

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

Location: San Lorenzo Library
395 Paseo Grande
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Summary Minutes

Public Comment

Diane Wydler, expressed concern regarding nine (9) Redwood trees that were cut down near Hacienda, in the middle of the night. Ms. Wydler learned that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission had the trees cut to accommodate a retaining wall for express lanes to be installed on the freeway and she would like the County to look into the project, as more trees are scheduled to be removed.

I. Utility Box Art Update – WITHDRAWN

II. Ashland Community Association Introduction

Barisha Spriggs, Tasha Buffin and Chaz Pisano, presented a PowerPoint presentation to introduce the Ashland Community Association (ACA).

The Ashland Community Association was established approximately one year ago and has a vision of embracing diversity and empowering Ashland residents. Residents are encouraged to attend monthly meetings, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The ACA has hosted neighborhood clean ups and barbecues in addition to collaborating with La Raza on the E. 14th mural and with Alameda County on the East 14th Streetscape Project.

Goals for the ACA include:

- Supporting single parents and addressing childcare
- Homeless issues
- Affordable housing
- Support strategies to keep children safe

The ACA welcomes input from community leaders and will be focusing on safe walking and encouraging children to be more aware, community clean ups and support for the Early Education Ballot Initiative. The ACA will also be launching parent pledge to change the concept of how people enjoy adult beverages in front of their children.

The ACA is interested in working together to bring jobs, new preschools, community gardens, housing and parks to the Ashland area.

Supervisor Chan congratulated the Ashland Community Association for their work and looks forward to working with the ACA, especially on the Early Education Ballot Initiative.

Supervisor Miley thanked the ACA for their presentation and looks forward to working with the ACA on their goals.

III. Update on Old Castro Valley Library Site

Supervisor Nate Miley reported on the Old Castro Valley Library site, it has been deemed surplus property and the Board of Supervisors has directed the General Services Agency to review the site for possible veterans housing and services. Supervisor Miley apologized for the General Services Agency not being in attendance at the meeting and will bring the item back to the February Unincorporated Services Committee meeting for discussion with the General Services Agency.

Supervisor Wilma Chan stated that nothing is in writing and nothing has been decided regarding the old Castro Valley Library site and suggested that the County gather more information before this item is discussed.

Speakers

There were several veterans in attendance at the meeting who did not support veteran's housing for the site. In addition, other residents asked that the County consider that the site is in a residential community.

IV. Alameda County Unincorporated Areas Safe Routes to School Project Update

Paul Keener, Senior Transportation Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Safe Routes to School Project.

The Safe Routes to School Project aims to reduce pedestrian and bicycle collisions in the vicinity of schools. The project includes all thirty-five (35) public schools in the unincorporated area serving 23,000 students.

In March of 2017 the Safe Routes to School Project began with identifying existing conditions, issues and existing programs. The project developed recommendations for traffic safety. The SRTS project has implemented short term countermeasures.

The project includes the following key elements:

- Strategies for reducing bicycle and pedestrian collisions and injuries
- Educational programs to promote safe walking and biking
- Training programs to support parent and school administration SRTS advocates
- Development of bicycle and pedestrian safety countermeasures
- Identify bicycle and pedestrian funding and prioritization strategies
- Safe Routes to School Program evaluation

V. Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Paul Keener, Senior Transportation Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Safe Routes to School Project.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is updated every 5 years and is used to guide the development of a convenient transportation alternative to motor vehicles for residents, visitors, shoppers and commuters. The goals for the Plan include:

1. Connectivity – connected and continuous bicycle and pedestrian network
2. Access – access for all users
3. Safety – improved safety for all modes of transportation
4. Comfort – a pleasant walking and biking experience through the provision of support amenities
5. Awareness – community awareness of the benefits of walking and biking as an alternative to driving
6. Land use integration – Land uses support and promote walking and bicycling.

The Public Works Agency has conducted community outreach and received over 1,000 comments, completed an existing conditions review, updated bicycle classifications, drafted a bicycle network and developed recommendations for pedestrian improvements.

The Public Works Agency will bring a draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to a future meeting for review.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to February 28, 2018.

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