Summary Minutes

Public Comment

Matt Turner announced that the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. Information is available and Census 2020 will be agendized for a future Unincorporated Services Committee meeting.

Supervisor Chan made the following announcements:

On Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 8:30a.m. IBEW and the Sheriff’s Office will host a trash pick-up. If you would like to participate, the meeting place will be the Starbucks Coffee on Hesperian Boulevard.

As a result of the Federal Shutdown 92,000 people will run out of food stamps in Alameda County at the end of February if the shutdown continues. In addition, there are over 2,000 furloughed employees that live in Alameda County, who may begin to apply for benefits during the shutdown. The Board of Supervisors will consider an allocation of up to $1 million to help the food banks. Supervisor Chan encouraged residents to contact the food bank to volunteer and or donate.

I. Recognition of Community Members for Outstanding Contributions

Supervisor Miley recognized Doris Marcil, a longtime leader and activist, unofficial historian for the Eden area, with a commendation for outstanding contributions to the unincorporated communities of Alameda County.

Supervisor Miley recognized Vincent Nuñez, a student and boy scout, for his work on Adopt-a-Street litter removal in the unincorporated community.

II. Creation of the Eden Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission

JoAnne Lauer, Co-founder and Chair of Bike/Walk Castro Valley reported on the proposed Creation of an Eden Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (EABPAC).

The EABPAC’s purpose is to involve interested community members in the Alameda County Unincorporated Area policy, planning and implementation efforts related to bicycling and walking with the goal of increasing the safety and convenience of walking and bicycling conditions in Alameda County.

The Eden Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission would represent the entire Eden area and report to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission would have the ability to approve funding proposals for smaller unincorporated areas.
The EABPAC would be comprised of seven (7) members with a term limit of two (2) years. The Commission would meet 6 times per year for approximately two hours. The Commission would be governed by the Brown Act and staffed by Public Works Agency to clerk meetings.

Next Steps

The proposed creation of an Eden Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (EABPAC) will be heard at a Transportation and Planning Committee meeting and then move to the full Board of Supervisors for approval and adoption.

Speakers

Peter Rosen stated that there is concern in the community regarding loss of parking spaces due to bike lanes, including concerns from local businesses whose customers cannot find parking.

Susie Hufstader, Bike East Bay, supports the creation of the Eden Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

Eric Mills supports the creation of the Eden Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission. Mr. Mills also stated that every year at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo, people have been instructed to park in the bike lanes on either side of the road and it is a safety hazard.

Jeff Gordon supports the creation of the Eden Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

Brian Morrison stated some of his concerns, including: Castro Valley residents have given up half of the parking on Castro Valley Boulevard, biking is not safe in the canyon lands; Bike/Ped commissions should notify community members of bike/ped plans

Nicholas Harvey supports ending transportation discrimination with bicycles and pedestrians. Safety should be the primary concerns.

Bruce Dughi, Bike/Walk Castro Valley, supports the creation of the Eden Area Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

III. Creation of the Eden Municipal Advisory Council

Matt Turner, District 4 staff, represented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the creation of the Eden Municipal Advisory Council.

The representation on the Eden MAC will include residents from the areas of San Lorenzo, Hayward Acres, Cherryland and Ashland.

Requirements to serve on the Eden MAC include:
Residency and minimum age requirement of 18 years old
Twenty (20) signatures from registered voters in the Eden area

The Eden MAC will elect its own Chair and Vice-Chair, to serve for a duration of two (2) years. The Eden MAC is proposed to meet once per month and address anything that pertains to quality of life issues/ land use and planning in its purview.

Supervisor Chan reported that the Board of Supervisors is seeking funding to support the MACs, at $75,000 per year. The funding issue will be heard at the Board of Supervisors retreat. Representation on the Eden MAC will be reviewed after every census count. There will be a 30 day notice for applicants to apply for the Council.
Speakers

Barisha Spriggs supports the creation of the Eden Municipal Advisory Council.

Renee Sutton asked what is the $75,00 to be used for. (To cover the costs of stipends, meeting space and other items needed by the MAC)

Eric Mills supports the creation of the Eden Municipal Advisory Council and would like to nominate Vincent Nuñez.

Nester Castillo supports the Eden MAC and supports a non-voting youth member on the Board.

Tyler Dragoni thanked the Committee and the EALI process and supports the creation of the Eden Municipal Advisory Council.

Keith Barros supports the creation of the Eden Municipal Advisory Council

Peter Rosen supports the creation of the Eden Municipal Advisory Council.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned to March 27, 2019.

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