

Meeting called to order by President John Carsel - 7:05 PM

approx. 15 in public attendance

**Present:** John Carsel, Carol Baptiste, Arley Robinson, Paul Choucalas, Jim Christiansen, Roland Hutchinson, Margaret Ambrosavage, Steve Beightler, DeAnn Harland, Marie Jaqua, Greg Bettencourt, Larry Fishman and Clay Selkirk.

Bill Shea, Cyndi Malmen and Christopher Pope were absent and excused.

**Minutes** (See Page 2. under Public Comments)

**Treasurer's Report:** balance \$1,19437 .

**Announcements:**

John Carsel: Supervisor Patterson is calling for a temporary suspension of wireless smartmeters. This has been referred to the Utilities Committee to report to us next month. I received an email from Judy Vick last night that on March 1, Monterey City Council unanimously voted that PG&E halt installation of smart meters.

Regarding the CCAC election, on Monday, February 18th in the SLO Tribune, Judy Salamacha's article included information about the CCAC election.

An anti-graffiti ordinance will not be addressed this month but more likely next month.

**Correspondence:**

Nothing.

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

John Winthrop, 18th St.: I have lived in Cayucos for 25 years. I was on the CCAC 20 yrs. ago. There has been a systematic removal of trees. A tree was removed on February 24th on my street. The tree was a landmark. The residents on my street are upset. I called Supervisor Gibson's office. The tree was in front of 1736 Pacific Ave.. It was taken down by the neighbor who built a big house. The tree dropped pine needles on his deck plugging a drain. No one was notified. I think this body should have something to say about removal of trees of this size. There are no trees from 13th Street to 24th Street. I think when natural resources of this type are in jeopardy, people should be made aware. This was a Cypress tree.

Bob Snyder: I live across the street from John. I want to speak in favor of property rights. But, this tree was a major land mark. It was 70 years old and 85' tall. Mr. Winthrop has photographs of the tree before, during and after it's removal.

Paul Sittig: There is a tree ordinance. If the tree is a hazard, it can be removed.

Cheri Aispuro, legislative assistant: I spoke to the arborist tonight. The applicant was complaining about the needles. The arborist found the aging of the tree and the leaning of the tree were grounds to remove the tree.

John Winthrop: That tree was not in danger of falling over.

Lynn Schoenauer: There has been a tree ordinance in SLO that any tree removed must be replaced.

John Carsel: The issue is no one knew that this tree was going to be removed until it was removed. I would like to send this to the Land Use Committee to see if there is a way to get notice out before these things happen. With notice people can get an injunction if appropriate. And, Paul Sittig, could you get a copy of the ordinance regarding trees to Larry Fishman.

Mary Bettencourt, D Street: The Cayucos Land Conservancy would like to invite the public to a series of tutorials about the Cayucos Land Conservancy. The first one is March 9th at 7:00 at our house on D St. There will be tutorials for the next four months, same time, same place on the 2nd Weds. of the month. The "Come Out and Play" event was a huge success. 190 people participated. It was a "sell out". The bus trip went from the elephant seal rookery and around. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

DeAnn Harland: I visited the school PTA meeting last month. Two parents were in attendance. I am collecting box tops again for the school to purchase special items for the school. These box tops are on grocery store item cartons.

Larry Fishman: Regarding the minutes, we forgot the minutes.

John Carsel: Let's address the minutes from the CCAC meeting of February 2, 2011.

Larry Fishman: On page 5., the minutes state that Clay Selkirk is from District 9. Clay Selkirk is from District 8. Larry Fishman makes a motion to approve the amended minutes to state this. Greg Bettencourt seconds the motion. The minutes as amended are approved on a voice vote.

## **Public Agencies**

### **County Sheriff: Jason NeFores, Commander, Coastal Patrol Division**

Sgt. Jay Donovan: I am from the Los Osos substation. I transferred back to the Coast Station in May 2010. This last month there were 140 calls which is up from 80 calls the previous month. 16 were medical aide, 1 DUI, 1 Public Intoxication, 3 alarm calls, 6 family disputes. There were over a dozen petty thefts and thefts from unlocked cars. Locked cars keep borderline thieves from hitting your cars. Start locking your doors and your cars. The thieves move around from community to community. These usually happen between midnight and 4:00 AM. If you hear the dog barking, turn on the yard light. You may notice more patrol cars and spot lights. Foot patrols have been increased. Vehicle stops have been increased.

John Carsel: Why would someone "not" want to report.

