

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

approx. 25 in public attendance

Present: John Carsel, Carol Baptiste, Arley Robinson, Paul Choucalas, Bill Shea, Dave Dabritz, Margaret Ambrosavage, Steve Beightler, DeAnn Harland, Marie Jaqua, Greg Bettencourt, Chris Pope, Larry Fishman and Clay Selkirk.

Cyndi Malmen, Jim Christiansen and Roland Hutchinson were absent and excused.

Minutes:

Dave Dabritz moves to approve the minutes of August 3, 2011. Paul Choucalas seconds the motion. The minutes are unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: beginning \$ 922.88 balance \$ 922.88.

Roland Hutchinson: As Roland is absent, there is no update.

Announcements:

John Carsel:
None.

Correspondence:

None.

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

Nothing.

Public Agencies

County Sheriff: Jason NeFores, Commander, Coastal Patrol Division

Sheriff Senior Deputy Todd Steeb:

The Sheriff's Dept. had 198 calls. There were 11 medical assists, 3 citations, 2 narcotics offenses and 1 burglary.

The county is moving the traffic speed device probably to Old Creek Rd.. There were 61 proactive traffic stops. Deputies are checking Old Creek Rd. for information for the traffic device. We don't carry radar so we have to have a reason other than speed for stops. There were 3 non-registered vehicles. Dave Dabritz brought up a concern regarding crosswalks.

There are 3 new deputies, 1 in each station.

On October 1st the State will begin sending new inmates to the county facilities. We have double bunked the West housing. Two portable buildings are being brought back into service.

Paul Choucalas: There have been bicyclists riding three abreast in the bike lane. They have flipped me off, etc..

Senior Deputy Steeb: It is legal to ride two and three abreast if they are in the bicycle lane. A bicycle is a vehicle with the same rights in a lane as a car.

Larry Fishman: You talked about moving the flashing speed light to Old Creek Rd..

Senior Deputy Steeb: We don't actually physically move it.

Carol Baptiste: What was that about crosswalks?

Dave Dabritz: Cars run right through the crosswalks with people in them, it's like dodge ball.

Senior Deputy Steeb: Ocean Avenue, 13th St., and Pacific are the most patrolled streets.

CHP - Officer Jim Townsend

Officer Jim Townsend: No report.

Parks -

No report.

Co. Planning - Paul Sittig

Paul Sittig: Swallow Creek Ranch and a variance for a residence on Richard Ave. were both supported after some discussion. The "Events Ordinance" will go before the Board on November 8th.

Bill Shea: What was the variance on Richard Ave.?

Paul Sittig: Steep slope, vacant lot, meets county standards.

Paul Choucalas: What about water?

Paul Sittig: They have an existing "will serve".

Co. Public Works - Jeremy Ghent

Frank Honeycutt: Jeremy got a promotion and will not be here very much. Crosswalks don't give pedestrians any special right of way. That is a myth. We, as a department, are hesitant to put up crosswalks because they cause a false sense of security.

Carol Baptiste: I thought cars were supposed to stop if a person was in a crosswalk.

Frank Honeycutt: Cars are supposed to yield to pedestrians but crosswalks do not add teeth to that.

The street light on Gilbert Avenue that has had a request to be taken out will be going before the LUC next month.

The request for temporary parking spaces is also being brought back before the LUC. We have had good communication with the Chamber of Commerce. Two of the requested limited time parking spaces are dialed in, there will be one more for a total of three.

DeAnn Harland: There is a parking space on Bakersfield that blocks the view.

Frank Honeycutt: That is always controversial, we will look at it.

Senior Deputy Steeb: I just reviewed the vehicle codes. Section 21950(a) states a driver must yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Pedestrians are not to stop in front of cars or delay traffic. Every incident will be looked at from both sides. The pedestrian has the right of way when they are in the crosswalk.

Cayucos Sanitary District - Bill Callahan:

No Report.

Chamber of Commerce - Bill Shea

Bill Shea: The annual Antique Street Faire will be Sunday October 16th. The Cayucos car show will be November 5th. Everything is copacetic.

John Carsel: I have an announcement hot off the press. The DiCicco vs. The Coastal Commission decision has come in and the decision is that The Coastal Commission "HAS" jurisdiction regarding this matter.

The Lucerne Rd. project also has an appeal going before The Coastal Commission.

