green stated that the building will measure about 1,700 square feet and will be on an 8 acer lot. Planning staff recommends the project is approved subject to certain conditions. The building will be used as a single family dwelling. This proposal does not include rehab or boarding for animals.

Motion to approve by Member Beemiller, Seconded by Member Johnson - Approved 4/1 excused

6. ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PRESENTATION ON THE SR 84 EXPRESSWAY WIDENING AND SR 84/I-680 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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Trinity Nguyen, Gary Sideu and Jhay Delos Reyes from the Alameda County Transportation Commission presented information about the project, which is currently in the environmental phase. The draft environmental document was released in October 2017. The final environmental document will be completed the Summer of 2018. The document is available on the Caltrans website, it covers both State regulations in the California Environmental Quality Act and Federal regulations in the National Environmental Policy Act. The projects purpose and need was identified, different build alternatives were discussed and permanent changes were disclosed. Traffic conditions are forecasted to significantly improve. The project costs an estimated \$220 million. Once the final environmental document is complete in the Summer of 2018, detailed design will start soon after and construction will start in 2021.

7. INFORM SUNOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATION

– Action Item

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Andrew Turnbull spoke about the Inform Sunol proposal, which will provide the community with a 2-way communication system. The goal of Inform Sunol is to provide residents with organized communication, giving them the ability to provide feedback. Constant Contact will be used to distribute information to Sunol residents, non-resident property owners and interested non-residents. WordPress will be used to generate a website. Andrew will be writing. Andrew is seeking approval on a trial basis, the project will come back to the Council at their June 2018 meeting where an updated, detailed budget will be presented and discussion on the projects continuation will take place.

Motion to approve on a trial bases by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Chang - Approved 4/1 excused

This item will move forward to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Action Item
FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

Members De Grange and Johnson requested modifications to Item 4 on the February 21, 2018 minutes. Location of permits is to be added as well as clarification of Ordinance amendments.

Motion to approve as modified by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Chang - Approved 4/1 excused

9. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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Motioned by Member Chang, Seconded by Member Johnson - Approved 4/1 excused

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