Sgt. Donovan: 2/3's don't want to report. Some don't want to get involved.

An ID theft takes about 40 hours of work to straighten out.

John Winthorp: In my neighborhood there are fireworks going off. They shoot rockets but by the time the sheriff gets there, they are gone. It drives the animals nuts.

Sgt. Donovan: Those are infractions or misdemeanors. If we don't see them do it, we can't cite them. You can call us and ask us to speak to the people who are doing it if you know the address.

Paul Choucalas: I live on Santa Barbara St. where all of the cars got broken into on the 21st. Did you have any luck catching the guys?

Sgt. Donovan: When the weather is bad, you want to stay inside and the bad guys know that, so they move during that time.

Paul Choucalas: Is it okay for me to detain them on my own?

Sgt. Donovan: I would caution you. We are more identifiable as an officer. If something goes wrong, it could go badly for you. The best thing you can do is be a good witness. Call us. Watch, observe,. Give us a call and give us information. Be eyes for us.

Arley Robinson: If you make a report and the people don't want to make a report, do you log that?

Sgt. Donovan: Yes, it's on the log. Items were taken from the vehicle or whatever.

Sue Black: If the officer refuses to take a report, is that on the record?

Sgt. Donovan: We take reports on criminal matters. If it is something other than that, we can talk after the meeting.

A couple of crime prevention tips, there are some lottery scams in the mix. Such as "Congratulations, you have won. There is excise tax, send \$ as a preliminary down payment". If it's too good to be true, it is. We get calls every day on that. And on FaceBook, "Help a Soldier". I'm trying to get a prepaid phone card so I can call my family. It's a scam unless you know that person. If you want to help a soldier, call the USO.

### **CHP -**

No Report.

### **Parks -**

No report.

### **Co. Planning - Paul Sittig**

Paul Sittig: Building permits can go on indefinitely if they keep paying the fees even if they make no progress.

John Carsel: Does the County ever respond to "public nuisance"?

Paul Sittig: Public nuisance, yes. Hazard, yes. Otherwise, no.

The temporary events ordinance is going before the Planning Commission next month. There will be another round of discussion before it goes before the Board.

John Carsel: Larry, could we get something going to submit?

Kat Kennedy: What about Mr. DeVoe?

Paul Sittig: No news.

Kat Kennedy: His permit was supposed to be up in February.

Paul Sittig: If it's not a hazard or a public nuisance, the county isn't going to do anything.

### **Co. Public Works - Jeremy Ghent**

No report.

### **Chamber of Commerce - Bill Shea**

Bill Shea: The first annual Cayucos Sea Glass Festival will be Saturday, March 5th. It is \$2 for admission. There will be 27 or 28 vendors inside the Vet's Hall. All of the restaurants in Cayucos will be participating in the food court which will be outside in a tent.

John Carsel: Under our By Laws Article 7, Section 4, we can add an item to the agenda with a 3/4 vote. I propose to add an item before Supervisor Gibson arrives, regarding supporting him for the vacant Coastal Commission Appointment.

Marie Jaqua: I make a motion that we add this item to the agenda.

Larry Fishman: I second the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

John Carsel: I propose a resolution that the CCAC writes a letter in support of our Supervisor, Bruce Gibson, District 2, to be appointed to The Coastal Commission.

Marie Jaqua: I so move.

Larry Fishman: I second.

On a unanimous roll call vote the motion was passed and President Carsel will write the letter.

### **County Supervisor - Bruce Gibson**

Bruce Gibson: I apologize for arriving late, but tonight was the dress rehearsal for Mrs. Madonna's fund raiser in support of the Women's Shelter.

We got data on traffic calming. The speeds went up a little.

The business of the county goes on as usual. A big part of Governor Brown's move is to shift State responsibility to local. Mental health, juvenile crime, negotiations are intense. Yesterday I was in Sacramento. \$86 million was committed in the form of a low interest loan for the Los Osos sewer. On March 15, action will be taken to move forward. We could be in construction this time next year.

Steve Beightler: Several years back, there was talk of the Paso de Robles Boys Detention Center to be used as a pre-release facility.

Bruce Gibson: Basically that has been stalled out on the State level and Paso de Robles is on hold. It possibly still has potential. We did get money to expand the women's jail.

The announcements re: appointment for The Coastal Commission will be the end of next week and the end of next month.

Paul Choucalas: Will you still be our Supervisor?

