

# Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council November 1, 2017

Meeting called to order in the Vets Hall Tent by President John Carsel - 7:00PM  
approx. 30 in public attendance.

**Present:** John Carsel, Carol Baptiste, Paul Choucalas, Dave Dabritz, Glenn Oekler, Lynn Schoenauer, Francie Farinet, Roland Hutchinson, Steve Beightler, Kerry Friend, Larry Fishman and Greg Bettencourt. Cheryl Conway, Carol Kramer, Marie Jaqua, DeAnne Harland and Gil Igleheart were absent and excused.

## **Minutes :**

Steve Beightler moves to approve the minutes of October 4, 2017. Dave Dabritz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Roland Hutchinson: We had a beginning balance of \$406.18. The ending balance is \$406.18.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

John Carsel: We have received the \$1,500 advisory council stipend from the County to add to our treasury. Thank You Supervisor Gibson.

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

Eileen Roach, Cypress Glen Court: Public Works is working on the beach access at Pacific Avenue and E St. A beach access and drainage control with a parking lot will be reviewed by The Coastal Commission on November 13th.

## **Council Member Comments:**

Larry Fishman: On behalf of residents of Cottontail Creek Rd., we have nothing against homeless people, but, every week there are a couple of RV's and campers on Cottontail Creek Rd.. I drove by one the other day and there was a gas can next to the camper. We are concerned about fire. We are living on a dead end road.

Francie Farinet: DeAnne received her flowers and was happy.

Paul Choucalas: Were there any results regarding the tree trimming guy?

Sergeant Scotto: I have something.

Steve Beightler: People are camping on 13th St. by the water treatment plant.

## **Cayucos Fire Department -**

Steve Beightler: The Fire Department Board meeting has been postponed due to illness.

## **Public Agencies**

**County Sheriff-** Commander Jim Voge.

Sergeant Scotto: Those of you who asked about camping, are you calling the Sheriff's Department? It depends on the details of the situation whether or not the Sheriff's Department can take action. There are issues with camping in Los Osos as well. If something appears to be a fire hazard, we would like to know. Campfire or camp stove, we want to know. We can make it a patrol call and document license plates numbers. 781-4550 is the non-emergency dispatch number. We do see a lot of repeat offenders. Regarding the signs, outdoor advertising without a permit is prohibited. Commander Voge contacted the owner. He's not going to put up anymore advertising signs and he was going to take down any that he saw.

We had 49 calls in Cayucos. 15 service or suspicious circumstances, 1 IRS phone scam, no vandalism, 6 disturbing the peace, a couple of burglaries. One burglary on the 2900 block of Studio Drive. The realtor thought it might have been the ex-girlfriend. There was a key pad and no forced entry. There was a suspicious vehicle driving around Studio Drive around midnight with it's lights off. On further investigation,

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he had stolen tabs on his license plates. Take a razor blade and cut slices in your tabs, if someone tries to steal them they will get slices. He had methamphetamine, paraphernalia, and a pipe. On October 25th, Cayucos Pharmacy had a window smashed. It didn't appear anything had been taken. On St. Mary's Avenue someone entered an unlocked car and stole a wallet with \$500. Unlocked "whatever" is vulnerable.

Francie Farinet: Two weeks ago there were four bon fires on Saturday night. Can we call the Fire Department?

Sergeant Scotto: Give us a call, the dispatcher will prioritize it.

**CHP** - Sergeant John Johnson

No report.

**Parks** - Nick Franco

No report.

**Co. Planning** - Terry Wahler

Terry Wahler: We had a Land Use Committee item that was carried over. We can go over it during the LUC report.

**Co. Public Works** - Dave Flynn

Mike Britton: I'm here.

**Cayucos Sanitary District** - Robert Enns.

No report.

**Chamber of Commerce** - Carol Kramer

No report.

**Cayucos Elementary School** - Scott Smith

Scott Smith, Superintendent of Schools: The Secret Garden play opens tomorrow night. Thanks to the CSF, our drama department is funded. The play is 7:00 to 8:00PM.

