

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 2016

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2016
at 6:00 p.m. at the Rancho Santa Rosa Property Owners' Association Club House,
11701 East Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. **Mark Burley, Janis Gardner** and **Ruth Means** were present. **Kevin Cannon** was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ruth Means led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

Mark Burley made a motion to remove Item 9a. **Janis Gardner** made the second, and the motion passed 4/0.

4. Public Safety Reports

Ventura County Sheriff Captain John Reilly introduced himself as the new Captain at the Moorpark Sheriff's Station. Captain Reilly reported that the biggest concern is mail theft/identification theft in the area. There have been three or four identity thefts in this general area. Captain Reilly suggests clearing out mail boxes every day or making arrangements with the Post Office for securing mail boxes with a lock. A resident asked how to report a stolen package if she doesn't know when it was stolen. Captain Reilly said that she could still report it, because sometimes they find stolen property that will match up to the reported thefts. **CHP Officer Greg Musgrove** reported that collision statistics are slightly under what they were at this time last year. The night shift is keeping an eye out for the trucks coming through after 11:00 pm. **Jen Price** commented that 3-axel trucks are coming through Santa Rosa Valley from 5:00 am through the mid-morning. Officer Musgrove said he is aware of ones that go to the water treatment plant. Residents also mentioned that they see off-road vehicles on equestrian trails. Captain Reilly said to call 911 when they see such occurrences and that the property owner could put up "No Trespassing" signs.

5. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2016

Mark Burley moved to approve the minutes, **Janis Gardner** made the second, and the motion passed 4/0.

6. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Vanise Terry announced that this would be her last Santa Rosa Valley MAC meeting as Supervisor Parks' representative, and that **Damon Wing** would be the new representative. Damon Wing reported that Supervisor Parks and State Senator Fran Pavley hosted "Protecting Farms, Facilities, and Wildlife: A Symposium on Alternatives to Anticoagulant Rodenticides" at Cal State University Channel Islands on July 20th that was attended by more than 100 people. The symposium served to educate homeowners, pesticide applicators, facilities and park managers, farmers, and school districts about alternative methods of rodent control than using anticoagulants which move up the food chain and poison wildlife and pets. **Ruth Means** asked if the County could make a list of anticoagulants so that people would know if a product includes them. **Janis Gardner** asked if there is a website to which they could guide people. Damon Wing said he would get back to the MAC with website information and explained that the state has banned the sale of anticoagulant rodenticides to individuals, but commercial pest control companies could still use them. Ruth Means pointed out that some homeowners have anticoagulants stockpiled. A resident asked about that state ban on individual homeowner use and efforts to reduce the use of anticoagulants but allowance of certified applicators to still use the products. Damon Wing said that there are continuing legislative efforts to try to eliminate anticoagulant use entirely.

7. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda

Ruth Means expressed concern about wood chips being dumped along the side of the fence between Barbara Drive and Blanchard Road and asked that there be follow up on it. Ruth Means also asked if there had been any more movement regarding the increase in the number of special events that could be held. **Vanise Terry** said that there hasn't been any decision yet, but that we would let them know when it comes back to the Board of Supervisors. The MAC and residents discussed concerns about the former Tropical Paradise property's new owners having loud "family" parties. Ruth Means would like to see complaints to the Sheriff followed up and would like to see more transparency. **Mark Burley** said that there is a process for complaints with a Conditional Use Permit. **Ruth Means** and **Janis Gardner** had attended the July 13th Special MAC meeting interactive workshop for the General Plan Update and reported that there were going to be a lot of meetings where the County could get public input and comments on what the public would like to see regarding a wide range of topics such as, open space, water quality, transportation.

8. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

Lynn Brady has been involved with Santa Rosa Road cleanups of litter and dead trees. She would like to get some assistance with getting a bin for the litter and was wondering if the MAC could sponsor a cleanup day. **Mark Burley** said that under the banner of the MAC, it becomes a County liability. As individual members of the community, there could be cleanup days.

9. Advisory Items

b. MAC Recommendation, PL14-0131, Major Modification of Santa Rosa Highlands Tract 5175, 23-Lot Residential Subdivision, 13536 Pacific Breeze Drive, Camarillo

Franca Rosengren and **Brian Baca** from the Ventura County Planning Division presented information regarding a submitted application requesting a modification of Condition of Approval 7(c) of Tract Map (TM) 5175 be granted to authorize development outside of the Planning Director-approved rear building envelope on Lot 20 of TM 5175. Specifically, the applicant requests that a map amendment be approved to authorize (legalize) a 1,300 square-foot ground-mounted photovoltaic system located beyond the Planning Director rear building envelope at a distance of 25 feet from the edge of the rear building envelope of Lot 20, but still within the applicant's property. **Kate Neiswender**, representative of the property owner, provided additional information about the proposed project. MAC members expressed concerns that the solar array had been installed without a Conditional Use Permit and that there are impacts to the viewshed.

