

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

LITTLE BROWN CHURCH HALL

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Council Member Rosemary Chang called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members present: Rosemary Chang, Barry Kaminsky, Gerry Beemiller and Nzingha Johnson

Board Members Excused: Jordan Franco

Staff present: Jessica Roque, Clerk, Board of Supervisors Office; Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Brandon Dennington, Sherriff's Office; Supervisor Richard Valle, Board of Supervisors District 2; and James Gilford, Deputy Director for the Community Development Agency

2. **SWEARING-IN OF NZINGHA JOHNSON**

Supervisor Valle administered Nzingha Johnson's Oath of Office

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

Community Member Ario reported that the Sunol Event Center donated a fountain for the Sunol Business Guild to install in Sunol. Ario is working with Amber Lo, Alameda County Engineer to make sure that the fountains placement will not obstruct traffic or visibility.

4. **REPORTS/UPDATES - Informational Items:**

Alameda County Sherriff's Office – Deputy Dennington reported that a nearby stop sign has been an issue, 30-40 tickets have been written.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra reported 36 calls for service last month, 3 of which were for vehicle fires on roadways. The majority of calls were for emergency medical services. Bonnie urged community members to start working on vegetation and cutting for fire season since the weather is calming down. She also forewarned everyone about more rain possibly causing mud slides.

Sunol Business Guild – Joan Hall reported that the Sunol Business Guilds Maintenance Fund, established in November 2011, has disbursed \$1,896 since its creation. The current

balance is \$16,841. There were two large donations totaling around \$10k made in 2016 from the Business Guild's General Fund. Other smaller donations were made as well. Joan wanted to clarify that these donations came out of the Business Guild's General Fund, not the Maintenance Fund.

Rosemary thanked the Business Guild for all of their help around town.

**PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) - Informational Items:
Citizen's Traffic Committee – no report**

Niles Canyon Railway – no report

Sunol Fire Safe Coalition – Preparation has begun for the 2017 State Responsibility Area (SRA) grant, which is approximately \$56k. A community meeting will take place on Saturday, March 25th at 10am at the Little Brown Church. The topic of discussion will be the Cal Fire SRA grant process and procedures.

The date for the 3rd Sunol Clean-Up Day will be announced soon. They will try to have shredding. Sunol Fire Safe may provide chipping service as well.

Sunol may be the first city in Alameda County to be recognized as a Firewise Community. Firewise is a federal program that prepares homeowners for wildfires. There may be additional benefits for being recognized as a Firewise Community.

Community member Mark Hamilton requested better communication and coordination in regards to upholding the Kilkare Woods Association policies.

Sunol Septic Workgroup- The house on Ruth Glenn was granted variance by the Board of Supervisors.

**5. SURFACE MINING PERMIT AND RECLAMATION PLAN (SMP-32)
AMENDMENT**

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James Gilford, Deputy Director for the Community Development Agency, informed Sunol community members about an Administrative change that will have a visual impact on Sunol. His goal is to gather public input and have the comments carried forward via a staff report prior to the public hearing and consideration for approval. Bruce Steubing of Benchmark Resources provided information on temporal and height limitations and indicated there would be no changes made to the duration of the permit or the permit boundary.

6. ALAMEDA CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

[Attachment](#)

In 2015, CALTrans submitted their 1st draft EIR. CALTrans did not address the comments received, instead a revised draft was issued. The Alameda Creek Alliance would like the comments addressed. The Council Members and Sunol community members agree and are in full support of the Alameda Creek Alliance.

7. STORM PREPARATION

Member Chang advised everyone to be cautious next week, due to the inclement weather.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action Item:

February 15, 2017- Motioned by Member Kamisky, Seconded by Member Beemiller – Approved 3/1 abstained/1excused

9. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Member Kamisky announced that this Saturday, 3/18/17 from 9am to 12pm is this month's park work day, he urged community members to participate.

ADJOURNED

Adjournment motioned by Member Kaminsky, Seconded by Member Johnson
4/1excused