County Supervisor - Bruce Gibson

Bruce Gibson: This decision re: DiCicco vs. The Coastal Commission means that The Coastal Commission has jurisdiction over the DiCicco project.

There is a new sheriff in town and the results are evident.

We did get the "Event's Ordinance" moving along and it will go before the BOS on November 8th.

The Vacation Rental Ordinance goes before the BOS on November 14th. The Planning Commission is trying to get information out to the Advisory Councils.

With regard to the re-alignment of State and County responsibilities regarding incarcerating inmates in county jails rather than State prisons, in the big picture, the transfer of State to local is an experiment. The District Attorneys and the Courts are trying to make it work. 2.3 or 2.5 million dollars is being paid to the County to take care of these individuals. The other thing we will be taking care of is parolees coming from the State. We are trying to turn the emphasis from incarceration to treatment. The Probation Department, The Drug and Alcohol Treatment, and The Department of Mental Health are working together.

On October 24th there will be a Senior Symposium at the Marriott Courtyard in SLO. Community Services will be presenting information on: Economics of Aging, Diversity in Aging, Cross Sector Collaboration, Transit, Planning, and the Sheriff's Dept. will also present. There are twenty people set up to make presentations. \$20 for the symposium includes lunch. Scholarships are available.

I recently did a "ride along" with the Sheriff's Department. The actions of the Sheriff's Department on the street are extremely impressive. I have great respect for the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's deputies and the Probation Department show a lot of compassion for the people they work with. The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has a 65% recidivism rate.

Larry Fishman: Regarding the DiCicco Court decision, are the storage yard and fence being taken care of?

Cherie Aispuro: I can check on that.

Paul Choucalas: Cal Trans used that property while they were re-fencing along Hwy 1 and they have cleared that up.

Carol Baptiste: Does the DiCicco decision mean that The Coastal Commission will have a hearing?

Bruce Gibson: Yes.

Land Use - Larry Fishman

Larry Fishman: We covered an MUP for the Reeder property. Concerns were street scape and elevator. Regarding extended building permits, Paul Sittig spoke with Steve Hicks who is the head building plan examiner. Paul Sittig has discussed extended building permits for Stenneron and for a property on Pacific Avenue.

We would like for Steve Hicks to come to the next meeting. We would also like to change the next LUC meeting date to October 31.

Public Safety - DeAnn Harland

DeAnn Harland: Is weed abatement over? The drug store corner needs to have the weeds cut.

Dave Dabritz: It was cut.

DeAnn Harland: Is there any cutting between weed abatement deadlines?

Dave Dabritz: There is no cutting required between deadlines.

John Carsel: Call the Fire Dept.. It may depend on the fire season.

DeAnn Harland: Public Works says it is too expensive to put mesh ground cover on the St. Mary's bluffs.

Frank Honeycutt: I have discussed that.

DeAnn Harland: The other things I am working on are the sidewalks at the pharmacy and at The Cass House.

Recreational Planning - Greg Bettencourt

Greg Bettencourt: I met with Curtis Black. He laid out essentially what his needs are for the Norma Rose Park. We will get back to you when we have something specific.

Utilities - Margaret Ambrosavage

Margaret Ambrosavage: Nothing new.

Community Design - Margaret Ambrosavage

Margaret Ambrosavage: Our next meeting will be next Monday at 4:00 PM, here.

CSA 10-A

Arley Robinson: There is a report re: CSA coming up later.

Dave Dabritz: The meetings at the water department are every other month now. They are waiting for updates.

John Carsel: Now every two months? It's always been once a month.

By-Laws - Arley Robinson

No Report.

Traffic - Margaret Ambrosavage

Nothing new.

Old Business

a. CSA 10-A - Water Infrastructure Inadequacies, Continued Building and Rate Increase - Progress Update only.

Bruce Gibson: Regarding CSA 10-A, Doug Bird and Dean Benedix will be coming to the meeting in November.

John Carsel: I thought they would be coming tonight. They are sending out notices to all CSA 10-A customers.

Carol Baptiste: The subject line in the agenda says "Water Infrastructure Inadequacies, Continued Building and Rate Increase". I think that these are three separate issues. Water infrastructure is one topic, continued building or the issuing of more "will serves" is another topic, and the rate increase is a third topic. I do not want to be in a position where I am voting for a rate increase for improved infrastructure or whatever reason and thereby also be voting to issue new "will serves" before the infrastructure is in place.

