

Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council February 1, 2017

Meeting called to order in the Cayucos School by President John Carsel - 7:00PM
approx. 60 in public attendance.

Present: John Carsel, Carol Baptiste, Arley Robinson, Paul Choucalas, Dave Dabritz, Glenn Oekler, Lynn Schoenauer, Francie Farinet, Roland Hutchinson, Marie Jaqua, Steve Beightler, DeAnne Harland, Greg Bettencourt and Gil Igleheart.
Bill Shea was absent and excused.

Minutes :

Francie Farinet: I object to being marked absent. I was here and then I left.
Glenn Oekler moves to approve the corrected minutes of January 4, 2017. Dave Dabritz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Roland Hutchinson: We had a beginning balance of \$1,189.95. A check for \$75.00 was paid to the Lions Club for rent. The ending balance is \$1,114.95.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

John Carsel: Thank you to Cayucos School for hosting us. Applications for the council need to be in by the end of this meeting. If you have questions about a precinct, please talk with Steve Beightler.

Public Comments; use the microphone, state name and residence, 3 minute limit.

Kerry Friend, E St.: I was the one who questioned the boundaries. I have always voted in precinct 7 and now I am told that I am in precinct 6. It has been confusing.

John Carsel: The League of Women Voters will be running the election. They will have the voters registration records to verify residences and precincts.

Kyle Chambers, Cal Poly Triathlon: One leg of the triathlon will be to swim around the Cayucos pier. We have delivered letters to people who live along the bicycling route and to the businesses. The triathlon will be on March 26, Sunday at 7:30 AM. There will be between 400 and 500 people participating.

Mark Walton: We have been working with this group from Cal Poly to help to form a rescue group.

Breck Smith: Will you be having people in the Vet's Hall parking lot?

Kyle Chambers: Yes.

Mike Foster, Ash St.: We send \$1.4 Million in tax revenue to Coast Union High School. They educate eight of our kids. That is \$175,000 per kid. Forty-two of our kids go to SLO Coastal High School. Six to ten of them go to Mission College Prep or other. They have to get an inter-district transfer to go to Morro Bay High School.

Cindy Walton, 5th St.: Someone was going to follow up on the parking stripes on Front St.. All of the driftwood on the beach needs to be cleaned up by Easter.

Gil Igleheart: I called John Negranti.

Greg Bettencourt: The Board members of the Cayucos Land Conservancy are engaged in negotiations with Chevron regarding the property between Cayucos and Morro Bay. The Public Land Trust purchased the Estero Bluffs from a developer and turned it over to State Parks. Another partner in the negotiations is the SLO Land Conservancy. They recently purchased the Pismo Preserve. We are pleased to have them both as partners in this project. It is approximately 3,000 acres. Two parcels were sold to the Cayucos Sanitary District. Chevron and the conservation partners are all willing buyers and sellers. The Cayucos Land Conservancy, the Public Land Trust and the SLO Land Conservancy goals are to maintain community separation between Morro Bay and Cayucos, a dog friendly beach and a trail between Morro Bay and Cayucos.

Carol Baptiste: How do the three conservation agencies feel about the proposal for a 24 ft. wide bicycle road with three span bridges on the West side of Highway 1?

Greg Bettencourt: We don't know yet.

Dave Dabritz: Will the land be deeded to the State?

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Greg Bettencourt: It is so speculative at this point, it is difficult to answer these questions. It is 3,000 acres with multiple parcels.

John Carsel: What can the community do to assist with this?

Greg Bettencourt: We have 380 families in Cayucos that belong to the Cayucos Land Conservancy. We would love to have everyone in town belong to the Cayucos Land Conservancy. We will need to come up with some of the monies. Most of the money will come from conservation easements and other preservation funding. If you are interested in preserving a view shed around Cayucos, please contact the Cayucos Land Conservancy.

Council Member Comments:

Francie Farinet: I want to clarify that the fact that I left early is not the reason that you didn't have a quorum. Eight other people were absent. Someone asked if the street sweeper money could go to fixing potholes instead. The day before Easter has been the dog Easter bonnet parade. The Lionesses have decided to have a flash mob dog event at the pier instead. If you would like to keep the Easter bonnet parade for dogs to continue, please call me.