**County Supervisor** - Bruce Gibson

Supervisor Gibson: A follow up on Sergeant Scotto regarding camping. We do have a "no camping" ordinance within the Urban Service Line. The ordinance is not a resolution by itself. Homelessness is a complex issue. The Sheriff's Department has the training. Law enforcement is still not a viable resolution to homelessness. We are wrestling with a solution. Community Services is working on resources. Most nights there are two officers on duty.

The bracing of the Vet's Hall for the Art Association room and the annex room has been completed. We don't know when occupancy will be allowed.

Another vacation rental variance request is going before the Coastal Commission. I have written a letter requesting denial. I have a sense that the Coastal Commission is becoming more aware of how this affects the community. The Board of Supervisors continues to work on Cannabis, water and budgeting.

Dave Dabrtiz: The Supervisors should be commended for the article in the newspaper.

Supervisor Gibson: We may have an unexpected budget deficit. We will be getting an update.

Greg Bettencourt: A notice was sent out regarding a modification to regulation for minor use permits. What was that about?

Supervisor Gibson: It was only regarding lot line adjustments.

### **Committee Reports**

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## **Land Use** - Marie Jaqua

Terry Wahler: I was talking with Marie Jaqua earlier. At the last meeting, we continued the Bergson project on El Sereno Avenue with regard to the arborist report. The arborist has recommended taking down the 35 ft. Cypress trees.

Carol Baptiste: Did the arborist state the age of the trees?

Terry Wahler: He just said "mature".

Larry Fishman: What is the address?

Terry Wahler: 53 El Sereno Avenue off of Studio Drive.

Lynn Schoenauer: At Studio Drive there is a big empty spot owned by Chevron. Someone has planted some Cypress trees there.

Kerry Friend: The Cypress trees are huge. When we had a storm, a part of a Cypress tree fell on our house and it felt like an earthquake. I don't know what the big deal is with trees. They are a hazard.

Paul Choucalas: I move that we approve the project with the condition that replacement Cypress trees be planted at the dog park?

Francie: I second it.

John Carsel: The motion carries unanimously.

Terry Wahler: The regulation regarding MUPs for lot line adjustment is County wide inland.

## **Public Safety** - DeAnne Harland

No report.

## **Recreational planning** - Greg Bettencourt

No report.

## **Utilities** - Dave Dabritz

No report.

## **Community Design** - Lynn Schoenauer

No report.

## **CSA 10A** - Paul Choucalas

No report.

## **By-Laws** - Roland Hutchinson

No report.

## **Vacation Rentals - Cheryl Conway**

No report.

## **Old Business:**

None.

## **New Business:**

A. Additional stop signs on Ocean Avenue at Cayucos Drive and at 13th Street - Mike Britton

Mike Britton: Ocean Avenue and Cayucos Drive is on the books for a four way stop. We thought we should take another look at it. The traffic engineer looked at the statistics and determined a four way was warranted. She looked at the same statistics for 13th and Ocean Avenue and came to the same conclusion. We would like to bring it before you. If there are no major objections, it would go before the Board of Supervisors and the stop signs would follow.

Larry Fishman: If cars have a stop sign at 13th Street, will they have trouble picking up speed for the on ramp?

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Supervisor Gibson: I have come to almost a complete stop there and I have no trouble picking up the speed for the highway.

Great Bettencourt: Where exactly are the signs proposed for Cayucos Drive and Ocean Avenue?

Mike Britton: The designs are in the works.

Greg Bettencourt: For the stop sign to be visible, it would have to be somewhere other than the sidewalk. Did I hear you say these would go in "in case" something happened?

Mike Britton: The statistics for incidents are going up.

Greg Bettencourt: I think we should see what the Cayucos Drive stop sign looks like before we give up our right to oppose.

B. Support special legislation for Cayucos School graduates to attend Morro Bay High - Kerry Friend

Kerry Friend: I wonder if the School Board is in violation of the Brown Act with several members of the board here.

Terry Troop:(Reads a section of the Brown Act). I do not think there is any violation of the Brown Act.