Bruce Gibson: Yes. An elected position, such as Supervisor, is required to be eligible for appointment. It is a considerable commitment and I am excited about the potential for being appointed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Land Use - Larry Fishman**

Larry Fishman: The Lion's club is trying to get Sheriff Ian Parkinson to come out to speak. I would like to see if there is a way to combine having Sheriff Ian Parkinson speak with the Lions club and the CCAC. We had a meeting yesterday of the LUC.

Dr. Marshall Lewis' representatives had sent a letter requesting to be heard at the LUC meeting yesterday and the CCAC meeting today.

John Carsel: I responded that we would put it on the April agendas. They have submitted some revised plans.

Larry Fishman: We will be taking it up at the LUC meeting on April 4th after we have a chance to go over it.

There was one informal hearing. Mike Armstrong would like to develop a parcel at the very South end of Ocean Blvd. for mixed use. There would be 800 sq. ft. of retail at ground level to sell farm produce and a housing unit for rent upstairs. It was informal. The issue would be parking.

A temporary sign ordinance with Cal Trans is the first step re: signage at 13th Street.

Greg Bettencourt: I had a conversation with Cal Trans about that. It's illegal to have signs under there. If no one complains, it's okay. If some one complains, they have to come down.

Larry Fishman: Regarding 3rd Street parking, after last month, our committee concurs that the best solution is probably to have one way traffic on either side of the park with diagonal parking. The biggest problem with 3rd St. Park is usually the 4th of July. We may need help from our Supervisor to get this done by July 4th.

Bruce Gibson: We can ask them to expedite.

### **Public Safety - DeAnn Harland**

DeAnn Harland: Nothing new.

### **Recreational Planning - Greg Bettencourt**

Greg Bettencourt: There are two Cal Trans issues. 1. I would like to set aside 30 minutes on the April CCAC agenda for Cal Trans to do a presentation about parking along the Estero Bluffs.

2. My Cal Trans contact told me they intend to replace the fence along the Chevron property.

### **Utilities - Margaret Ambrosavage**

No report.

### **Community Design - Margaret Ambrosavage**

Margaret Ambrosavage: Public Works has said they are willing to support 4 thirty minute parking spaces downtown if the CCAC and the Chamber of Commerce are in favor of this.

Cyndi Prange: Re: enforcement, we will call CHP if we see cars parked there for a long time.

Margaret Ambrosavage: I would like to make a motion to approve the addition of 4 thirty minute parking spaces as indicated on the map.

Marie Jaqua: I second the motion.

Larry Fishman: What do those of you who own businesses down town think.

Jim Christiansen: I'm in favor of it. When I try to go to the pharmacy, there is no place to park. And the same is true of Duckies.

John Carsel: All in favor?

The voice vote is unanimous.

Break.

### **CSA 10-A**

No report.

### **By-Laws - Arley Robinson**

No Report.

**Traffic - Margaret Ambrosavage**

Margaret Ambrosavage: When they first started collecting data for the traffic calming paint, it showed no effect and then it showed traffic was 1 mile an hour faster. However, their control data was collected during the highest tourist season in June. So, they are going to recollect data again.

Bruce Gibson: It needs to be over a longer distance. It does delineate the bike lanes so much better.

**Old Business****a. Election for CCAC.**

Larry Fishman: I brought all of the ballots. Two years ago when the ballots were completed, they were taken to Ed Carnegie who counted them. How do you want to do this?

John Carsel: According to the By Laws, only the CEC should count ballots. And the CEC must agree to disqualify a ballot.

John read the By Laws aloud on the Election Procedures.

**b. Morro Bay - Cayucos Connector - Which Side of Highway 1?**

Elizabeth Kavanaugh, SLO County Dept. of Parks:

I am here to see which side of Hwy 1 does the CCAC want the connector trail, we are asking for a recommendation. This is a class 1 bikeway. It will be part of the California Coastal Trail. It is a goal that there will be a 1,200 mile trail from Oregon to Mexico.

This project has been around since 2004. It is part of Parks and Recreation. I will be going to Morro Bay on March 17th to talk about this as well.

If we do select the West Alignment, it is more appealing for grants.

Carol Baptiste: Is it known how these barriers and fences are going to affect the crossing/death rate/road kill of native species/animals?

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: I would like an answer today. I am moving forward, it requires that I have a defined preference for alignment.

Greg Bettencourt: Why are we moving forward now?

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: It's on my list and there is money available. We have the money to do an environmental review. It is eligible for National Bi Way funding.

Greg Bettencourt: The EIR looked at both sides. This is not a decision that we can make tonight. We know there isn't money to build this.

