

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

Wednesday, January 26, 2011
6:30p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

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

Summary Minutes

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jewell Spalding, Fairview resident, asked about having a discussion on amending the Fairview Specific Plan. County staff had agreed to certain amendments and nothing has happened in the last three (3) to four (4) years.

Supervisors/County Staff Announcements

Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency, has spoken with the Albert Lopez, Director, Planning Department regarding the amendments to the Fairview Specific Plan. As soon as some other items concerning Fairview are completed, work will begin on the amendments.

Supervisor Wilma Chan, District 3, announced that she was happy to be here to serve the unincorporated area and introduced the District 3 staff in attendance: Gene Calderon, and former San Leandro Mayor, Sheila Young.

II. San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Task Force – *recommendations for amendments to the County Watercourse Ordinance*

Liz McElligot, Assistant Deputy Director, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation that was prepared by the San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Task Force. The presentation outlined the objectives of the Task Force, in addition to providing key areas of concern and recommendations to revise the County's Watercourse Protection Ordinance.

Linda Bennett, Task Force member, also contributed to this presentation.

Speakers

Howard Beckman, Susan Beck and Ruth Barrata gave comments on the Task Force recommendations. The speakers comments included

- Importance of the recommendations to property owners and cost association along the creek
- Researching water resources underground; developing plans for tree and plant protection
- Diversion and maintenance of runoff unto aquifer

II. San Lorenzo Creek Watershed Task Force (continued)

In addition, to this Committee meeting, the recommendations will be taken to the Agricultural Advisory Committee, Creek Task Force meeting, Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council, Planning Commission, Transportation and Planning Committee and then to the Board of Supervisors.

III. Redevelopment Agency Update

Supervisor Miley presented introductory comments regarding the Redevelopment Agency Update and the Governor's proposal to eliminate Redevelopment Agencies (RDA's).

Supervisor Wilma Chan reported that some RDA's have encumbered all of their funds and are now being investigated by the State Controller.

Eileen Dalton, Director, Redevelopment Agency, reported that the statewide elimination of Redevelopment Agencies (RDA's) will be effective July 1, 2011, if approved. Existing contracts and debts will be honored. The elimination of RDA's would add an additional \$1.17 billion dollars to the State budget.

Ms. Dalton submitted a list of Redevelopment Agency projects, in contract or pending status as well as prioritization of at risk projects.

Speakers/Discussion

Speakers comments included the following:

- Redevelopment funds are a displacement from General Fund monies, and favorable to dismantling RDA's
- RDA's have intrinsic value in the unincorporated communities and is not in favor of dismantling
- The Ashland Youth Center and housing for Foster Youth should be at the top of RDA's priorities list
- Urging of community to write letters in support of keeping RDA's for unincorporated community
- RDA's helped to build sidewalks in Cherryland, in support of keeping RDA's
- Hoping to keep RDA's to help with Fire Station retrofit in addition to a Cherryland community center
- In favor of prioritizing Foster Youth housing at the top of the list
- Community needs RDA for assistance with the library

The Alameda County delegation will meet on the issue in addition, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors will meet on February 8, 2011 to discuss the issue of the RDA's.

IV. Neighborhood Advisory Group Update

Ruth Barrata, Neighborhood Advisory Group presented the reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG). The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. From the last meeting, items discussed included:

- "Soft remand" Ordinance: 1) has the soft remand gone into effect? 2) Will the information be sent back to the original deciding agency?

IV. Neighborhood Advisory Group Update (continued)

- What is the status of the Silva garage appeal?
- The California Transportation Commission began a Citizens Advisory Committee for all cities to have input; are there any openings?
- What is the status of the Design Guidelines Task Force?
- What is the status of the Ordinance Review Committee
- What is the status of the Tree Preservation Ordinance (trees being cut down, possible violations)
- There is a lack of enforcement on building projects where cameras are installed

- Alcohol CUP policy meeting – requesting more time for review of document; would like to request meeting be delayed beyond February 21, 2011.
- Status of medical marijuana ordinance

In response to the questions from the Neighborhood Advisory Group, County staff reported the following:

- “Soft remand” ordinance is in effect, however, it is discretionary, not mandatory. It has been used by the Board at least once.
- Staff will follow up on the status of the Silva garage appeal
- California Transportation Commission; if there is an opening for the CAC it will be placed on the Unincorporated Services Communities website.
- Design Guidelines Task Force: there is a draft of the guidelines; the Planning Commission will contact the Committee regarding the status.
- Ordinance Review Committee (ORC): there is no staff capacity for simultaneously working on the Design Guidelines Task Force and the ORC.
- Tree Preservation Ordinance: Supervisor Miley will talk to the Planning Staff and Chris Bazar, Director of the Community Development Agency will work with Public Works regarding the ordinance.
- Lack of enforcement on cameras: There will be an update given at a future meeting
- Alcohol CUP policy: No additional review time will be granted
- The review of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance was postponed due to current dispensaries being in compliance however, it can be scheduled for a future meeting if warranted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to February 23, 2011.

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