SANTA ROSA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Members of the Council:
Chair Rosemary Allison
Vice Chair Kevin Cannon
Michael Adams
Mark Burley
Amy Elliott

SANTA ROSA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 17, 2022

The Santa Rosa Valley MAC held a Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Online/Teleconference

1. Call to Order
Chair Rosemary Allison called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. **Vice Chair Kevin Cannon** and **MAC members Michael Adams, Mark Burley** and **Amy Elliott** were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Amy Yandell.**

3. Agenda Review
Item 14 was moved to be heard after Item 6.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2022
Mark Burley moved to approve the minutes as submitted, **Kevin Cannon** seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved 5/0.

5. Public Safety Reports
CHP Officer Ryan Ayers reported two crashes, one on Barranca Road and the other on Santa Rosa Road at East Las Posas. He said CHP has been patrolling regularly in the area and will continue to do so. He said with the recent rainy weather, he urged residents to have safety checks on cars. He said CHP is currently recruiting anyone interested in a career in law enforcement and non-uniformed positions. Lastly, he announced the annual toy drive CHiPs for Kids and said donations can be dropped off at the CHP Stations in Moorpark or Ventura, and that CHP will have a large, televised event on December 9th at the Walgreens on Ventu Park in Newbury Park all day. **Rosemary Allison** commented that debris after accidents should be removed at the time of the accident so it doesn't impact surrounding residents. **Michael Adams** asked about the speed radar and mentioned tailgating on Santa Rosa Road.
Ventura County Sheriff Senior Gregg Delarosa introduced himself as the new beat coordinator taking over for Deputy Heersche in Santa Rosa Valley.
Ventura County Sheriff Senior Deputy Dustin Heersche followed up on a package theft incident and said the resident was able to get a complete refund and the case has been closed. He said the crew responsible for the theft on Brittany Park were arrested during an in progress burglary in Thousand Oaks. He reminded residents that especially with the time change to continue security measures, including exterior lighting and alarm checks. He also mentioned an increase in thefts from vehicles at the Hill Canyon trailhead and parking lot, and discussed deputies being proactive in working on mail theft in the area. **Rosemary Allison** asked about recovering property from a burglary and what happens to foreign nationals that are arrested. **Mark Burley** asked about the larger ring of crime associated with the crews. **Mark Roddy** mentioned a transparent film that can be applied to the inside of a window or door that creates a barrier so a burglar could not enter.
CHP Sgt. Jake Ramos reported that the southbound scale on the 101 freeway will be closed for approximately two more months and is still scheduled to be opened by the first of the year. He said after that the northbound scale will close for construction for about six months. He said CHP

will deploy officers in the area and asked for specific problem areas. **Amy Elliott** said problems extend all along Santa Rosa Road, and **Jen Bell** said the cross street of Santa Rosa Road and Barbara Drive gets a lot of truck traffic and offered to be a liaison. **Vanise Terry** offered to make a connection between Ms. Bell and CHP.

6. Update from SCE Government Relations Manager Andrew Thomas

Mr. Thomas provided information on the SCE power grid and reviewed the circuits that serve Santa Rosa Valley, particularly the Zone Circuit on the western side of the community that has suffered power shut-offs (presentation attached). He discussed covered conductors to help reduce the need for shutting the power off, operational protocols and segmenting circuits, and installing additional weather stations. He said there has been a 45% reduction in customer outage time with these improvements. He discussed the undergrounding effort in Santa Rosa Valley, and said he tentatively thinks it will begin the spring of 2023. He said there is an online portal that shows what enhancements are being done in an area, has notification sign-ups, PSPS information that includes maps, customer support, and other programs at www.sce.com/wildfire Lastly, he talked about the Edison Scholars program that awards scholarship funds for students pursuing STEM fields in college. **Michael Adams** asked about how to find zones specifically in Santa Rosa Valley. **Rosemary Allison** said they would appreciate being able to look up their circuits by the name Santa Rosa Valley.

14. Farewell to Supervisor Linda Parks

Each of the MAC members offered tribute and thanks to the Supervisor for her over 20 years of service, beginning with establishing the Santa Rosa Valley MAC, and discussed her many accomplishments and dedication to helping achieve the MAC's goals. In addition, past Council members also spoke, including **Ruth Means, Mark Roddy** and **Philip Ochoa**.

