

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
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 DeGrange, Gerry Beemiller, Jordan Franco, Nzingha Johnson and Rosemary Chang

Staff present: Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department, Melissa Rydman, Clerk, Board of Supervisors' Office, Chris Miley, President Valle's Office, John Walsh, Alameda County Fire Department, Paul Liskey Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and Jon Hamm Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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

Community Member Henry stated that over the weekend of 5/10/19 - 5/12/19, the first of the 150th sesquicentennial events took place. The event was well attended and ran very smoothly. The next event is expected to have a major impact on the Sunol community as it is centered in Sunol. Henry is working with the County to make sure that the event also runs smoothly.

Council Member Chang added herself and fellow Council Members Johnson and DeGrange rode the train and enjoyed participating in the train's first trip to the Verona Bridge.

Molly Barnes, Sunol Glenn School, reported on the recent celebration of Earth Day. The students did a lot with recycling and messaging about being stewards of the earth. The annual Spring Fling was on 5/3/19, at Nella Terra and had a wonderful turnout. The eleventh annual Hero Day is scheduled for Friday, 5/31/19, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Mike Picard, Sunol Glen School Board, stated that a phone survey will be conducted regarding potential funding for improvements to the school.

Kelly Abrue asked about plans for a new water temple and expressed his concerns regarding the water quality of the Alameda Creek.

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

Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Jon Hamm - Reported there were no major incidents. A couple of weeks ago there was a large party at a residence that had been rented out from Air BNB. The Community Outreach Unit will be talking to the County regarding issues of Air BNB rentals in Alameda County.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra - 33 calls reported, a couple of vehicle fires and 1 vegetation fire. She advised the community to be prepared and cut early because fire season is year round.

PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) – Informational Items:

Sunol Septic Working Group - Member DeGrange reported that the meeting on 5/14/19 was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, 6/11/19.

Sunol Fire Safe Coalition – Member Chang reported that the last chipping day was 4/25/19, which produced 56 cubic yards of chipped material.

4. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Member DeGrange reported that an event to celebrate Sunol on Saturday, 10/5/19, was being organized, which will include history walks of the local landmarks that would start at approximately 1:00 pm, a picnic in the Sunol Depot Gardens to follow and a viewing of the film “Out of the Way Café”, which used a local café for many of the scenes. The film will be shown at 7:30 pm. Member DeGrange requested to have Celebrate Sunol added to the next agenda.

5. Alameda County Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation

Alameda County Fire Department Division Chief John Walsh, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office Lieutenant Paul Liskey and Mike Martin from CalFire presented information regarding Alameda County’s working plan for emergency evacuations in Sunol and surrounding areas as well as general emergency preparedness.

[Presentation 1 – Evacuation Zones](#)

[Presentation 2 – Emergency Preparedness](#)

6. Proposed Activities in Sunol during the Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll Event

Chris Miley presented information about the Niles Canyon Stroll and Roll event scheduled for Sunday, 9/22/19. Items covered in the presentation were permits and notification/outreach to the public and proposed ideas for event layout and logistics with staging areas. Chris asked for feedback regarding the current proposal for the event.

Kelly Abreu commented that a resolution was passed by the Board of Supervisors in favor of a bicycle/pedestrian trail through Niles Canyon, but it does not seem that the building of the trail is being highlighted at the event, nor is the status of the bicycle/pedestrian trail mentioned.

Chris thanked Kelly for his comments and for Kelly’s contribution to the resolution. Chris stated that the County is committed to working with partners to continue to do the Stroll and Roll to keep the effort that a safe route for bicyclists and pedestrians is needed through the canyon. The County will be issuing a request for proposal later this summer to go to the next phase of the environmental review. They are working with the City of Fremont regarding a funding plan to fund the next phase. An estimate of the total planning/environmental review cost is \$10 million. To build the trail is going to be a very long process over many years.

[Attachment](#)

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2019

Motioned by Member Chang, Seconded by Member Johnson – Approved 5 Ayes

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Motioned by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Chang - Approved 5 Ayes

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