

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

Location: Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Avenue
Castro Valley, CA 94546

Summary Minutes

Public Comment

Aaron Freitas, President, San Lorenzo Education Foundation, will be hosting a community town hall on May 31, 2019, to engage the community to bring and encourage more growth and a better learning environment for students in San Lorenzo. Fliers were made available for more information.

Tyler Dragoni, Ashland resident, urged the Unincorporated Services Committee to not delay the approval process for the Eden MAC.

Barisha Spriggs, Ashland resident, stated that community members of Ashland, Cherryland and Hayward Acres and San Lorenzo are concerned about the potential delay of the approval process for the Eden MAC. She asked that there be no delay and continue as scheduled so that the MAC may be seated in October 2019.

Laura Rodriguez, President, Padres Unidos, is concerned about delaying the Eden MAC, and urges the County to finish reports to proceed with the approval of the Eden MAC.

Renee Sutton asked what criteria will be used to select candidates and what qualifications are desired; professionals or residents in the area. Ms. Sutton requests a transparent approval process.

Peter Rosen, Castro Valley resident, concerned about the development of properties on the West End of Grove Way, owned by CalTrans. An area called Ruby Meadows, a spot along the creek is proposed to be developed for 140 townhouses; the property should be open space.

Diane Wydler, San Lorenzo resident, urge the Committee to not delay the seating of the Eden MAC, there are no official lines of communication, for San Lorenzo residents with the County and this would be a start.

Dr. Ann Maris, spoke about the CalTrans properties, and stated that the proposed development of Ruby Meadows does not take into account biological significance; educational community benefits;

Keith Barros, San Lorenzo resident, support Eden MAC,

Supervisors' Comments

Eden MAC hope to get to the Transportation & Planning Committee - the report is not complete, we don't want the report to be insufficient or inaccurate – Eden MAC is a priority

Land Use matters – goes through the process of MAC, Board of Zoning Adjustments and the Planning Commission - Supervisor Miley will weigh in at the Board of Supervisors level

Appointments to Eden MAC, appoint people who have the ability to serve and represent a diversity of opinions and who have the time to serve;

Supervisor Chan – Thursday May 30th 5:30pm Public Works, Sheriff’s Office, discuss some issues
In terms of the MAC the government is slow, community has been patient and it has been a slow process

I. Adopt-a-Spot Commendation for Carl Owens of Keep Castro Valley Beautiful

Supervisor Miley and Supervisor Chan recognized and presented a commendation to Carl Owens of Keep Castro Valley Beautiful for his outstanding contribution and dedication to Castro Valley. Mr. Owens stated that in a couple of hours a person can make an impact on cleaning up the streets.

II. Proposition 68 Grant Update for Park Projects in Ashland and Cherryland presentation on new parks in Ashland and Cherryland

Eileen Dalton, Director of Economic & Civic Development, Captain Marty Neideffer, Sheriff’s Office, Brian Lachko, Hayward Area Parks and Recreation District (HARD) and Philip Vitale, Trust for Public Land (TPL) presented a PowerPoint presentation the Proposition 68 Grant Update for Park Projects in Ashland and Cherryland.

The proposed Ashland Common park/plaza, located at 16640 East 14th Street, is a unique opportunity to serve the Ashland community’s need for more open space and parks. Working together, the Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD), The Sheriff’s Office and the Trust for Public Land are partnering with the community to plan an urban park/plaza that will meet several critical goals, including creating economic development opportunities through “pop-up” marketplace space and provide space for outdoor events and live entertainment. To ensure the park/plaza design reflects the community’s need and vision, HARD will host five (5) public meetings in May and June.

In July, The Economic & Civic Development department plans to seek Board of Supervisor’s approval of a non-binding Letter of Intent to convey the property for the park project.

III. Presentation on Second-hand Smoke in Multi-Unit Housing

Mia LaBron, Bay Area Strength through Activism and Elsa Casanova, La Familia, presented information on the dangers of second-hand smoke in multi-unit housing.

Exposure to second hand smoke is a known health hazard. Tobacco smoke exposure heightens the risk of cancer, heart, and respiratory illnesses, and exacerbates existing chronic diseases and conditions, such as COPD and asthma. Cannabis smoke contains many of the same toxic components and carries similar risk factors.

Not all jurisdictions have smoke free clauses. An ordinance would make a smoke-free clause legal and enforceable. If approached, landlords might be happy to work with tenants to resolve issues of second hand smoke in multi-unit housing.

Supervisor Miley and Supervisor Chan directed County Counsel to work with the Community Development Agency to draft an ordinance for smoke free multi-unit housing in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to June 26, 2019.

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