

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

6:30 p.m.

ALAMEDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Member DeGrange called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Board Members present: Connie DeGrange, Gerry Beemiller, Paul Dentinger and Mary Conant

Board Members excused: Jordan Franco

Staff present: Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Melissa Rydman, Clerk, Board of Supervisors' Office, Chris Miley, Supervisor Valle's Office, Justin Brannon, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Shawn Wilson, Supervisor Haubert's Office, Supervisor David Haubert, District 1

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Haubert thanked the Council Members and staff for attending the meeting and that he has an open door policy.

Andrew Turnbull thanked the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council for supporting the resolution for the Alameda County Coalition for Fair Redistricting and for always starting at 6:30 pm and having public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Andrew also commented that Alameda County is about to start the informational meetings on how residents can participate in redistricting/mapping process.

Community members commended the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council members for their work and that Member DeGrange and Member Beemiller have done outstanding work as the Chair and Vice-Chair and that they support the Chair and Vice-Chair being re-elected.

Kelly Abeu commented that the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council is representing the Sunol community well. Kelly also remarked that there is an event center/banquet hall in Sunol that has been categorized as barn, which is a public safety concern; as barns do not have to meet the same safety standards as public buildings.

Grant Franco, Plant Manager for Lehigh Hanson, requested that farming practices be added to the next Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council meeting agenda in accordance with Lehigh Hanson's operating permit.

Shawn Wilson, Supervisor Hubert's Office, stated that he looks forward to being a more active participant in meetings.

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3. REPORTS/UPDATES – Informational Items:

Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Justin Brannon reported that 17 calls for service were received, one was a medical emergency, a few of the calls were for recovering stolen vehicles. A couple of homeless persons have been seen in downtown Sunol.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra reported that 50 calls for service were received, the majority of the calls were for EMS, 4 fire calls were received, no physical property was lost. She requested that everyone continue to be vigilant during this draught and if any indication of fire is seen, call it in. Zone Haven was launched in Alameda County, which provides a way for citizens to find out which zone they are in in the event of an evacuation. The website is: <https://community.zonehaven.com/>

4. PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) – Informational Items:

Regional Wildfire Mitigation Monitoring Project – Rosemary Chang stated that it is a Regional Priority Plan (RPP) that is organized by Alameda County and Contra Costa County Resource Conservation Districts (RCD). RCDs are non-regulatory agencies with the mission to preserve the State's natural resources. The timeframe of the report is one year, by the end of 2021 there should be a plan that identifies and prioritizes wildland and wildfire projects. The goal of the RPP is to identify the natural resources, wildlands and habitats that need protection from wildfires. The Sunol Wildfire Action Plan was developed by Sunol FireSafe in conjunction with CalFire, which is an appendix to the Alameda County Wildfire Protection Plan (ACWPP). The difference between the RPP and the ACWPP is that the ACWPP is focused on public safety and infrastructure, the RPP is focused on the natural resource health and preservation. The people involved in the RPP are land holders, fire agencies, tribes, ranchers, farmers, utilities, County Agencies, universities, Home Owner Associations, industrial landowners, Advisory Councils, watersheds and fire safe councils.

Sunol Boundary/Mapping Project – Member Beemiller reported that the Mapping Committee has met twice, and tasked the Planning Department and District 2 staff to do fact finding about the boundaries set by the School District, Post Office and Alameda County for Sunol and which parcels are in alignment or not with the different maps to allow for a more robust discussion. The Mapping Committee hopes to meet prior to the Sunol Advisory Meeting in August and have more information to bring to the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council. Shawn Wilson, Supervisor Haubert's Office, offered to collaborate and share resources with Chris Miley, Supervisor Valle's Office.

5. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Chris Miley apologized to the Council and members of the community for over-looking an item brought forward by the Planning Department to be on the August Sunol agenda. The application for the continued use of a telecommunication facility located at 5770 Mission Road, Sunol will be presented and open to public comment at the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments on 7/29/21 from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, more information can be found at: <https://acgov.org/cda/planning/>

Chris Miley reported that he followed up on the potential for in person meetings. Chris found that the Board of Supervisors along with the County Administrator have not reopened public meetings to in-person participation, some of the factors are CalOSHA workplace and safety requirements for employees, facility capacity, determining a process for in-person and virtual meeting participation, location network capacity for in-person and virtual meetings. Decisions of the Board, based on recommendations from the County Administrator and Health Care Services Agency, on this topic are not anticipated until Fall 2021 as the focus remains on the on-going global pandemic and day-to-day operations of other safety-net services. In addition, Sunol Glenn School is not currently opening their facilities to outside use. Alternate meeting locations may need to be found if the County resumes in-person meetings prior to Sunol Glenn opening their facilities for public use.

Member Beemiller clarified that the maps for the County, School District and Post Office boundaries of Sunol were all done long ago and the three maps don't coincide. As the problem is looked at, what are the next steps in changing boundaries in a way that is satisfactory to the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council and the land owners. Chris Miley added that any change would be a public hearing with robust noticing to any of the effected property

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owners. That the committee talk about methods to make sure that those effected by the proposed changes are properly noticed and seek the input of anyone that might be impacted.

Member DeGrange commented that she received a letter from a Sunol Citizen that had been receiving paratransit rides through the City of Pleasanton. The City of Pleasanton changed their contract. Member DeGrange followed up with the City of Pleasanton, the 9 Sunolians who had been receiving rides will be allowed to continue in the paratransit program. New participants who want paratransit rides will go through the VAST, which is a Tri-Valley program where volunteers use their own cars to transport seniors.

Shawn Wilson commented that Chair DeGrange has run a fantastic meeting and thanked Chris Miley for his work with the Sunol Citizens Advisory Council and that he looks forward to participating more in the future. Shawn announced that District 1 is doing two virtual Town Halls, one on 8/18/21 regarding rental assistance and the second on 8/25/21 on water/drought management.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Motion by Member Beemiller, seconded by Member Conant to elect Member DeGrange as Chair and Member Beemiller as Vice-Chair. Motion passed with 4 Ayes, 1 Excused: Member Franco

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

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Motion to accept the Minutes of 6/16/21 by Member DeGrange, seconded by Member Beemiller. Motion passed with 4 Ayes, 1 Excused: Member Franco

8. ADJOURNED