

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Wednesday, June 19, 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, Jon Hamm, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Chris Miley, President Valle's Office,

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

Ario Ysit commented that he has some discount prescription cards available to give out.

Henry Baum reported on the Silicon Steam Festival June 8th and 9th, the event went well and the general feedback was good.

Tom Harland commented that there were 7-8 tents and a motorhome parked at the Sunol Depot Gardens, which is against the rules of the park. Tom asked how approval was received to use the park as a camp site.

Jim O'Laughlin stated that people arrived at the Sunol Depot Gardens on Thursday and departed on Monday. He was informed that the group had received approval from the County Board of Supervisors and the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council.

Chris Miley stated that the County has a license agreement with the Pacific Locomotive Association (PLA). The PLA is responsible for the property. He will work with County staff to improve the permitting and public noticing procedures.

Council Member DeGrange stated that the Friends of the Park maintain the park clean and asked if they could be included in the permit approval process.

Council Member Chang stated that it is important to make sure that the park gets inspected and cleaned as needed following the festival.

3. RECOGNITION OF CHAIR NZINGHA JOHNSON

Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Valle noted that Member Johnson was the youngest person to serve as Chair of the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council and the first African American woman to serve on the Council. He thanked Member Johnson for her work as the Chair and with the Council and presented her with a plaque signed by the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Johnson thanked President Valle for the award and remarked that she was thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Council. She hopes to see more young people getting involved in Sunol.

Member DeGrange thanked Chair Johnson for her work on the Council and extended thanks to Kim Johnson for her work with Sunol Fire Safe.

Member Chang remarked that both Chair Johnson and Kim Johnson have added to the community of Sunol and they will be missed.

Kim Johnson encouraged continued community engagement.

4. REPORTS/UPDATES – Informational Items:

Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Jon Hamm – reported that his substation received few calls for service last month and spoke about the Explore program, a school program that introduces participants to law enforcement.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra – reported that 30 calls were received by station 14. The majority of calls were for EMS, but there were 5 calls regarding fires in the Sunol area, 3 vehicle fires and 2 grass fires. She also reminded everyone to cut back vegetation and adhere to any red flag warnings, spare the air days and no burn days.

PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) – Informational Items:

Sunol Septic Working Group – Member DeGrange reported that the Group met on 6/11/19 and discussed the concept plan for Kilkare-Sunol-wide community system alternatives 6 and 7, center on the County-owned and railroad right of way lands. The Group reviewed the list of alternatives previously established to be discussed in the feasibility study, confirmed the schedule for completion of the feasibility study by the end of the summer. The next meeting is Tuesday, 7/9/19, at 6:00 pm in the Sunol Glen School cafeteria.

5. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Member DeGrange commented that at the 6/19/19 meeting evacuation and emergency plans were presented. The meeting was not well attended. A second presentation might be planned and announced more, so that people could be aware of evacuation and emergency needs are for Sunol.

Member Chang added there is a community-based grant, funded through CalFire, that requires community input and a community committee. The grant has been awarded but not received.

Member DeGrange proposed that at the August meeting be a special meeting focused on emergency preparedness and evacuation information.

Chris Miley reported that he will work with the Council regarding the special meeting in August.

6. SUNOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND – FUND BLANCE UPDATE

Attachment

Chris Miley gave an update on the balance of the Sunol Community Improvement Fund, the current balance is \$143,894.30. Chris will work with the Community Development Agency to provide more clarification/description on deposits and payments in the Sunol Community Improvement Fund account, and work to clarify pre-process and post-process activity. The account is held in trust and is separate from the County General Fund.

7. SUNOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATION – CELEBRATE SUNOL!

[Attachment 1](#)

[Attachment 2](#)

[Attachment 3](#)

Member DeGrange presented an application request for Community Funds for a Celebrate Sunol! Event. The event would include Walk and Talks to the different landmarks in Sunol, a potluck dinner and a movie at the Sunol Depot Gardens. The Walk and Talks will feature historical pictures and volunteers will talk about the landmarks. The director and two of the stars from “Out of the Way Café” will be present for the showing of the movie.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MAY 15, 2019](#)

Motion to approve by Member Johnson, Seconded by Member Beemiller- Approved 5 Ayes

9. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNED

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