7. Comments of Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks

Supervisor Parks thanked the MAC for their kind farewells and noted her appreciation for the residents and MAC for their continued interest in the well-being of the community. She then updated the MAC on getting the Board to agree to have staff look at ways to use ARPA funds for parks, and that the issue should be coming back to the Board in 2023. She said the Board also approved her agenda item to include a Temporary Rental Unit (TRU) overlay for Santa Rosa Valley on Planning Division's list for future projects, and she thanked Rosemary Allison, Warren Nelson and Theresa Parker for commenting in support at the Board meeting. She said the boundaries for the final TRU overlay can be decided when it returns to the Board. She said the Board approved a memorial rose garden at the Government Center in honor of the late Supervisor Carmen Ramirez. Lastly, she said Transportation staff will look into signage on Santa Rosa Road regarding bicycle safety.

8. Action Items

a. MAC Recommendation, Planned Development Permit, 13723 Nightsky Drive (PL22-0142)

Larry Brisley, NEXtects Architects, presented the project on Nightsky Drive on behalf of the applicants, which would include a second, detached four-car garage. He said the architectural type and height would be the same as the existing garage and it would not touch the trail nearby, nor be visible from anywhere in Santa Rosa Valley or Lexington Hills. It would be visible from a cul-de-sac in Moorpark, but they plan to mask it with evergreen trees. He said they are in the process of getting HOA approval as well.

Jennifer Trunk, Planning Division, provided an aerial view of the site location and the proposed plans. She discussed the square footage and internal access to the garage.

Mark Burley moved to recommend approval of the project subject to written approval provided to the Planning Division by the Lexington Hills HOA and/or Architectural Committee. **Rosemary Allison** seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

b. MAC Recommendation to the County Parks Department to Consider a Proposal of Partnership with the Stepping Stone Riding Program

Mark Burley presented a proposal from the Stepping Stone Riding Program to set up their program at the Santa Rosa Valley Park and use the equestrian facilities. He said it would be a good fit for the park and an opportunity to support a worthy program in the community. He said Stepping Stones would help with the upkeep and maintenance of the park's equestrian facilities and provide monthly revenue for the park. He discussed the letter provided by Amy Yandell, Stepping Stone Riding Program President, and said the details of use could be worked out between the Parks Department and Stepping Stones. He mentioned questions that might come up include manure removal, fly mitigation, hay storage, and ensuring safety for public and children using the program. **Kevin Cannon** confirmed that the horses would be kept at the park on the 3-acre portion to be leased and asked who would provide security. **Rosemary Allison** asked how it might conflict with the fly fishing project and whether it would limit public use of the arena. **Mr. Burley** said they would likely be in different areas of the park and there could be a booking system for the arena, but that would be part of the discussion with the Parks Department. **Amy Elliott** wanted to ensure the public is able to continue use of the park. **Supervisor Parks** mentioned a concern for water quality and nitrate loading, so the program would have to have a vigorous manure removal program. **Mr. Cannon** mentioned the model of RideOn with Conejo Recreation Parks District and said the Resource Conservation District does formal manure management plans, which could help on that issue. He also said RideOn has a set schedule for arena usage, which would help with continuing public use.
Mark Burley moved to make a strong recommendation that the General Services Agency (GSA) and County Parks Department negotiate and create a contract with the Stepping Stones Riding Program to rent approximately three acres of land at the Santa Rosa Valley Regional Park, and have access to the park's equestrian facilities, and that as GSA and the Parks Department evaluate the details of the proposal, they consider waste and manure management as well as any potential impacts on water quality, and ensure that public use of the park remains intact. **Rosemary Allison** seconded the motion, and it was approved 5/0.

