Summary Minutes

Public Comment

Randy Waage thanked everyone for attending the Showtime in San Lorenzo event.

Mike Baratta asked if it was possible to have a report on the seismic study of the Sheriff’s Office building on 150th Avenue.

Supervisor’s Comments

Supervisor Nate Miley stated that the County’s General Service Agency will report on the seismic safety of the Eden Township Substation at a future meeting.

I. Alameda County Fiber Optic Network Update

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented a memorandum on the Alameda County Fiber Optic Network Update.

The Cities of San Leandro and Hayward are advancing fiber optic networks within their cities in accordance with their Fiber Optic Strategic Plans. Their focus has been on the commercial and industrial areas of the cities. Residential areas are generally not included as strategic areas for advancing fiber optic networks.

Alameda County Open Trench Policy

In 2013, the County adopted an Open Trench Policy with the intent to facilitate high speed communications in unincorporated Alameda County. The Open Trench Policy provides an important infrastructure component that is a foundation for a new high speed communication technologies that are expected to improve transportation systems, the economy and public service; while reducing costs associated with uncoordinated trenching within the right of way.

It is recommended that the Economic and Civic Development Department, Community Development Agency, undertake the development of a Countywide Strategic Plan for the unincorporated areas, to ensure that all current and future communications opportunities are compatible with current and future planned land uses.

Speakers

Randy Waage asked why not put in dark fiber with the conduit.

Daniel Woldesenbet responded that other agencies such as Oro Loma District and San Lorenzo School District have to be contacted before dark fiber is installed.
Howard Beckman stated that the County Strategic Plan is not a good idea. The County has already created infrastructure and opportunity.

Richard Hancocks stated that this will give the community an advantage in attracting businesses and this is an opportunity to make the highest possible use of the commercial corridor.

Mike Baratta stated that he supports the fiber optics opportunity and strategic plan process.

II. Ashland/Cherryland Urban Greening Master Plan

Dana Harvey, Executive Director of Mandela Marketplace, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Ashland/Cherryland Urban Greening Master Plan.

The communities of Ashland and Cherryland are located in the unincorporated area of Alameda County between the cities of San Leandro and Hayward. Community members have expressed an interest in recognizing and building upon recent urban greening efforts to formulate a cohesive vision for a greener future documented in this Urban Greening Master Plan. Urban greening describes projects that support and establish sustainability and livability, such as drought-tolerant landscaping, urban forests, open space, urban agriculture, pedestrian and bicycle facilities and renewable energy. Throughout the planning process, the communities of Ashland and Cherryland identified the urban greening priorities that matter most to them.

The goal of the Ashland Cherryland Urban Greening Plan is to improve the sustainability and livability of low income communities. The plan creates a plant palette, inventory of existing urban greening resources, and has developed an on-line GIS map in order to map future resources, and create an interactive virtual modeling tool that represents the potential of the Urban Greening Plan opportunities.

Speaker

Mike Baratta stated that this is an opportunity for Cherryland because there are large parcels for urban greening.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to June 28, 2017.

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