

Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council September 6, 2017

Meeting called to order in the Vets Hall Tent by President John Carsel - 7:00PM
approx. 50 in public attendance.

Present: John Carsel, Carol Baptiste, Paul Choucalas, Carol Kramer, Dave Dabritz, Francie Farinet, Roland Hutchinson, Marie Jaqua, Steve Beightler, Kerry Friend, Greg Bettencourt and Gil Igleheart.

Glenn Oekler, Lynn Schoenauer and DeAnne Harland were absent and excused.

Minutes :

Gil Igleheart Moves to approve the minutes of August 2, 2017. Dave Dabritz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Roland Hutchinson: We had a beginning balance of \$481.18. A check in the amount of \$75.00 was paid to the Lion's Club for rent. The ending balance is \$406.18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

John Carsel: I received a letter from Pastor Dale of the Cayucos Community Church with an apology about the chairs on July 4th. In the letter Pastor Dale stated that they moved the chairs as soon as they were asked and they did not intend to offend anyone. Pastor Dale also offered an apology to Paul Choucalas who he acknowledged as a volunteer and stated they were sorry to have further burdened him. Pastor Dale said they provide popcorn and bathrooms for the public on the 4th.

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

Chris: We visit weekly to escape from the heat. We take our dogs to the beach. There are signs that say park parallel at the South end of Studio Drive. I got a \$53.00 ticket for parking incorrectly but it was the same as I had always parked. I would encourage you to improve the signage. I have photographs.

Paul Choucalas: We had to change the parking to parallel years ago so the people who live there would be able to get out. We are not going to change it back.

Dave Dabritz: I live there and we would like to have it paved and marked but that hasn't happened. We have to have parallel parking to be able to get out of our garage.

Bob Snyder, numbered Streets: We have tried to get better control of traffic on Pacific Ave. I talked with Mike Britton, he has some good ideas. I talked with Supervisor, Bruce Gibson. Funding is an issue. It's about engineering to slow traffic on Pacific Ave. If everyone would wear a safety vest it could make a difference.

Gil Igleheart: On Saturday, September 16, we will have the annual beach cleanup. The ECO/SLO Beach Cleanup is 8:30 to noon from 13th St. to the pier . There will be bags and poles.

Eric Endersley, Adoree Ave.: This tent is a great place to have a meeting. The high school options for our kids is a big issue. There is a committee working on the options for high school choices and funding.

Morro Bay High is more in our neighborhood than Cambria. We would like to have our money go where our kids go. Currently our money goes to Cambria.

Paul Choucalas: In the past, didn't we support the kids choosing their own schools?

Eric Endersley: The money doesn't follow the kids, it goes to Cambria.

Paul Choucalas: What can we do?

John Carsel: This has to go through the School Board first.

Eric Endersley: There is legislation pending.

John Carsel: Is the School Board taking action?

Eric Endersley: It's on the School Board agenda for the meeting scheduled for September 13th.

Terry Troop: It is on the School Board agenda. Information will be presented at a town hall meeting on September 21st.

Eileen Roach, E St.: I'm here to encourage you to support the school legislation and to encourage you to attend the School Board meeting.

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Rocki deLamas: I'm here to ask you to support this legislation as well.

Eileen Roach: Regarding Cypress Glenn Court, the project is coming back to life. He is proposing six homes on Cypress Glenn Court.

Council Member Comments:

Dave Dabritz: We said we would not get into the Fire Department issues because they have their own Board. I think we should be consistent and have the same policy with regard to The School Board.

Cheryl Conway: My neighbor, Evie Pellerton, was a former CCAC member. She recently passed and her services will be at Saint Joseph's.

Kerry Friend: I believe the school district issues are something we should discuss. I think this is an appropriate place to discuss this. I disagree. I have studied this legislation. One of the choices lets Cayucos control it's own money.

Gil Igleheart: I move that we bring Larry Fishman back on the Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council.

Carol Baptiste: I second it.

John Carsel: Is there any opposition? It is unanimous, Larry Fishman is elected as a representative of District 7.

