

# San Lorenzo Creek Task Force

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting

September 20, 2007

Present: Bennett, Rau, McCoy, Beckman, Higgins, King, Warren, Peek, Taylor, Peixoto, Fields, McMillan, Lewis, and Lepore.

Absent: Vandenburg, Hanna, and Ramsey

Meeting was called to order by Sharon Gosselin, Alameda Co. Public Works, at 7:05 pm.

I. Review of 9/6/07 minutes: McCoy and Lewis were present; minutes were accepted.

II. Review of agenda: Beckman – would like to see agenda category “Group Logistics and Structure” categorized as “Organization and Support”. Gosselin – would prefer a bulleted format for future recommended agenda items.

III. Election of a Taskforce Chairperson: nominees included Ron Taylor, Chris Higgins, Rex Warren, Linda Bennett, and Bruce King. Beckman – suggested defining expectations of chair position: ability to run meetings efficiently, keep discussions moving forward and on track, and staying in touch (as necessary) with TF members prior to meetings. Gosselin – suggested setting a term limit for chair; TF agreed upon one year term by consensus. Discussion produced two final nominees: Higgins and Bennett. Vote results: Bennett as chair and Higgins as vice-chair.

IV. Proposal on support: Gosselin - reports that Planning personnel will be provided as support staff (minutes, etc).

V. Website: Gosselin – said that the Public Works website will provide a space for and link to our TF website.

VI. Boundary Creek summary: Bennett – still working on summary; provided examples of problems: enforcement issues, conflicting ordinances, safety issues, setback issues, inconclusive definitions, fire safety issues, impacts to cultural resources, etc. More to follow.

VII. Existing Ordinance – further concerns: conducted another quality circle; among concerns aired: what is the mechanism for inspection and monitoring; political restrictions that prevent county personnel from properly implementing/enforcing current ordinance; too easy to obtain variances; **lack of enforcement**; Public Wks Director – too much power in one person; not fulfilling his enforcement duties; needs an assistant to accomplish required tasks; stormwater management concerns; clarification of definitions (setbacks, etc); inconsistency in interpretation (and resulting implementation).

VIII. Workgroup: Beckman – stressed need for a workgroup to address interim or stop-gap plan for when current moratorium ends. Group was created consisting of: Beckman, Fields, Lewis, and McMillan, who will give an update/report on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for interim recommendations.

IX. Public comment: none to report.

X. Agenda items for next meeting:

- What material should go onto TF website
- Continuation of discussion of concerns for current ordinance
- Further Boundary Creek review
- Planning for: future agendas, direction for our TF, and creation of a TF workplan

XI. Announcements: suggested that announcements should be separate from public comments. Peek – suggested making “field trips” with TF to better understand “on the ground” situation. Beckman – emphasized the need to review other related ordinances for better understanding of our own. There was also discussion regarding guest speakers from other task forces to provide examples of process; Beckman – working on Berkeley contacts; Bennett – working on Santa Clara contacts.

XII. Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ken Peek