Paul Choucalas: At the Land Use Committee meeting we had some concerns about a property excavation on Cerro Gordo. There has been a large excavation for a new home into the steep hillside. It has not been shored up for stability.

Terry Wahler: After you brought up the excavation on Cerro Gordo, I drove by there and I talked with building officials and I talked with John MacDonald, the architect. They are implementing the procedures that were recommended, it is in the works.

Paul Choucalas: Was there a shoring plan in the building plans?

Terry Wahler: I'm not sure. The appropriate people have been contacted.

Paul Choucalas: If that slides more, it could take out the houses below it on Hacienda. Who is liable for that?

John Carsel: Paul brought this up and we contacted the Planning Department. They told us that this site on Cerro Gordo did not need shoring because it was all rock and it did not need shoring. My concern is that we were assured it was okay before the slide. Is anything taking place at the Planning Department to inform the people who are making these decisions that they were totally incorrect with their call regarding this property?

Terry Wahler: John Hanner is a local engineer and geologist. I'm not sure what you mean by "shoring".

Paul Choucalas: I just built a house down the street from the Cerro Gordo site and I had to put 28 foot "I" beams down before I could do anything.

Terry Wahler: That is an OSHA thing, right?

Paul Choucalas: No, it was a Planning Department thing. We had to put steel shoring, then the retaining wall, and then pull out the steel shoring. I had to have the steel in place before I could do any excavating. The cut on Cerro Gordo is about forty feet high. When you pull a plan, you are supposed to have a shoring plan before you get the permit.

Cayucos Fire Department - Mark Walton, Public Information Officer.

Mark Walton: In December we had 32 calls. There were 3 mutual aide, 1 surf rescue, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 hazardous condition (downed power line), 9 other public service such as people burning wood on the beach. There were multiple other service calls and 2 false alarms. In 2016 there were a total of 412 calls. In January there were 41 calls, 20 medical aide, 6 hazardous conditions, 8 public service assist, 1 lock out, 2 mutual aide calls, 1 false alarm call, 2 flood assist and 1 tree removal. Our next meeting is tomorrow at the Fire Department.

Public Agencies

County Sheriff- Commander James Taylor

Commander Taylor: We had 135 calls. There were 19 traffic, 2 pedestrian, 1 audible alarm, 8 disturbing the peace, 2 burglaries. One burglary was on the 19th, a window of the SmokeHouse was smashed out

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and one at Happy Go Smile. We had a sexual assault on the 17th and one on the 19th which were not related, 4 arrests of which one was a methamphetamine case and three were warrants.

CHP - Sergeant John Johnson

Sergeant Johnson: There were no calls of note for your area last month. Another storm is on the way. The unstable hillsides around here are hazardous during storms.

Public Comment: At 13th and Ocean Ave., bicyclists keep running the stop sign.

Francie Farinet: Speeding on Ocean Ave. either going on or off the Highway is an issue.

Sergeant Johnson: Is there a certain time frame?

Francie Farinet: On the weekends.

Steve Beightler: Primarily between 5:30 and 7:30 in the evening. They see the freeway and they speed up.

Francie Farinet: From 3rd St. on they just go for it.

Lynn Schoenauer: To go back to golf carts, I see children driving them.

Sergeant Johnson: The cart has to be registered but I don't think the driver has to be licensed. I'll check into this.

Mark Walton: I saw you on TV at Cal Poly. Here is a shout out to CHP for the signs on Highway 46 saying no trucks on Old Creek Rd. We have had two big rigs get stuck in the last two weeks. There is a 30 ft. length restriction.

Paul Choucalas: The old navigation systems show Old Creek Rd. as a short cut.

Parks - Nick Franco

No report.

