

SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

SUNOL GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MINUTES

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

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

Staff present: Beth Perrill, Public Works Agency; Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department; Chris Miley, Supervisor Valle's Office; Jessica Roque, Clerk, Board of Supervisors Office; Matt Yarbrough, Alameda County Sheriff's Office; Sharon Grewal, Community Development Agency; Supervisor Richard Valle, Board of Supervisors

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

Community Member Ario inquired on when Alameda County is scheduled to clean up Kilkare Road. Council Member Nzingha spoke to a contact from the Public Works Agency who stated that they will be working on Palomares Road until the end of the month and will move on to other areas after.

Council Member Beemiller would like security cameras placed in areas where truck drivers are illegally dumping debris. Chris Miley asked for the locations of where this is happening, he will check to see if the Public Works Agency has any strategies to help resolve this issue.

Chris Miley spoke about a few upcoming events: the Stroll & Roll on September 30th, which will give the public a chance to bike or run the Canyon; the Sunol Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, October 14th from 8am – 12pm. Save the dates were sent, a detailed invitation will follow.

Community Member Tom asked if there is a system in place for allocating the monies received from the Quarry. Council Member Chang informed him that a Request for Proposal can be submitted to the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council for review and approval. Tom presented a drawing that he produced for the signage in Sunol. He estimates the cost of each post to be between \$800-900. Tom also identified a flooding issue at the park.

Community Member Jim asked for clarification on whether the quiet zone will be implemented in October.

Supervisor Valle presented Barry Kaminsky with a commendation for completing his final year on the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council.

3. REPORTS/UPDATES - Informational Items:

Alameda County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Yarbrough reported that nothing significant has happened within the last month.

Community Member Jim stated that about 6 weeks ago, around 200 motorcycles came in to town and caused disruption. He states he called the police station but they were not interested. In a separate incident, another group caused disruption in the Pacific Locomotive Association parking lot. He asked for advice on what to do when things like this occur.

Community Member Andrew is concerned about the confusion on jurisdiction.

Community members want to know who they should call, at what phone number, and what to say to get a response.

Alameda County Fire Department – Bonnie Terra reported 33 calls for service, with the majority being for emergency related services. Two calls were for fires, one of which happened at the Elliston Winery and resulted in significant dollar loss.

Mike Martin from CalFire reported great successes with the Elliston Winery fire. The water system was recently upgraded, all 3 local engines were in quarters and the fire was seen early on. Also, 11 companies from throughout Alameda County came out to assist.

PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) - Informational Items:

Sunol Septic Working Group – The group did not meet in September. The next meeting will be in October, they will be going over the data received from the water sampling done at Sinbad Creek.

Sunol Fire Safe Coalition – The Coalition is focusing on completing the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which is being funded by the Diablo Fire Safe Council. The plan will be used to gain more federal funding.

4. NILES CANYON RAILWAY TOWN HALL MEETING; FIVE YEAR REVIEW AND PLANNING DISCUSSION

[Attachment](#)

Henry Baum, President of the Pacific Locomotive Association (PLA), presented a recap of the town hall meeting that was held on September 9th. He mentioned that next year the PLA will be celebrating their 30th anniversary of running trans in the Canyon. In 2019, they will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Beth Perrill from the Alameda County Public Works Agency stated that it has been interesting having a train as a tenant of Alameda County. She stated that everyone is welcome to make comments or suggestions as in a small community, little changes make a big difference.

5. UPDATE ON ALAMEDA CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT

Member Chang shared an update given by Jack Siau of Caltrans. Jack stated that they will be conducting a geotechnical investigation, which will be completed October 15th. There will be road closures at night. 11-12 holes will be drilled, 6 inches in diameter and up to 20 feet deep. 3 of the holes will be in the secondary channel, the rest will be on land. There will be no creek incursions or tree removal. At most, there will be tree trimming in order to gain access to sites. There will be some visibility from the road.

6. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW MICROBREWERIES AND RELATED USES

Attachment

Sharon Grewal from the Planning Department announced that the County is proposing a zoning ordinance amendment to allow microbreweries in agriculture districts. The microbreweries will be permitted use, treated similar to wineries. The microbrewery related uses will be a conditional use permit that will go through the Board of Zoning Adjustments. Each microbrewery will be subject to Measure D profit limitations and have a 10 thousand barrel-limit on beer production. Currently, staff is conducting an environmental review. This amendment will go before the Planning Commission on October 16th, and then the Board of Supervisors for a first reading on November 7th, second reading on November 21st. Staff is asking for formality of committee's recommendation before moving forward.

Move to Recommend motioned by Member Beemiller, Seconded by Member Kaminsky, Approved – 5/0

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action Item

AUGUST 16, 2017- motioned by Member Chang, seconded by Member Kaminsky, Approved - 5/0

8. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Members Beemiller and Chang thanked Member Kaminsky for his 8 years of service on the Sunol Citizens' Advisory Council.

ADJOURNED

Adjournment motioned by Member Chang, seconded by Member Johnson, Approved - 5/0