

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 17, 2019
6:30 p.m.

SUNOL GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MINUTES

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

Board Members present: Connie DeGrange, Gerry Beemiller, Jordan Franco and Rosemary Chang

Board Members excused: Nzingha Johnson

Staff present: Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Chris Miley, Supervisor Valle's Office; Elizabeth McElligott, Community Development Agency; Johnathan Hamm, Alameda County Sheriff's Office; Kelly Miles, Alameda County Sheriff's Office; Melissa Rydman, Clerk, Board of Supervisors Office; and Patricia Brooks, Supervisor Miley's Office

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

Jim O'Laughlin stated that he received a water quality report and that he feels that the water quality report is important information in relation to the proposed Soil Fill Ordinance.

Member Beemiller stated the Soil Fill Ordinance is on the Agricultural Advisory Committee agenda on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Public Works building at 4825 Gleason Drive in Dublin.

3. **REPORTS/UPDATES – Informational Items:**

Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Jon Hamm reported that there has been no significant action in the last month. Regarding an evacuation plan for Sunol, Deputy Hamm reported that there is no specific evacuation plan for any specific area, but they assist in emergency management as necessary. At the next meeting Deputy Hamm will provide dates for upcoming emergency preparedness classes.

Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department, added that within the Alameda County Fire Department there is a division of Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Management that focuses on response and support throughout an emergency.

A community member commented that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a good program. Lynn Kozma is the CERT coordinator for Sunol.

Commander Miles mentioned AC Prepared, a free phone application, available for both Apple and Android phones, is a good way to receive updates regarding emergency information.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra reported that Station 14 had 29 calls for service in this area, none of the calls for service were fire or property loss. The majority of calls were medical in nature. A reminder to start cutting early, don't wait until May or June when a single spark can easily start a fire.

PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) – Informational Items:

Sunol Septic Working Group - Member DeGrange reported that the group met on April 9 and continued to discuss option five of the eight options that are in the feasibility study. On March 29, 2019, the consultant and Friends of the Park walked around the Sunol Depot Gardens park to understand the layout of the park and address concerns of the Friends of the Park. A design was developed that would not impact the surface of the park. The consultant provided diagrams, which are available at https://www.acgov.org/aceh/landuse/sunol_septic.htm. The next meeting will be on May 14, 2019.

Sunol Fire Safe Coalition - Member Chang reported that the last chipping day will be on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 8 AM – Noon, in the parking lot of Sunol Glen School. Residents can drop off all chippable debris.

4. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

No comments

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY’S CANNABIS ORDINANCES TO ALLOW PERMITTED CANNABIS OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CANNABIS-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND TO ALLOW CANNABIS TESTING LABORATORIES IN THE AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT

[Attachment](#)

Elizabeth McElligott, Community Development Agency, gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the County’s cannabis ordinances. Proposed term and language amendments include changing “microbusiness” to “combined cannabis operations” (CCO) and adopting the State’s definition of “canopy” which refers to mature plants only. Proposed CCO operations would engage in at least three of the four commercial cannabis activities: retail, cultivation, distribution and manufacturing. Proposed amendments to the existing ordinance would allow current cannabis operations to continue as retail and/or cultivation sites or to expand to be a CCO, allow for outdoor cultivation of cannabis and allow testing labs in East County.

Asked the council to consider the proposed ordinance amendments and provide comments, in addition to any comments from the public, which will be reported back to the Transportation/Planning Committee once the series of public meetings is complete.

This item was treated as an informational item, no action was taken. Council and public comments and concerns regarding the proposed ordinance amendments were stated.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2019

[Attachment](#)

Edits were given to Item 3, Sunol Septic Working Group, correct the first sentence to read “...at the last meeting the eight options for the feasibility study on the treatment options of waste water were discussed.”

Item 5 to read “...cultivation of young plants that will be sold as seedlings.” and “...grow the plants to harvest the buds.”

Item 6 remarks by Member DeGrange changed text to read “...that special findings should also apply to Administrative Conditional Use permits...” and “...and that soil from areas zoned for dirty activities be excluded.”

Motioned by Member Chang, Seconded by Member Beemiller – Approved 4 Ayes, 1 Excused

7. ADJOURNED

Motioned by Member Beemiller, Seconded by Member DeGrange – Approved 4 Ayes, 1 Excused.