Co. Planning - Terry Wahler

Terry Wahler: The DiCicco agent wants to move forward with the Del Mar Hotel plans and the Coastal Commission hearing regarding that hotel. There is not a tentative date as yet. The Coastal Commission has not seen the revision. More on that later. At the Coastal Commission hearing in Ventura between the 8th and the 10th the E St. project proposed by Dan Lloyd will be heard. With regard to Gilbert Avenue, Keith Miller is the manager for the EIR. In January there was an EIR kick off meeting when Planning and the applicant were discussing the EIR. The initial study will be done by SWCA Environmental Consultants, South Pasadena, Ca. There will be a notice of preparation in March. The CCAC will receive a notice of the scoping meeting for later in March. We will confirm the date of the scoping meeting. Regarding the one lot proposal on Gilbert, the Dettmer project, Randy Dettmer has requested to withdraw his application.

Carol Baptiste: Are there any indications why he withdrew his application?

Terry Wahler: He has concerns about the bigger Gilbert project and will wait to see how that goes.

Marie Jaqua: At the land use committee meeting it was indicated that the CCAC may not be in favor of approving a lot before the EIR. for the bigger Gilbert project.

Co. Public Works - Dave Flynn

Robert Mahrt: Regarding the Cayucos Vet's Hall, we have selected an architect and an engineer. We are going before the Board of Supervisors on March 7th and we are shifting from a maintenance project to historical. It meets four out of four qualifications to be Historical. That limits what we can do. It will be more extensive than a normal project. Funding is an issue. The bulk of the cost will be in the rebuild.

John Carsel: Is there a glimmer of hope that it could be shored up to be used?

Robert Mahrt: We are discussing that.

Bruce Gibson: The final historical designation has not been made yet. The upshot is that the historical aspects are what it is made of and how it relates to the Cass House and other buildings. If it's historical, it must be rebuilt in place and has potential to attract funding.

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Greg Bettencourt: At what point in history are they using to qualify? The historical information should be coming from all viable sources. Every historian has their prejudices and a snap shot of the bigger picture. The Vet's Hall has been used as a social venue for sixty years.

Robert Mahrt: We have to lift it up out of the 15 ft. flood plane. The flood plane is 15 feet and the Vet's Hall is at 15 feet.

Cayucos Sanitary District - Robert Enns.

Robert Enns: Our next meeting will be here at the school on February 9th, a week from tomorrow. We'll introduce our construction team and projected costs along with rate increases to cover the costs.

Chamber of Commerce - Bill Shea

No report.

Cayucos Schools - Terry Throop

Terry Throop: Welcome to the school! On the 23rd and 24th there will be a performance of Peter Pan. Cayucos Flag Day will be celebrated on February 24th. At the last Cayucos School Board meeting we had a discussion about High School options. It is clear to us that the primary purpose is to educate the elementary school kids. The meeting starts at 6:00.

County Supervisor - Bruce Gibson

Supervisor Gibson: With regard to cleaning up the driftwood and seaweed, give me a call if we run into an issue.

Mark Walton: There is a local gentleman who brings his tractor down.

Bruce Gibson: The Board of Supervisors has no authority over the Superintendent of Schools. Regarding the beach accesses, it is a bigger project than it looks. It is about \$250,000 per access for repair. The Coastal Conservancy may fund a chunk. We may see some progress soon. With regard to the Marine Sanctuary off our coastline, I have supported this. It has been nominated to NOAA. Supervisor Arnold asked that it be agendized setting it up for her opposition. There was a tremendous amount of public support. Ms. Arnold had staff set up a recommendation in opposition. They were to acknowledge the benefits of the sanctuary including protection from off shore drilling. She refused to take this into consideration. It is on the consent agenda for 9:00AM next Tuesday, February 7.

Francie Farinet: Who would we talk with about the street sweeper?

Bruce Gibson: Public Works is in charge of the street sweeper.

Public Comment: What are the other counties saying about the Marine Sanctuary?

Bruce Gibson: Santa Barbara is the other county that is involved. I don't think their Board has taken a position on this.

Paul Choucalas: The Board of Supervisors makes a decision regarding the Marine Sanctuary?

Bruce Gibson: We make a recommendation.

Paul Choucalas: Oh, so you are like we are to you.

