

# **SUNOL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018  
6:30 p.m.**

## **SUNOL GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Council Member Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Board Members present:** Connie De Grange, Gerry Beemiller, Jordan Franco, Nzingha Johnson, and Rosemary Chang

**Staff present:** Elizabeth McElligott, Community Development Agency; Gabriela Christy, Supervisor Valle's Office; Jessica Roque, Clerk, Board of Supervisors' Office; Johnathan Hamm, Sherriff's Office; Kelly Miles, Sheriff's Office; Patricia Brooks, Supervisor Miley's Office; Raymond Lara, Office of the County Counsel; Rodrigo Orduna, Community Development Agency.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A community member inquired why the Pacific Locomotive Association has placed locked gates on their parking lot.

A community member expressed concerns about cannabis causing property values to decrease and crime to rise.

2. **REPORTS/UPDATES - Informational Items:**

**Alameda County Sheriff's Office** – Deputy Hamm reported that in response to complaints of street racing on Niles Canyon during weekend nights, staged police have been citing individuals.

Two people have been taken into custody for the murder of a Livermore woman.

**Alameda County Fire Department** – No one present to report.

#### **PROGRESS REPORTS (AS NECESSARY) - Informational Items:**

**Sunol Septic Working Group** – Council Member De Grange reported that the group did not meet this month.

**Sunol Fire Safe Coalition** – Council Member Chang announced that a chipping day is scheduled for Sunday, March 11 from 9am to 3pm. It will be held at Sunol Glen Elementary. Contractors will be picking up the debris collected the following day. Volunteers are needed, if interested contact Rosemary at [rechang@comcast.net](mailto:rechang@comcast.net).

**3. PROPOSAL FOR INFORM SUNOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATION**

Andrew Turnbull gave an overview of Inform Sunol – a proposed project that he collaboratively put together with Jim O’Laughlin and Shirley Kaminsky. The projects goal is to ensure that community members are informed about relevant community issues while giving them the opportunity to give feedback and provide opinions. The project will utilize Constant Contact and Survey Monkey for data collection and analysis. The Inform Sunol proposal asks for 3-month budget funding. After 3 months, a survey will be sent out asking how much community members are willing to pay for Inform Sunol.

**4. CANNABIS DISPENSARY AND CULTIVATION POLICY UPDATE**

Elizabeth McElligott and Rodrigo Orduna from the Planning Department presently summarized cannabis policies and address concerns. The Board of Supervisors adopted cannabis cultivation and dispensary Ordinances in September of 2017 that allow 4 permits for cultivation sites and 2 permits for dispensary sites in unincorporated East County. 10 cultivation applications and 5 dispensary applications were received and evaluated by the Selection Committee, made up of County staff from various departments. The applications that scored the highest were approved; this includes a cultivation site on Mission Road and a dispensary site on Andrade Road. There is currently an appeal in place for the Andrade dispensary, the Board of Supervisors will be hearing the appeal on February 27th at 1pm in the Board Chambers. Each facility will need to have 2 permits before operating. In addition to the first permit, a conditional use permit which considers site specific factors like an environmental review, must also be obtained. The conditional use permit process will take several months and the environmental analysis produced will be made public. At their January 2018 meeting, the Board of Supervisors requested that the Ordinances be amended to include adult use, change the language from medical to medicinal and dispensary to retailer, drop the pilot status and allow an additional 4 cultivation sites in unincorporated East County. More information can be found on the planning website at [acgov.org/cda/planning](http://acgov.org/cda/planning).

**5. BROWN ACT TRAINING**

Raymond Lara, Office of the County Counsel, conducted Brown Act Training.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action Item**

January 17, 2018- Motioned by Member Chang, Seconded by Member Johnson, Approved 4/1 abstained

**7. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNED**

Adjournment motioned by Member Chang, Seconded by Member De Grange 5/0