

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016

6:30 p.m.

KILKARE WOODS ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE

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, Maylene Mojica, Clerk, Board of Supervisors Office; Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Brandon Dennington and Stuart Barnes, Sheriff's Office; Supervisor Richard Valle, Board of Supervisors; John Medlock, Public Works Agency.

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

Community member Dan requested the status of the Wayside Horn Railroad and the Caltrans Environmental Impact Report. He also noted that the City of Fremont has limited Caltrans use of on/off Caltrans highways at the far end of Niles Canyon, sign limitations stop you from going to certain areas. He asked if it can be instituted throughout Alameda County.

Member Chang welcomed Richard Valle, Supervisor District 2.

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

Alameda County Sheriff's Office - The Sheriff's Office has noticed worsening traffic issues. A coalition between CHP, Pleasanton, and possibly Livermore is in the works. Outside agencies will be coming into Sunol to help out within the next month or so. The Sheriff's Office is working on cleaning up the homeless encampment at the end of Niles Canyon Road. They are redirecting occupants to homeless shelters in the Fremont Area.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra reported that last month was quiet. There were 23 calls for service, 13 of which were for medical assistance and 8 were cancelled on route. The Fire Department would like Sunol residents to focus on being cautious when using outdoor fireplaces.

Member Chang welcomed Mike Martin from Cal Fire. Mr. Martin thanked everyone for their compliance throughout space inspections.

4. PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) - Informational items:

Citizen's Traffic Committee – Parking will be an issue at Christmas event this year. Cars will probably have to park on the street, or by the school or park. Residents are urged to walk to the event. About 40 parking spaces will be unavailable due to scheduled construction work. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with traffic management, please reach out.

Sunol Fire Safe Coalition – A disturbing e-mail was received. This e-mail was discussed in detail.

Niles Canyon Railway – No further progress has been made in regards to the Wayside Horn Project. No one present to give report.

5. ALAMEDA CREEK RECAPTURE PROJECT – Ellen, Deputy Manager for the Water Department at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission spoke about the Alameda Creek Recapture Project. The intent of this project, as part of the Calaveras Dam Replacement Project, is to release water in order to provide additional flows to support fisheries. This project will recapture the flows down in the Sunol Valley. The draft Environmental Impact Report should be finalized by 11/30/16, comments are due by 1/17/17. The project fact sheet and slides from the presentation are available at SFWater.ORG

6. WINTER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – Residents are urged to organize themselves in order to be prepared for the winter season. The program “Map Your Neighborhood” is a good tool to utilize. The program was started in Washington and is now available in the City of Sunol. Use this program to get connected with immediate neighbors, find out what each other's skill sets are and find out who your neighborhood captain is, or volunteer to be one.

7. UPDATE ON SUNOL SEPTIC WORKGROUP – An outside consultant was hired from Questa. Phase 1 is in progress. Phase 1 consists of information gathering, which will cost \$53,000. This Phase will take 4-6 months to complete and will result in a preliminary report. A voluntary homeowner questionnaire will be sent to residents and they are urged to participate. Properties will not be identified, this is not for code enforcement.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Action Items

OCTOBER 19, 2016 – Motioned by Member Chang, seconded by Member Kaminsky, approved – 4/0

9. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2016.