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Committee Reports

Land Use - Marie Jaqua

Marie Jaqua: We had a project that was an MUP for sewer property parcels on Toro Creek Rd. The Cayucos Sewer project is going very well and is moving quickly. Everything will be discussed at the Sanitary District meeting on February 9th. I would like a motion to support the Sanitary District.

Steve Beightler: I would like to make a motion to support the Sanitary District and their purchase of the parcels on Toro Creek Rd.

Gil Igleheart and Dave Dabritz: I second the motion.

Gil Igleheart: We are lucky to have Robert Enns and Rick Coons. We are way ahead of Morro Bay. The motion carries unanimously.

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Public Safety - DeAnne Harland

No report.

Recreational planning - Greg Bettencourt

No report.

Utilities: Dave Dabritz

Dave Dabritz: The water level is up at Whale Rock reservoir. I've looked at all of the beach accesses. At 2nd and 3rd Streets we need repairs. Would they have to be ADA?

Carol Baptiste: I looked up Whale Rock reservoir and it has gone from 17% of capacity to 52%.

Community Design - Carol Chubb

John Carsel: Carol Chubb has resigned from the CCAC.

CSA 10-A - Arley Robinson

No report.

By-Laws - Arley Robinson

No report.

Vacation Rentals - Cheryl Conway

John Carsel: The vacation rentals committee wanted clarification of what their charge was. What do we do about the Coastal Commission granting waivers. Are we going to be just a town of vacation rentals? I hope the vacation rental committee is well balanced. Enforcement is an issue. Vacation rental by owner and how do you enforce that. Vacation rental by manager and how do the neighbors know who to call. We heard from Bruce that the County is employing an agency to investigate vacation rentals. It is going to take some time to carry some meaning and to get the statistics.

Francie Farinet: It takes a long time to re-write an ordinance. Shouldn't we be focused on enforcing the existing ordinance?

John Carsel: No. Marie spent an entire day sitting at the Coastal Commission hearing to hear them grant a waiver.

Marie Jaqua: There were several times that Coastal Commissioners brought up vacation rentals. Part of it is maintaining the character of the town. I did sit through the Coastal Commission hearing all day in Ukiah. It states clearly in the Estero Bay Plan that the character of this as a residential community takes precedence. Cayucos, Cambria and Avila Beach are the ones covered by the Estero Plan.

Lynn Schoenauer: I happened to be on the CCAC not when the vacation rental ordinance was written but when it was first reviewed. It was supposed to be reviewed every two years.

Terry Wahler: We can do it as Cayucos separately.

Toni LaGras: Noise, parking, etc. The County has been doing a poor job of enforcing the existing ordinance. The County is under contract with a Coastal Compliance that is supposed to shut down illegal rentals. I don't see a point in re-writing anything if the County isn't going to enforce it.

Cheryl Conway: I don't want to litigate this whole thing tonight. Our next meeting is February 15th at the library. We welcome public input. The Coast Compliance did identify 22 illegal vacation rentals in Templeton.

Glenn Oekler: Coast Compliance has a contract to take over enforcing the ordinance. Monitoring, enforcement and a public hot line. At this point they have ID'd a bunch in the County that have been operating. The County is checking to see which are licensed and which are not.

Marie Jaqua: There are steps being taken to track down the illegal rentals. The vacation rental committee should be looking at keeping the character of the community.

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Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A. 3340 Gilbert Avenue, Dettmer Building Project Proposal.
The Dettmer application has been withdrawn.

B. Payment to the League of Women Voters for the CCAC election.

Steve Beightler: I propose that we engage the League of Women Voters at \$60 per hour for the CCAC election up to \$350. We supply them with the voter registration.

Paul Choucalas: I move that we approve the funds needed to pay the League of Women Voters.

Francie Farinet: I second the motion.

The motion is approved unanimously.

Good of the Order:

John Carsel: Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting of the CCAC will be March 1, 2017 at the Cayucos School.

Set up and refreshments will be precincts 3 & 4.

The next Land Use Committee meeting will be March 29, 2017.

John Carsel: Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Baptiste February 27, 2017