

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker

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

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Norman Brown, resident, unincorporated area, commented on Comcast Cable. Mr. Brown stated that Comcasts' Walnut Creek customers were paying less than unincorporated area customers for the Platinum Package but were not receiving the same channels. Mr. Brown stated that San Lorenzo residents did not receive the NFL Channel and On-Demand with their Platinum Package. Mr. Brown requested assistance from the Committee.

Supervisor Lai-Bitker thanked Mr. Brown for bringing it the attention of the Committee and reported that the County has current on-going negotiations with Comcast.

Kevin Dowling spoke with Mona Palacios of the County Administrator's Office who handles the Comcast Contracts for the County. Ms. Palacios will invite the Comcast representatives to a future Unincorporated Services Committee meeting to speak about the discrepancy.

Supervisors' Comments

Supervisor Nate Miley announced that the April 25th, Unincorporated Services Committee meeting is canceled and the May meeting is rescheduled to May 9, 2007.

Supervisor Lai-Bitker announced that the demolition of the blighted building on Bockman Road is scheduled to take place.

II. REPORT ON PLANS FOR EARTH DAY

Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4, reported plans for the Earth Day Celebration in Castro Valley on April 28, 2007. . Alameda County will join the Castro Valley Sanitation District to clean up Cull Canyon Lake and Castro Valley Creek. East Bay Regional Park District will also participate in the clean up. Fliers were available to distribute throughout the community.

Questions/Discussion/Comment

Kathie Ready: Is there a reason why there will not be a clean up in San Lorenzo for Earth Day?

Supervisor Miley: Yes, two reasons; 1) The Castro Valley Sanitary District is sponsoring the Castro Valley Clean -Up for Earth Day and 2) Two years ago, residents in San Lorenzo decided to have one clean up per year, and fall was selected for the Unincorporated Area of San Lorenzo.

Lupe Serrano, Public Works Agency: The clean ups are very costly; the County has to pay overtime, trucks, supplies.

Nancy Van Huffel: The San Lorenzo, Cherryland and Ashland residents could possibly have a clean up a week after Earth Day.

Kathy Gil, Cherryland resident: The last clean up of the Cherryland area, about ten (10) people from the unincorporated area showed up for the last clean up in Cherryland.

III. REPORT ON PLANS FOR FALL CLEAN UP

Supervisor Miley reported that the Fall Clean up is scheduled for September 22, 2007. The Meek Estates will be the staging area. Clean up All unincorporated area communities will be cleaned up, except Castro Valley.

IV. REPORT ON SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE

Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker, reported that there is a need to have a Social Host ordinance, to deal with underage drinking. This ordinance will provide an opportunity for law enforcement to use this as a tool to address the problem of underage drinking. Supervisor Lai-Bitker read some statistics about underage drinking: 1) Alcohol is the leading cause of death among teenagers 2) Underage drinking is a factor in at least half of all teen auto accidents; 3) 50-65% of youth suicides involve underage drinking; 4) Alcohol is related to two-thirds of sexual assaults and rapes among teens and college students

Nancy Fenton, County Counsel, reported that she drafted the ordinance, which is modeled after an ordinance passed in Marin County. San Diego County has had a similar ordinance for one for several years; Contra Costa and Fresno Counties are in the process of drafting similar ordinances;

The primary reason for the ordinance is to assist law enforcement in regulating private parties. Some parents provide alcohol to minors at private parties because they would rather keep the control in their own house. Consequences of breaking the ordinance would result in the owner's of the residence paying a fine.

Questions/Discussion

Nancy Fenton and Captain Dale Amaral answered questions about the ordinance.

Most unincorporated area residents support the ordinance.

V. REPORT ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA

Sergeant Tom Rodriguez, Sheriff's Office, Eden Township Substation (ETS), provided the community with information on the Sheriff's Office activities in fiscal year 2006. Eden Township Substation has 128 deputies assigned, with eighty (80) deputies assigned to patrol. Sergeant Rodriguez sited several statistics from Sheriff's Office activities in 2006, including: 15, 050 citations issued; 502 - red light violations; 423 – driving over a barrier; 4569 – speeding tickets; 1,092 - failing to stop at a stop sign; 78 excessively loud music; 525 seat belt violations. The December DUI Campaign resulted in 391 DUI arrests over a sixteen (16) day period.

Questions/Discussion

Sgt. Rodriguez answered questions from the community.

Nancy Van Huffel, The San Lorenzo Village Homes Association, acknowledged that she has heard several complaints about traffic from residents and the Homes Association strongly encourages the Sheriff's Office to continue. Enforcement efforts.

Supervisor Miley announced that he will schedule traffic reports on the agenda approximately every three months.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to May 9, 2007.

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