SUNOL CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
6:30 p.m.

SUNOL GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Council Member Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members present: Connie De Grange, Jordan Franco, Nzingha Johnson, Rosemary Chang

Board Members excused: Gerry Beemiller

Staff present: Art Carerra, Public Works Agency; Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Chris Miley, Supervisor Valle’s Office; Jessica Roque, Clerk, Board of Supervisors Office; John Medlock, Public Works Agency; Johnathan Hamm, Sherriff’s Office; Supervisor Richard Valle, Board of Supervisors.

2. SWEARING-IN OF CONNIE DE GRANGE

Supervisor Valle administered Connie De Grange’s Oath of Office.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Molly Barnes provided a few updates on Sunol Glen. Angel Chang is the schools spelling bee champ for the 3rd year in a row. The annual science fair will occur soon; if interested in becoming a judge please contact the school. The traveling Sunol baseball team took 2nd place at a tournament. Molly expressed gratitude for the 3,000+ hours of volunteer services received from community members.

Jim O’Laughlin provided an update on the Sunol signage project. An outreach program will be developed to get feedback from the Community. If you are interested in helping out with the artistic part of the project, contact Tom. If interested in the structural part, contact Jim. A Community Improvement Fund proposal will be submitted for this project at a later date.

Andrew Turnbull was approached about a project called Inform Sunol, which will establish a 2-way communication system for Sunol residents. A proposal will be submitted for use of Community Improvement Fund monies. Contact Andrew if interested in being a part of the distribution list.

Community Member Denise inquired on local cultivation and dispensary sites.
4. REPORTS/UPDATES - Informational Items:
   Alameda County Sheriff’s Office – Deputy Johnathan Hamm reported that his substation received 297 calls for service last month. 36 reports were taken, 16 arrests were made and 397 citations were issued. 4 deputies took part in 15-day Driving Under the Influence (DUI) campaign during the holiday season, which resulted in over 82 DUI arrests. Mail theft can be reported to the post office or the police. The Sheriff’s non-emergency line 510-667-7721 goes directly to dispatch.

   Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra reported receiving 56 calls for service. 2 calls were fire related- 1 with no property damage and the other resulting in $5,000 property damage. The rest of the calls were for emergency related services. Bonnie stated that community members are still in dangerous territory, she would like Sunolians to take the same precautions as they would in the middle of summer.

   PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) - Informational Items:
   Sunol Septic Working Group – The group did not meet.

   Sunol Fire Safe Coalition – They are preparing for 2018 season. To report dead or dying trees, email keepsunolfiresafe@gmail.com. Requests will be added to a spreadsheet.

5. PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EFFORTS
   John Medlock, Public Works Agency, gave an overview of the maintenance activities completed in District 1. In calendar year 2017, a total of 1,400 cubic yards of illegally dumped debris was removed, 896 curb miles of street sweeping was done and 1,200 square feet of graffiti was removed. 28 cubic yards of debris are picked up weekly in Sunol from public right-of-ways.

   Mr. Medlock urged Sunolians to have a plan set in place in case of heavy rain. Important items such as water, a blanket, garbage bag, flash light and cell phone charger should be kept in vehicles. Community members should check to make sure their house’ storm drains are not clogged. To prepare culverts for rain, run a garden hose through them to make sure they are clear.

   Chris Miley stated that 46,000 pounds of debris was collected at the bulky waste event in October, 6 tons of that was recycled.

6. TRAFFIC SAFETY AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE
   Art Carrera, Public Works Agency (PWA), reported that the agency is working on implementing the quiet zone. They are currently in the process of hiring a contractor. In regards to bypass traffic issues, CALTrans is in process of finalizing the environmental document and will start the design of the traffic signal after that. A petition must be submitted with 2/3 of residents signing in support of speed humps. If other traffic issues need to be addressed, contact the PWA.
7. PROPOSAL FOR FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND
   Tom Harland withdrew his proposal to install parkour equipment in the park.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action Item
   November 15, 2017- Motioned by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Chang -
   Approved 3/1 abstained/1 excused

9. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS
   Member Chang welcomed Member De Grange.

   ADJOINED
   Motioned by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Chang -
   Approved 4/1 excused