

# **SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017**

**6:30 p.m.**

**SUNOL GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - Council Member Rosemary Chang called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Barry Kaminsky, Gerry Beemiller, Jordan Franco, Rosemary Chang and Nzingha Johnson

**Staff Present:** Jessica Roque, Clerk, Board of Supervisors Office; Gabriela Christy, Supervisor Valle's Office; Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Brandon Dennington, Sheriff's Office; Rodrigo Orduna and Christina Horrisberger, Community Development Agency

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

Kelley Abreu would like the Council to focus on protecting the water shed inside of the former Sunol golf course. He believes code enforcement should be involved.

Community Member Ario asked for an update on the fountain to be placed in Sunol.

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

**Alameda County Sheriff's Office** – There was a theft incident on Bond Road, tools were stolen. Mail theft occurred in Kilkare, Castlewood and Palomeras. A naked man entered two homes and burglarized one of them, he was deemed incompetent and taken into custody.

**Alameda County Fire Department** – Bonnie Terra reported 25 calls for service since last month, the majority were for emergency medical services. There were no fire calls. If community members still need to conduct vegetation management, Bonnie requested they avoid doing it on fire danger days and red flag warning days. Regarding the former Sunol golf course, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is in full compliance with vegetation management requirements as outlined by CalFire. At the next Council meeting, an individual will come talk about the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that is being developed specifically for Sunol. Bonnie urges community members to be present and provide input.

Community Member Kate requested that a fire hazard at a single family home be investigated.

Community Member Bob inquired whether the SFPUC has an irrigation obligation at the former Sunol golf course to prevent trees from dying.

**PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) - Informational Items:**

**Niles Canyon Railway** – Henry stated that there will be a town hall meeting in the park on Saturday, 9/9 from 12 - 2pm. Refreshments will be provided.

**Sunol Septic Workgroup** – Connie stated that Alameda County and Qesta representatives were present at their meeting last week. The results just came in from water sampling done in 6 locations. At the next meeting on 9/12, they will interpret data gathered over a 3 month period.

**Sunol Fire Safe Coalition** – Kim stated that there will be a CWPP survey e-mailed in the next 24-48 hours. The Coalition would like the community to share what they see as wildfire risks/hazards and voice their concerns and provide input based on local knowledge. Phase 1 of the Kilkare Road Brush and Broom Project is now complete. Phase 2 of the project will be done at a later date. Sunol was the lucky recipient of a 25k grant given by PG&E. 2017 project requests are being accepted.

Community Member Andrew expressed appreciation towards the Sunol Fire Safe Coalition for applying for grants.

**4. PG&E ANNUAL LINE CLEARANCE UPDATE**

John Silva from ACRT Inc. announced that his team of inspectors will inspect in mid-August. Davey Tree will provide tree services approximately one month thereafter.

Council Member Nzingha reached out to PG&E about poll lines in June, they should respond to her in August/September. PG&E is in the process of coming up with a schedule of when they will be working on poll lines anchored to trees.

**5. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS UPDATE PRESENTATION**

**[Attachment](#)**

Rodrigo Orduna and Christina Horrisberger from the Alameda County Planning Department spoke about how the State imposed new rules, as of January 2017, on secondary dwelling units. Local jurisdictions must allow areas that are zoned for single family residential use to have a secondary, accessory or in-law unit dwelling. It is up to local jurisdictions to regulate sizes and locations. This does not apply to agricultural zoning districts. Alameda County adopted interim rules to make sure they are in compliance with the updated state regulations and are currently in the process of properly setting regulations. Rodrigo and Christina came to the Council meeting for community input.

**6. CALTRANS ALAMEDA CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
DISCUSSION ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**[Attachment](#)**

Comments for this draft EIR are due at the end of this month. The replacement bridge is aesthetically pleasing, resembles the current bridge and will increase traffic flows. The Council has already sent their comments, they invite the community to review the draft EIR and send their comments.

**7. ACE FORWARD/UNION PACIFIC TRACK ENHANCEMENT DISCUSSION ON  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**[Attachment](#)**

Michelle Powell and Robert Dalton, of the community group Niles for Environmentally Safe Trains, spoke about the different variations of this project and the impacts they can have on Sunol. They are concerned that this is a freight project in disguise, where ACE will use taxpayer monies to pay for track improvements that will allow them to run more freight. They ask that community members analyze the DEIR and send their comments. NEST will be writing a response as well.

**8. LETTER TO SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REGARDING FORMER SUNOL GOLF COURSE (Continued from 6/21/17  
meeting) – Action Item**

**[Attachment](#)**

Community members present were in agreement with the letter to the SFPUC. They want to know what is the SFPUC's plan for the former Sunol golf course and when the changes will happen? Member Kaminsky moved to accept the letters content and tone, make a few format changes and send the letter to the County for review. Motioned by Member Kaminsky, Seconded by Member Beemiller, Approved 5/0

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Action Item**

MAY 17, 2017 – Motioned by Member Beemiller, Seconded by Member Kaminsky,  
Approved 4/1 abstained

JUNE 21, 2017 – Motioned by Member Beemiller, Seconded by Member Chang,  
Approved 3/2 abstained

**10. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Member Kaminsky invited everyone to the Stroll and Roll event on 9/30. He also would like to know the date set for the upcoming Sunol Fall Clean-up Day.

**ADJOURNED**

Adjournment motioned by Member Beemiller, Seconded by Member Johnson 5/0