John Carsel: Bill, would you please invite the Fire Chief to attend the next CCAC meeting?

Bill Shea: Yes.

Paul Choucalas: Does this rate increase just effect the people who live in CSA 10-A? And then will just the CCAC members who live in the CSA 10-A district be voting on this?

John Carsel: The entire CCAC will be voting.

New Business

a. Visitor Alliance of Cayucos, an Introduction.

Mike Hargett: I am from Pier View Suites. The visitors alliance will include hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and vacation rentals. There will be a seven member volunteer board. Topics of concern are Healthy lodging/Healthy community, Marketing and events, Cayucos as a destination, Beautification and outreach.

Margaret Ambrosavage: Community Design has some overlap with the Visitor Alliance.

Arley Robinson: Parking is a real problem. This last weekend, there was a wedding at The Cass House and a wedding here at the Vet's Hall. There was no parking available anywhere.

Paul Choucalas: What is the approximate occupancy rate for off season/non-event? 50%?

Cyndi Prange: For vacation rentals, it is probably 20%.

Toni LeGras: For the car show, the motels are full but the vacation rentals don't get anything.

b. Painted Bicycle Lanes on Ocean Ave. - Should they be extended?

John Carsel: Last month, Margaret, Carol and Connie Paine said that they liked the painted bicycle lanes. Public Works said we should make a motion and take a vote. Margaret, how should we approach this?

Frank Honeycutt: Putting more paint down to make people feel safe when they really are not haunts me.

John Carsel: I don't see that. A person who feels safe is going to be riding with more confidence.

Frank Honeycutt: We do need to hear what you want. It may not be possible or it may take time.

Margaret Ambrosavage: Will we be able to see the results of the survey?

Frank Honeycutt: Yes.

Margaret Ambrosavage: I move that we approve the idea of extending the colorized bike lanes as far as we can down Ocean Avenue.

Paul Choucalas: I second the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 No

8 Yes

The motion carries, 8 to 5.

c. Extending Building Permits.

Paul Sittig: It used to be that building permits were extended if progress was made every six months. The County decided this was not beneficial to anyone. The County decided to charge for an extension. That is the current mode. Some projects have deteriorated. There is an idea that there should be limits on extensions. The reason for issuing extensions is that eventually you want to get the project done. No one wants to have a partial structure. If the permit is active, you can work on it. If the permit expires, you can not work on the project.

Marie Jaqua: If a permit expires, what happens to the abandoned structure?

Paul Sittig: There are fines that can add up.

John Carsel: That presupposes that the only reasons for delay are financial.

Paul Sittig: It isn't pleasant to live next to a project that is incomplete.

John Carsel: It seemed to me that when I read that section that is was discretionary whether or not the request for a permit extension was granted.

Larry Fishman: It says that they "may" extend the permit, it does not say that they "shall" extend the permit.

Paul Sittig: They have to meet the criteria.

Larry Fishman: There doesn't seem to be a criteria.

Bruce Gibson: Stennerson does not fit well into the formula. I was disappointed with the last extension of the Stennerson permit. If your recommendation is that extensions should be stopped if there is no progress, the building department should be made aware of this.

John Carsel: Larry, could we run this through the LUC for a recommendation?

Larry Fishman: Could we? Yes. Do we look forward to it? No. But we will.

Bruce Gibson: Once we get to a point that the structure can be declared a nuisance, the County is more able to take action.

John Carsel: Whoever granted the extension may not have been aware of these things.

Paul Choucalas: Is it possible for the owner to appear before the LUC to give the reasons for requesting an extension?

Carol Baptiste: With regard to Stennerson being declared a nuisance, isn't the fact that a property owner directly behind Stennerson lost their property to foreclosure because they were unable to sell it, a clear indication that Stennerson is not only a nuisance but the Stennerson project has caused neighboring properties to suffer financial loss.

Bruce Gibson: This economic situation has caused hardship and has caused the County to try to work with that. I do understand the situation and will be happy to work with you.

Good of the Order.

Next meeting of the CCAC will be November 2, 2011.

Set up and refreshments will be precincts 3 & 4.
The next Land Use Committee meeting will October 31st.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Baptiste

October 29, 2011