c. MAC Consideration of a Dark Sky Overlay in Santa Rosa Valley
Michael Adams said there are several ways to approach a possible Dark Sky overlay, which can be tailored to the needs of Santa Rosa Valley. He said at this point the MAC needs more input from the community to understand what goals they would want to meet with the overlay. He said the community survey showed 40% that were interested in an overlay, 20% not interested, and 40% not sure, so there could be more education needed about what the overlay is and what they would want it to look like. **Mark Burley** mentioned current the crime statistics noted by law enforcement, especially backing up to open space, and asked what other rules exist in the County that control lighting. **Rosemary Allison** said she could not support it, particularly with recent burglaries happening, and discussed residents that have invested in security and landscape lighting. **Kevin Cannon** said he would prefer to see what the custom version of the overlay would be before supporting it. **Supervisor Parks** said Santa Rosa Valley has certain portions that are in the Wildlife Corridor with lighting restrictions though motion detectors for security are allowed. **Mr. Adams** said he sees light glare from other houses into neighboring houses and feels that could be addressed in the overlay. He also commented on a study of the impact of lighting on crime and that motion activated lighting is more effective. **Mr. Burley** suggested having those interested in an overlay research it further and provide information and recommendations.
Mark Roddy commented on lights from filming disturbing residents at 3:00am in his neighborhood and the County's permitting process. He also commented that security cameras do operate in the dark to provide visualization of criminals.
Jay Rubenstein expressed his opposition to adding a Dark Sky overlay in Santa Rosa Valley due to security issues, or should be handled by individual HOAs. He said the community does not need more regulations.
Jen Bell said she is in favor of a Dark Sky overlay to preserve the rural environment. She said there are alternatives to ensure security and she is in support of the Wildlife Corridor.
Sharon Wood commented that there could be a happy medium between ornamental and security lighting as a deterrent for crime.

Louise Roberts said she enjoys living in Santa Rosa Valley's rural feel and says motion lights are useful. She said she has a neighbor that has lights on all the time that light up her house. She volunteered to be involved in any further efforts.
Rosemary Allison suggested that residents could work together on a committee to further research this issue and any interested residents can contact Vanise Terry.
Supervisor Parks said the place to start would be to find out what requirements are already in place in Ventura County regarding lighting. She said to get the overlay in place there would need to be a lot of support from the community.

9. Information Items
a. Presentation on Firewise Communities
Kevin Cannon presented information on Firewise Communities, including an overview of the program, benefits to communities, and potential insurance discounts (presentation attached). He discussed how to become a Firewise USA Community from forming a board, establishing the boundaries, completing a wildfire risk assessment, developing a 3-year action plan, creating community outreach programs and events, documenting all the actions, and maintaining certification. He also provided useful websites with information on the National Fire Protection Association, Ventura Regional Fire Safe Council, and Fire Aside. He said he will eventually schedule a kick-off meeting with volunteers. **Rosemary Allison** commended Mr. Cannon's research and expressed support for this endeavor. She said she would assist with getting volunteers from the community. **Michael Adams** commented on discounts available through the program. **Mark Burley** asked about the process for being accepted as a Firewise Community. **Mr. Cannon** said there are several ways to log activity hours needed and he would be looking into the requirements further. He is also in contact with the Firewise Regional Coordinator for guidance and the national organization would ultimately provide the recognition.

b. Residential Treatment Centers in Santa Rosa Valley
Information was provided regarding the State laws that govern residential treatment centers. It will be available to the public at www.ventura.org/santarosavalleymac under Community Information.

10. Council Comments on Issues Not on the Agenda
Mark Burley commented that he has received questions from residents about when the trail will re-open through the recently removed debris basin. He said since there is litigation involving the County, homeowner, and HOA, it is not yet settled and he hopes it will reopen soon as children like to use that trail to safely cross to/from the school.
Kevin Cannon mentioned that the vegetation in the channel by that basin was the County's responsibility for the first two years, but it doesn't look like it's being maintained.
Michael Adams thanked Public Works for repairing the roadway on East Las Posas, and they are also working on replacing the lens on the lighted sign at Yucca Drive.

11. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
Homan Simon discussed issues regarding his home on Presilla Drive that some residents have referred to as a "party house" but he said that is not the case. He requested to present his information to the MAC and that he would like to work with the MAC and community moving forward. **Rosemary Allison** said all members of the public are welcome to speak at public comments and the MAC is an advisory body.

12. Written Communications
There were no written communications.

13. Future Agenda Items
There were no agenda items noted at this time.

14. Adjournment at 9:37 pm.
The meeting was closed in honor of Supervisor Linda Parks for her many years of service to the Santa Rosa Valley community.

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