

SUNOL CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

6:30 p.m.

SUNOL GLEN SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

MINUTES

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

Board Members present: Rosemary Chang, Barry Kaminsky, Gerry Beemiller and Jordan Franco.

Staff present: Jessica Roque, Tisa Potter, Clerk, Board of Supervisors Office; Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Brandon Dennington and Stuart Barnes, Sheriff's Office.

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

Molly Barnes - Updates on Sunol Glen School news: The school is currently celebrating Unity Day. Molly invited everyone to join in the celebration by standing up against bullying and being kind, by writing a note that will be linked in a paper chain and hung at the school. Although the school only has 280 students, they raised over \$36,000 at their annual walk-a-thon and they sold 1,100 books at their book fair.

Open discussion on traffic issues - dumped cars on Foothill Road, Speeding vehicles on Bond Street during commute hours.

Patricia Picard introduced herself, she is running for the school board.

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

Alameda County Sheriff's Office - The Sheriff's Office is working on eliminating the homeless encampment at the end of Niles Canyon Road. The occupants have been given until Friday, October 21, 2016 to move out voluntarily.

Alameda County Fire Department – There have been 31 calls for service at Station 14 since last reported (last month). Bonnie Terra reported that only 1 call was because of a fire. This was a vegetation fire without monetary value. Residents were reminded to stay cautious as it is still fire season.

PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) - Informational items:

Citizen's Traffic Committee – Traffic was discussed during public comment.

Sunol Fire Safe Coalition – The final report for the PG&E \$50,000 grant was sent in, 22 properties were worked on, 5 of which required a couple days work and contractors were paid.

Niles Canyon Railway – No one present to report.

Sunol Septic Workgroup – The last meeting went very well. The Board of Supervisors approved \$20,000 to fund part of the feasibility study that will be conducted by Norm from Questa. The initial task is data collection, a voluntary homeowner questionnaire will be developed and discussed at the next Workgroup. Properties will not be identified.

A community fact sheet is in the works, along with a timeline. This will include what has happened in the past year and what the vision is for Sunol.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

4. ASSEMBLYMEMBER BILL QUIRK AND CALTRANS UPDATE ON

PROJECTS IN SUNOL - The Assemblymember Quirk indicated California has passed a balanced, on-time budget and has made progress on the reduction of greenhouse gasses. He reminded everyone that it is against the law to drive while texting or to use hand-held cell phones while driving. He stated that those laws were in place before smartphones existed and now, smartphones allow much more than talking and texting (I.E. Maps). Starting January 1st, cell phones must be mounted on the center console or dashboard. Drivers will be limited to a single touch or swipe. If caught doing more than swiping, the driver will be ticketed. The ticket amount for a first time offense is \$20 all subsequent offenses will cost \$50.

Assemblymember Quirk invited everyone to the following events:

- Small Business Forum - For anyone with a small business or anyone who is thinking about starting a small business and wants advice. The event will be held on October 20, 2016, at Charles F. Kennedy Community Center in Union City, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Walk-and-Talk- Meet with Bill - A chance to talk with Assemblymember Quirk. The event will be held on November 12, 2016, at Coyote Hills in Fremont (Main Building), at 10:00 a.m.

The presentation by the Caltrans Project Manager will be rescheduled at a later date.

- 5. PRESENTATION ON AN APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF 11882 MAIN STREET** – Liz McElligott and Sharon Grewal from Alameda County Planning Department spoke about the reconstruction and partial demolition of what was previously known as the Railroad Café, located at 11882 Main Street in Sunol.

Property owner Jazz presented a PowerPoint on the history and condition of the restaurant and asked for feedback and suggestions on names for the restaurant, he is hoping for the community's support.

- 6. SIGNAGE IN SUNOL** – Jim, a Sunol resident, is requesting more signage in Sunol. The signage is not meant to replace street signs, it is to direct visitors to the towns hotspots. Tom, a local artist has volunteered to coordinate a group of artist in Sunol to work on this signage. Community members believe that there will be funding for this project. Residents would like a driving force on this matter since it's been talked about previously but progress has not happened.

- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Action Items**
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 – Motion to approve – 4/0

- 8. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**
Councilmember Kaminsky requested that minutes be e-mailed to the members before the next meeting.

- 9. ADJOURN**
The meeting was adjourned to November 16, 2016.