Kerry Friend: That is not the way I understand it. At the board meeting I was appointed to make this presentation. If the other school board members speak, they are not speaking for the school board and I would like this reflected in the minutes. The School Board has asked the CCAC to support legislation with Senator Monning which would alter our school's feeding pattern so that our students would be able to go to Morro Bay High School (San Luis Coastal Unified) instead of Coast Union High School. Very few of our students now go to Coast Union and a vast majority go to Morro Bay High. All of Cayucos' tax money, however, goes to Coast Union and none of it to Morro Bay. San Luis Coastal has been educating our students but not receiving any money for it, but with the closure of Diablo Canyon, this will end. Coast Union has been getting a gift of our tax monies. With Cambria's population being greater than Cayucos, there is no chance of a vote changing this feeder pattern, hence the need for this legislation. While one option might raise property taxes it is premature to consider that at this point. We don't know yet.

Paul Choucalas: I'm a big supporter of kids being able to go to Morro Bay High.

Carol Baptiste: I'm not comfortable taking a position on this. It seems like this should be on a public ballot.

Kerry Friend: We're just asking Monning to look at it.

Francie Farinet: I agree with Carol. This should be a public matter.

Greg Bettencourt: Essentially, a vote on this just means we are supporting the school board's decision.

Roland Hutchinson: It doesn't sound like it.

Lynn Schoenauer: I'm not saying that we shouldn't vote on this at all, I'm just saying we should take some time to talk to people about it.

Roland Hutchinson: Would this be recommending one of the three options?

Kerry Friend: Only one of the three options needs our support. The other two will be looked at anyway.

John Carsel: How different does it make it if we vote now or in December?

Roland Hutchinson: This is New Business. Traditionally we don't vote on New Business and this is complex.

Lynn Schoenauer: I move that we table this until the next meeting.

Francie Farinet: I second it.

Richard Griese, public comment: I appreciate you hearing this although at a previous meeting it was stated that since the school has its own board, the CCAC would not be taking up school matters.

John Carsel: The School Board specifically requested that we discuss this issue.

Richard Griese: \$33.00 is the initial starting place for an increase in property tax. \$33.00 per \$100,000 in property value. For some of my neighbors, that would be \$700.00 a year. I personally am unwilling to pay an additional \$250.00 a year.

Eileen Roach, Cypress Glen Court: I too was at those school board meetings and the attorney also said the property tax may not increase.

Ron Wilson: I am not speaking for the school board, I am speaking as a private citizen. I am concerned that the resolution you are considering is not the legislation. What we are doing is allowing our Superintendent, Scott Smith, to pursue information regarding the three options. To vote for one of the three options makes it look like that option is your preferred option.

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Francie Farinet: On the bond thing, we would be part of San Luis Coastal. If they pass the bond, we would end up being part of San Luis Coastal.

Ron Wilson: What the attorney says with respect to the bond, in the report, all of the possible outcomes are addressed in detail. We have spent over \$30,000 on legal opinions and this is the information that we have. I want professional advice.

John Carsel: I want to bring this back before the council. I was at the school board meeting when the school board asked us to discuss this legislation. The three options are not in conflict at this time. It is premature to be talking about taxes at this time. One of the things that makes this community great is that we care about our kids.

Greg Bettencourt: I find it odd that the school board asked whether or not we are willing to support this. And yet one school board member stood up and opposed this.

John Carsel: The legislation just allows us to have the option.

Supervisor Gibson: By provisions of proposition 218, if there is going to be a tax increase, there will be a public vote.

Glenn Oekler: This gives the school board more options. Even though people would like to think things can stay the same, they can't. If there is an inter-district transfer, there has to be an acceptance by that school of the student. The school board is being more aggressive about using alternate addresses.

Paul Choucalas: I have a lot of kids in my neighborhood. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to talk with my constituents.

Kerry Friend: Coast Union has four students. San Luis Coastal has 53 inter-district transfers.

John Carsel: There is a motion on the table to table this to next month. All in favor:

All "ayes", One "dissent".

The motion carries.

### **Good of the Order:**

### **Next meeting of the CCAC will be December 6, 2017 at the Vets Hall Tent.**

Set up and refreshments will be precincts 5 & 6.

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

John Carsel: Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Baptiste      November 1, 2017