

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday May 22, 2013

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

Location: San Lorenzo Village Homes Association
377 Paseo Grande
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Summary Action Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doris Marciel: The San Lorenzo Pioneer Cemetery is having a block party on July 27th from 4-8 pm. There will be food and entertainment. Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. Lewelling Boulevard, from Hesperian to Meekland is now called Historic Lewelling, and Ms. Marciel will be doing a history walk on June 29, 2013 at 9:30 am.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Miley reported that today (May 22, 2013) there was a dedication of the Ashland REACH Youth Center. There will be an open house at the center on June 1, 2013 at 12 noon and the public is invited to attend.

The Cherryland working group is meeting this evening, May 22, 2013.

I. Human Impact Budget Presentation on the impacts of budget cuts to safety net programs

Seth Kaplan, Human Impact Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the impacts of budget cuts to some of the County's most vulnerable populations. The County received a grant from the California Endowment to study the impact of the cuts on the people affected by them. The County wants to track what happens to individuals when they leave the system. Within the project, the County will collect stories of individuals affected to study some best practices to assist this population during difficult economic times.

In response to constituent questions concerns, Seth Kaplan reported that the data used in the report came from the U.S. Census Tract.

II. Update on Sheriff's proposed regulations of Cash for Gold Centers as second hand dealers

Sergeant Brett Scheuller, Sheriff's Office, provided a brief update on the regulations for Cash for Gold Centers as second hand dealers. The Office of the County Counsel is in the process of amending an ordinance regulating second hand dealers to include Cash for Gold businesses as second hand dealers. Some requirements include: licensing through the State of California, obtain valid identification from the seller, prepare a report to include the seller's information and a description of the property forwarded daily to the Sheriff's Office. The business is also required to hold the property for thirty (30) days.

A draft of the proposed amendments will be agendized for a future meeting of the Unincorporated Services Committee.

III. Ashland Cherryland Together Drug Free Communities Evaluation Report

Linda Pratt, Director of CommPre and member of Ashland Cherryland Together Drug Free Communities Coalition, presented introductory comments and background information on the evaluation report. In 2008 the Ashland Cherryland Violence Prevention Collaborative received a grant for five (5) years from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to reduce substance abuse by youth and build a strong community collaborative to affect youth usage rates.

Dr. Linda Bosma, Bosma Consulting, presented a PowerPoint presentation to report the findings of the evaluation of youth in the San Lorenzo Unified School District, specifically in Ashland-Cherryland.

The report included the use of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana use by youth. In the future, the report will include prescription drug use. A survey of students in the district were asked about the following:

- Age of onset (began usage)
- Past 30 day use (current use)
- Perceived harm (dangerous or not)
- Parental guidance (would parents approve or not)
- Required to report

The data in the report is from the California Healthy Kids Survey, which is administered to 7th 9th and 11th graders every two (2) years.

Dr. Bosma answered questions from the community. Supervisor Miley thanked Dr. Bosma, who is from Minnesota, for taking the time to present the report.

IV. Update on Eden Area Livability Initiative to build a shared vision for the urban communities

Supervisor Nate Miley introduced Claudia Albano, from District 4, who has been working on the Eden Area Livability Initiative.

Ms. Albano reported on the EALI Phase II process. Eden Area Livability Initiative Phase II consists of six (6) visioning groups: 1) Economic Development; 2) Environment and Agriculture; 3) Education; 4) Governance; 5) Citizenship/Immigration/Naturalization and Public Safety. Each group has had at least two (2) meetings and will meet a maximum of five (5) times. In the initial meetings the groups discussed and prioritized issues of concern to them in each of the six areas. Subsequent meetings will define the main goals under each of the groups and eventually present them to the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee in September. After the goals are heard by the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee, the groups will convene a community charrette in October, where community members will vote on projects in each category to move forward.

Members of the community were concerned about the voting process, and people coming from out of the area to vote on priority projects for the San Lorenzo area. Specifically, out of the Public Safety visioning group, there was a priority to create a re-entry center for ex-offenders.

Supervisor Miley reported that the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee will meet on June 26, 2013 at Eden Church, and there will be a discussion surrounding the voting process for projects at the community charrette. Anyone is invited to the Blue Ribbon Steering Committee.

Supervisor Chan reported that any re-entry center would be a County wide discussion and process and vetted by the full Board of Supervisors.

V. Presentation on the Plan Bay Area Initiative to coordinate efforts among the bay area governments and potential effects on Eden Unincorporated Communities

Albert Lopez, Planning Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Plan Bay Area Initiative. The Plan Bay Area initiative is a result of SB 375, to link housing, land use and transportation. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are drafting the plan, which is similar to a general plan, on a regional level.

Mr. Lopez responded to community concerns about the draft plan, including:

How many homes are planned for the Meekland PDA?

Approximately 500-600 homes planned for the Meekland PDA.

Based on the funding formula, can the unincorporated area expect to receive approximately \$5 billion in investment from this plan?

The first round of funding is about \$40 million, and is mostly transportation funding for the Public Works Agency. The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) is the PDA bank, and their strategies emphasize PDA readiness. That strategy will partly determine where the funding will go, and the strategy may change going forward.

The plan is reminiscent of the Housing Element; with that plan, homes were destroyed in order to build affordable housing near the Castro Valley BART. There is no more room to build near the Castro Valley BART.

There are no current plans to build on the Castro Valley BART parking lot, but there are elements in the Castro Valley General Plan to allow for that. BART would build a parking structure and build housing around it.

If there is more housing and transit in the area, will there be an economic incentive to attract businesses to the area?

San Lorenzo specific plan was adopted and the development would have to be consistent with that plan. There is no economic incentive in the Plan Bay Area.

Does the plan take into account rising waters?

The Bay Conservation District is part of the regional body and rising waters has been considered.

VI. Presentation on circumstances under which group homes are permitted in the Unincorporated Areas

Judith Christie, Cherryland resident, expressed concern regarding a transitional housing facility located on Meekland Avenue in her neighborhood. There is a proposed transitional housing facility in the rear of the property as well. In addition, the operator of the home has another facility in the Fairview area and a fourth location in Ashland. One of the housing facilities is located across from Colonial Acres Elementary School in the San Lorenzo Unified School District.

Ms. Christie reported that there have been seventy-eight (78) calls over the last three (3) years to the police from the home; many of the calls were for a 51-50 mental health hold. An outside agency comes in twice a day to bring in medication. Ms. Christie has met a few of the residents and believes it is a mental facility, and they do not need a conditional use permit. There appears to be no oversight and no one governing these homes. How can the County control and regulate the number of these homes that are allowed in the area?

Ms. Christie read a letter from Linda Santillan, Principal of Colonial Acres Elementary School expressing concern about residents in the transitional home on Meekland Avenue.

Supervisor Miley stated that due to the lateness of the hour, this item would be continued to the next meeting and agendized as the first item at that meeting.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned to June 27, 2013.

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