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: But, there is money to do the National Environmental Review. And there is a time line.

Larry Fishman: I agree with what Greg is saying. You said with the Western alignment, there is money available. What about the Eastern alignment money also. On the Western side there is possibly more money for the California Coastal Trail.

As relates to the Chevron property, there's not going to be ROW w/ Chevron issues?

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: My predecessor talked with Chevron.

Clay Selkirk: What does the National Environmental Review show that the existing EIR does not?

Paul Choucalas: Is there going to be that ugly concrete wall on the other side of the freeway too? That looks like you are bringing L.A. here.

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: The Western alignment has non mitigable visual barriers. A 5' fence and 36" concrete wall as well as trail erosion.

The ROW option is out.

Marie Jaqua: Would it be more costly to maintain the Western alignment?

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: I don't have the answer. The maintenance costs of the Western alignment come in to effect if we have a storm.

John Carsel: One of my great joys as I come home from work in SLO is to see the view on the West side of the freeway. Is the barrier going to block the view?

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: There are alternatives.

John Carsel: We looked at the EIR and there was an East/West option. Is that still in the running?

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: That turned out to be the most damaging.

Jim Christiansen: Should we infringe on this little piece of the beach at the South entrance to Cayucos that is the only part left in it's natural state? We're going to put a bridge and a road on the beach that we are trying to preserve? What are we trying to do here? Are we just trying to get bicyclists from Cayucos to Morro Bay? We have never done anything for the surfers. We have never provided parking or anything for surfers and they have always been part of the picture. But now, we are going to infringe on things even more for bicycles? I live on Studio Dr.. There is no way for bicycles and cars and surfers to all pass each other.

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: We are trying to facilitate going back and forth to Morro Bay without vehicles. And to complete the Coastal Trail.

Jim Christiansen: I don't see that working. As it is now, the Studio Dr. area is already maxed out with people taking dogs to the beach, with surfers, and all beach goers.

Lynn Schoenauer: I had 3 bicyclists abreast in front of me on Studio Dr. the other day who made no effort to pull over. There is going to be conflict. There is just one lane when cars are parked there for surfing and beach access.

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: The traffic engineers think awareness and signage will make Studio Dr. easier.

Steve Beightler: I commend you for your work. I have trouble moving forward with the limited information that we have. We don't have any long term or short term cost estimates. We don't have enough information. We have issues with parking. I don't have enough numbers and data.

The aggressiveness of this project we are looking at is a sizable amount of money.

Bruce Gibson: Trying to find money for projects like this is tough. Getting the environmental work done helps to proceed. There is not going to be one pot of money that is going to get this done. Elizabeth, are you on a hard deadline?

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: By June 1, 2012, we need to have the National Environmental document. It usually takes about a year to get the study. We do need to pick an alignment.

Carol Baptiste: Because of the huge environmental impacts and financial impacts of both the Western alignment and the Eastern alignment, is it possible, at this early state, to consider state of the art technology for improvements to the existing ROW bike lanes. If all of the engineering study and money that is going into putting in a new road and bridge was redirected to working on the existing ROW bike lanes, there could be widening and resurfacing, painting, flexible dividers, there must be ways to work with the existing bike lanes.

Jim Christiansen: What is the likelihood of a connector like this being put in North of Cayucos in the Big Sur area and the Hearst Property?

Bruce Gibson: It would score higher for grant funding if it was on the West side of the freeway. We need to figure out if we can do this. I am trying to figure out what the list of questions are.

Margaret Ambrosavage: We need clarity on how much of this connector has barriers and where.

Elizabeth Kavanaugh: On the West side there are fewer barriers.

John Carsel: This item is being continued to the next CCAC meeting for further discussion and not for a vote for alignment until May.

Larry Fishman: This needs to be publicized with the neighbors.

Paul Choucalas: How many people have been killed on this section of Hwy 1 on bicycles? I haven't heard of any.

c. The Events Ordinance was continued.

d. "Year Terms" was sent to the By Laws Committee.

## **New Business**

a. 30 Minute Parking Spaces.  
Covered earlier.

John Carsel: A letter was stuck in the door tonight when we arrived. It is an anonymous complaint about vacation rentals. I will pass it on.

**Good of the Order**

**Next meeting of the CCAC will be April 6, 2011.**

The next Land Use Committee meeting will be April 4, 2011.  
Set up and refreshments will be precincts 5 & 6.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Baptiste

March 17, 2011