Cayucos Fire Department -

Chief Mike Minetti: We had 26 calls. There were 19 emergency medical assists, 1 vehicle fire, 1 hazardous condition which was a downed power line. There were calls for smoke alarms and two false alarms. This was a slow month. This is my last month. I will be retiring the end of this month after 46 years of service.

Public Agencies

County Sheriff- Commander Jim Voge.

Commander Voge: I had no part in that parking ticket on Studio Drive. We had 82 calls. 14 were suspicious vehicles or persons, 7 vandalism, 16 disturbing the peace, 1 animal cruelty. A call came in about Chihuahuas at the Vet's Hall parking lot. We responded in 4 minutes. The animals were gone. We had 8 check the welfare. On August 2, six cars were scratched on the 400 block of Pacific Ave. They were not specific targets and there have been no repeats. On August 25th, Morro Bay Police asked us to check for people with warrants at the Estero Bay Motel. We found stolen property, stolen mail, burglar tools, meth pipes, receipts from flea market sales. They were local. There were bronze statues that had been stolen, the perpetrators had put them on Craig's List and sold them at swap meets.

At Ash and B St.s someone stole a cast metal valve for surplus metal. Parks is going to put cages over them. On the 100 block of F Street, a new deputy and a seasoned training officer were having a slow day. A car was parked on the wrong side of the street. The deputies got out of their car. Fluid was leaking out of the parked car. The seasoned deputy recognized the smell of death. The deputy asked the occupants of the car, "what's that smell?". The lady said, "we have some dead rabbits that we need to take to the valley to bury". The man said, "no, we have a dead body". The deceased man was in his 80's. There was a 13 year old girl in the car. The woman was an intravenous opiate user. The deceased man died in Buttonwillow. The woman had loaded intravenous syringes in the glove box and heroin. She was charged with felony child endangerment; she got misdemeanor child endangerment. The man was mentally impaired and was not charged.

Francie Farinet: There have been homeless people camping on our beaches.

Commander Voge: There are a lot of homeless people camping on beaches. It doesn't always result in a report unless there is an open warrant or a camp fire or what ever else might be a legal issue. About 25% of our calls are about homeless people.

Paul Choucalas: I heard that there were three heroin overdoses?

Commander Voge: I heard of one. We mostly have brown tar Mexican heroin around here.

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CHP - Sergeant John Johnson

Sergeant Johnson: There were two vehicle accidents on Highway 1. They were fender benders and non-DUI. Regarding speeding, we have some grant funded money, we are going to have some extra officers observing when we can.

Marie Jaqua: Most speeding is on the weekend and in the summer.

Sergeant Johnson: You can make traffic complaints but we need some information about time frames.

Richard Griese: I saw a lot of cars blowing through the stop light by the school.

Sergeant Johnson: What time?

Richard Griese: Between 9:00AM and 11:00AM.

Francie Farinet: People speed on Ocean Ave. as well.

Paul Choucalas: Do you guys ever park retired patrol cars along the street?

Sergeant Johnson: I know of communities that have, it does seem to work.

Parks - Nick Franco

No report.

Co. Planning - Terry Wahler

No report.

Co. Public Works - Dave Flynn

Public Works will be presenting during an agenda item.

Cayucos Sanitary District - Robert Enns.

Gil Igleheart: Things are moving along. Ground breaking will now be in October.

Chamber of Commerce - Carol Kramer

Carol Kramer: Tomorrow at 5:30 there is an open house/mixer at Lunada Garden Bistro with drinks and appetizers. The next Chamber event will be the street fair at the end of this month. The car show is in November.

Gil Igleheart: We're having a ribbon cutting at Lunada tomorrow as well.

Cayucos Elementary School - Terry Troupe

Terry Troupe, President of the School Board: What I had to say has mostly already been said. The school district has endeavored to make sure that we get facts and figures to everyone so that people can make the best decision. We are having a Board meeting on September 13th. Another meeting on September 27th is more of a town hall setting to provide information. We have engaged a specialist to speak. There will be about four alternatives presented. We encourage you to be there.

John Carsel: Will the consultants report be on the website?

Terry Troop: Probably not before the meeting.