Rosemary Allison moved to continue consideration of the item until the September 15th MAC meeting provided that the homeowners provide a rendition of approved landscaping showing the 30-foot brush clearance for fire protection. The motion was seconded by **Mark Burley**. The vote was 2/2.

Ruth Means moved to deny recommendation of the project. It was seconded by **Janis Gardner**. The vote was 2/2.

Janis Gardner moved to: 1) continue consideration of the item until the Sept. 15th MAC meeting, 2) request a site visit performed by herself and in consultation with a solar expert to see if the array can be diminished so as to not interfere with the viewshed, 3) that there be additional noticing of potentially affected parties, and 4) that there be a rendition of approved landscaping with the 30-foot brush clearance for fire protection. The motion was seconded by **Mark Burley**. The motion passed 3/1.

c. MAC Recommendation, PL16-0042, Major Modification of Santa Rosa Highlands Tract 5175, 23-Lot Residential Subdivision, 13671 and 13673 Pacific Breeze Drive, Camarillo

Franca Rosengren and **Brian Baca** from the Ventura County Planning Division presented information regarding a submitted application requesting a modification of Condition of Approval 7(c) of Tract Map (TM) 5175 be granted to authorize development outside of the Planning Director-approved rear building envelope on Lots 11 and 12 of TM 5175. **Rhea Lamia**, the property owner, and her contractor, **Ross Gibson**, provided additional descriptions of the proposed project. The applicant requests that a map amendment be approved to authorize the construction of a retaining wall along the easterly and southerly slopes of Lot 11 (vacant building pad on 13671 Pacific Breeze Drive) outside of the Planning Director-approved side building envelope. The proposed retaining wall will be approximately 220 linear feet long and range from three to nine feet in height. The proposed wall would be located 16 to 40 feet outside the Planning Director-approved eastern and southern building envelope of Lot 11. With the proposed new building envelope, the development of a future single-family dwelling and residential accessory structures would be authorized.

The applicant requests that a map amendment be approved to authorize the construction of a one-story, approximately 400 square feet (sq. ft.) pool house, an approximately 400 sq. ft. bedroom/bathroom addition to the existing single-family dwelling, and to legalize (validate) an existing retaining wall located along the easterly and southerly slopes of Lot 12 (13673 Pacific Breeze Drive) outside of the Planning Director-approved side building envelope. The retaining wall is approximately 235 linear feet long and ranges in height from four to 13 feet. The wall is located 12 to 30 feet outside of the Planning Director-approved eastern and southern building envelope of Lot 12. The retaining wall supports a 15-foot tall, 2:1 gradient slope located between the subject site and the level graded pad to the east.

Motion was made by **Mark Burley** and seconded by **Janis Gardner**. It passed 3/0 with **Rosemary Allison** abstaining.

- d. **Richard Herrera** from the Ventura County Transportation Department presented a follow-up study on the Santa Rosa Road Traffic Signal Optimization Project. He reported that travel times for eastbound and westbound traffic has decreased in both the mornings and evenings, and that there were significant decreases in stopped time in both directions. There were slight increases in average speed. MAC members raised concerns that with faster speeds and less distance between platoons of cars, it is now more difficult to turn on to Santa Rosa Road from the side streets and are concerned that it is less safe. They requested a study be conducted regarding the safety of accessing Santa Rosa Road from the side streets.

Mark Burley asked about the flashing yellow left-turn arrows in Thousand Oaks. He would like to see the Transportation Department investigate if similar flashing yellow arrows would be helpful on Yucca Drive.

10. Update

a. SCE Subtransmission Line Project

There was no update to report.

b. Graffiti Removal Intervention Team (GRIT)

Mark Burley reported that members of the GRIT are in the process of re-applying for permits to enter the channels.

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. MAC Recommendation, PL14-0131, Major Modification of Santa Rosa Highlands Tract 5175, 23-Lot Residential Subdivision, 13536 Pacific Breeze Drive, Camarillo

12. Adjournment at 9:00 pm until Thursday, September 15, 2016