Kerry Friend: What is the difference between the School Board meeting and the town hall meeting?

Terry Troop: The town hall is a more open format for public questions and answers. Information will be presented at the town hall on the 27th at 6:30 at the Cayucos Elementary School.

Kerry Friend: You said this was to get information to the public to make the best decision. What is the point if the School Board is going to make the decision?

Terry Troop: The School Board will listen to the opinion of the public.

County Supervisor - Bruce Gibson

Supervisor Gibson: The best news, the Visitor's Alliance gets 1% of the TOT tax and uses it for promoting tourism. They have made a \$25,000 grant to jump start the First Street beach access. This will get the design started.

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Commander Voge has left the building. It is difficult to compete with Commander's Voge's report. One of his deputies created a report in great detail regarding issues of Hang Glider Hill.

The 2019 Regional Transportation Plan for funding and transportation and for public transportation brings in issues of land use. The first path of adopting issues affecting our lives in the years to come is a survey for public input. Visit SLOCOG.org/2019RTP for a survey with your input. I have to add my appreciation for Evie Pellerton. She was 5' tall with the energy of Diablo Canyon. At 95 years old, she was still a power house. At one time she was the President of the CCAC.

Mr. Endersley, a former Harbor Master, enjoys the elements. I would like to invite Mr. Endersley to a February CCAC meeting in this tent.

Committee Reports

Land Use - Marie Jaqua

Marie Jaqua: We had a demolition project on Studio Drive. It is a double lot. The owners want to demolish a portion of the residence extending onto the second lot and sell that lot. We looked at the plans and went over the issues. The Land Use Committee supports the project.

Francie Farinet: I move to support the project.

Paul Choucalas: I second it.

The motioned carried unanimously.

Public Safety - DeAnne Harland

No report.

Recreational planning - Greg Bettencourt

Greg Bettencourt: Carol Kramer and Breck Smith and I have been attending monthly meetings with the County regarding the Vet's Hall. We are fairly pleased with their ideas. The community will get a chance to look at the basic plan in October.

John Carsel: The newest report regarding the Vet's Hall came in today and we were unable to send it to our email list until this evening.

Utilities - Dave Dabritz

Dave Dabritz: Today there was a presentation about the advantages and disadvantages of roundabouts vs. traffic signals. The information is available at their website. There were even Federal people there giving statistics. They will be doing an educational program to gain support for roundabouts.

Community Design - Lynn Schoenauer

No report.

CSA 10A - Paul Choucalas

No report.

By-Laws - Roland Hutchinson

No report.

Vacation Rentals - Cheryl Conway

No report.

BREAK.

Old Business:

A. CUP to erect six 29' tall poles for SoCalGas Advanced Meter Communications Devices. http://archive.slocounty.ca.gov/Assets/PL/referrals/coastal/DRC2016-0012_SoCalGas_Conditional_Use_Permit_CAYUCOS.pdf

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Marie Jaqua: Last month we had a presentation from SoCalGas about the location of six 29' poles. Cheryl Conway and I met with the SoCalGas engineer about our concerns regarding placement. Since then, they have found alternate sites for all but one pole. Tonight the SoCalGas engineer is going to present the alternate sites.

Tim Mahoney and Juan Maldonado: We met at the library a few days ago and I think we are making progress. It's a pleasure to work with the community. We want to make this a "win win".

Juan Maldonado: When we came in last month, we came in with 5 poles. We ID's a light pole that we can join up with so now we are down to 4. One pole we are moving to a street light on Cayucos Dr. One we moved from 13th Street to up by the water tank. It is just facing another utility pole. The third one we moved was on Obispo Ave. We were able to move it to just West of the cemetery and it is not in anyone's view. The pole on Old Creek Rd. wasn't really a problem. The one at Ocean Blvd. and Chaney Avenue can be moved near Gilbert Avenue where the bend is and an empty lot. We started with 5 and we are down to 4 with better locations.

Francie Farinet: Thank you for changing the locations.

John Carsel: I think we need to take some action to approve.

Francie Farinet: I move to approve.

Roland Hutchinson: I second the motion.

The motion carries unanimously.

Dave Dabritz: Thank you Marie for your excellent work.

New Business:

A. SPEEDING IN CAYUCOS! - Public Works and CHP.

Mike Britton, Public Works: Information about how speed limits are determined can be found at the AAA website. The CA Vehicle Code states that no person may drive on a two lane road at greater than 55mph. According to the Vehicle Code, no person shall drive at a speed that is unreasonable or that endangers a person or property. We are commissioned to do speed surveys. CVC 352 has definitions regarding speed limits. When we do speed surveys, we count 100 cars. When you lobby to have a speed limit changed, if we don't have surveys to back it up, Sergeant Johnson can not enforce it.

Sergeant Johnson: That is correct.

Mike Britton: We update the surveys every five to seven years. People tend to drive what is comfortable for them rather than what is posted. We are taking proactive steps but we do have limited resources.

Officers can not be everywhere at once.

Public Comment: Would speed bumps be effective or flashing lights?

Mike Britton: We are going to put crosswalks at the beach accesses on Pacific Ave. We are going to post additional signs that there are bikes and pedestrians in that area. Regarding speed bumps, we get a multitude of complaints when there are speed bumps. Fire Departments loathe them because they slow down their response time. Speed bumps also make noise for those who live there. We could consider flashing lights but there is expense and maintenance involved with that. We are considering a stop sign at 13th and Ocean Avenue.

John Carsel: What about a roundabout?

Mike Britton: We are having training about roundabouts tomorrow. There is also a circle that can be placed at 13th and Ocean Ave. that isn't quite a roundabout. We are considering and all way stop or a signal at 13th and Ocean Ave. We have to look at the speeds and volume at 13th and Ocean. If we have the information, we can do something. If we don't have the statistics, then we can't. We are driven by data. A DUI isn't going to be corrected by anything we can do. Some collisions on Ocean Avenue are based on situations that there is nothing Public Works can do about, like a left turn.

Gil Igleheart: I called Dave Flynn and asked for a speed limit sign on Cayucos Dr. which he did. I would like to thank him. If you decide to put in a 4 way stop, would you let us know?

Mike Britton: I can't presume anything based on citizen reports, I have to have the data.

Dave Dabritz: Some cities have to put in recorders at intersections to catch people blowing through yellows, etc.

Mike Britton: You've noticed the improved crosswalks on Ocean Ave. We have been approved for flashing lights at that location. It will be a little while before things come together to put those in.

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Bob Snyder: I will say from experience that Mike Britton is very responsible and responsive. Speed limits are only effective if they can be backed up by the CHP.

Mike Britton: That is correct and we have to have the data. I can be reached at mbritton@co.slo.ca.us.

Bob Snyder: We have to balance our needs and wants with those who are driving and want to get out of town. There has to be a balance.

B. Permits for events in Cayucos.

Gil Igleheart: We received complaints about an event that was put on in the Vet's Hall parking lot by a private organization. I'd like for events to be required to apply to the Chamber of Commerce for a permit.

Francie Farinet: That whole thing was a fiasco. They shut down the Vet's Hall parking lot.

Gil Igleheart: People couldn't get into or out of Duckies.

John Carsel: I think that is a good point. I'm going to refer this to Recreational Planning. It will come back to us.

Good of the Order:

Dave Dabritz: I make a motion that we honor Mike Minetti's retirement.

Gil Igleheart: I second the motion.

The motion carries unanimously.

Carol Kramer: I think we should get a plaque.

Carol Baptiste: Where will the money come from for a plaque? The CCAC doesn't have enough money and I have been paying for the copies out of my pocket.

Carol Kramer: The treasurer said we have \$400.

Carol Baptiste: That money has to last for essentials.

Carol Kramer: I propose that we take a voluntary collection not to exceed \$60.00.

Francie Farinet: Arley's memorial is this Sunday at 1:00.

Next meeting of the CCAC will be October 4, 2017 at the Vets Hall Tent.

Set up and refreshments will be precincts 1 & 2.

The next Land Use Committee meeting will be September 27, 2017.

John Carsel: Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Baptiste October 1, 2017