

NORTH COAST ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Ted Siegler at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mary Webb, Debbie Mix, Heide Santos, Ted Siegler, Shana McCormick, Jim Webb, Tony Church, Mike McLaughlin, Mike Lyons, Vari

MacNeil, Marty Main, Cece Lomeli, Laurel Stewart, Bambi Fields, Barbara Beane Marjory Sewell, John Nixon

Excused: Dawn Dunlap, Jason Anderson, Bruce Fosdike (came about 8:30.)

Absent: Clive Finchcamp

Agenda Approval:

- Vari would like to add an item on agenda – discuss – can't add but it can be under New Business – Things that need to be done around Cambria
- Bruce on Firesafe Committee, OK to be there as private citizen .
- * By-laws to be tabled to next month.

Agenda Approved as amended. Unanimous approval

Minutes Approval – Heide moved to accept the Minutes as written; 2nd Laurel. Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mark Rochefort – CCSD come before council: people have spoken against the project, but there has been overwhelming support for project and want to thank the District and County.
- Tina Dickason – CCSD is run by rules and regulations, must be approved by community. EIR must be done. \$4 ½ million in debt. No water from project as yet.

- Robert Davis – SL Bicycle event coming through Cambria to lighthouse on Sept. 26, 1200 riders – from Morro Bay to Cypress Point (Estuary area) – opens at 7 am, closes at 5 pm. Call 543-5973 for more info.
- Heide Santos – mentioned that Super. Gibson has suggested that everyone be kind and respectful during a meeting.

REGULAR PUBLIC AGENCY REPORTS

- Public Safety –Sergeant Rassmussen from the Sheriff’s department reported on 271 calls, many fires, many homeless have been removed, mail thefts—more in the summer—kids usually.
- CCSD: Director Clift – Meeting today for financial information – related to the emergency water program. Committed 2/3 of available dollars. \$3 ½ million grant coming in, but CCSD is being sued by a water group. Get county to modify rules on Stage 3 emergency. There’s a possibility of being able to water outside once a week. Fire Dept. – Capt. Bitto’s retiring, but an Engineer will be a temporary Capt. with other engineers being trained; positions will be filled. On Aug. 31 at 1:00 pm and Sept. 3 at 6 pm at Vets Hall Director Thompson and Director Clift will be there to hear what the community wants in a fire Department.

Public Comment from Tina Dickason, Mary Webb, Jim Webb

What days can we water? What is the cost? Lawsuit against district by Sansome settled and paid bills. EIR—when?

- Supervisor Bruce Gibson –
 - County Resources are going to Santa Margarita fire
 - TOT from motels – \$6 million in general fund money, for road maintenance, DA, Grand Jury and numerous general purposes; so can’t leave it in the community of origin. Tries to help communities in need.
 - State grant of water resources –now have been granted the \$\$\$ the County is helping the CSD; CDP is an issue.

Comments from Tina Dickason, Heide Santos, Mary Webb, Peter

Chaldecott

- Need to check cross walks and stop signs.
- Dead trees are depressing –Answer from Sup. Gibson – Cal Fire marking individual trees, removal on Covell Ranch. People on private property are removing trees. CCSD chose not to accept the blanket permit w/o the indemnity clause.
- Thanks for fixing Santa Rosa Creek Rd. –it will be finished soon.
- County Planning – Airlin Singewald no report – Mary asked about Harmony. Airlin says it's a different permit.

CAMBRIA FIRESAFE FOCUS GROUP

- Jim Webb moved for that it isn't the NCAC's business to appoint a representative. Any member is free to join the Fire Safe Focus Group but representation of the NCAC must be in accordance with the bylaws. 2nd by Heide. 11-1 in Favor.
- Shana thanked the Firesafe Committee for showing up. Mary asked if there is a Firesafe committee in each area of Cambria—not yet. How to notify Hispanics, students in schools –working on that info. So many details to sort out, according to Shirley Bianchi.

LAND USE COMMITTEE – Mary Webb

DRC2015-00006 – Crawford

- MUP proposed for a new detached garage (1,155 sq. ft.) plus a laundry addition. Garage to hold trailers, cars. Remove 1 pine tree. 2 – 5000 gal. water tanks to be added--will impact the trees along the fence

- Recommend - remove 6' fence

reduce overall size of non-potable tanks

use permeable paving

Mary moved to deny because of size. 2nd by Bambi, Secondary motion - Jim Webb moved to approve with the changes suggested by LUC. 2nd by Heide. Laurel added friendly amendment that total paving be permeable, shifting

position of tanks to avoid damage to trees. Add forest committee letter to Minutes. (see at end) Motion passed 11-1 in Favor.

DRC2014-00158 – Bailey – vacation rental on 313 Drake.

Mary moved to recommend denial of DRC2014-00158 Vacation Rental Waiver citing the NCAC motion of 7/14/14 which reads “all Ordinances that apply to the North Coast Region are to be strictly upheld and enforced by the County and County Planning for vacation rentals.” 2nd by Tony. Unanimous

DRC2015-00009-11 – Verizon—proposed MUP for 3 new 2’ OD

Canister antenna mounted to an existing JPA pole with associated equipment and meter pedestal at grade level at 3 locations. Visuals reason for project. How many will there be?

- Aaron Anderson at Verizon said— dropped cells, so need more canister antenna, not on private property – can’t have more than 2 cell boosters on a pole. Equipment is near a pole.
- Public Comments - from Paul Carlson, Bob Dees, Shirley Bianchi, Sup. Gibson, Mark Rochefort, Barbara Bronson-Gray, Bob Horvath, Tom Gray, Bram Winter, Airlin Singewald, Heide Santos,
 - Need cells for safety
 - Some concerned about health issues
 - Cabinets are not well cared for.
 - Concern about property values
 - No reason to think they are dangerous
 - Need to have a strong consensus to install cell towers, wants to approve addition of cell boosters.
 - Firesafe Council – strongly suggests that the cell boosters be approved.
 - Cell services are used by fire and police emergency service and is necessary.

- In favor of approval of cell boosters. Master plan –cited according to need. Extremely competitive business
- Dorset and Whitehall – against cell boosters.
- Cell phone may stay on in an emergency.
- Health Care – Support cell service, need it for emergencies with medical centers – need it to be safe.
- Move it to Hastings and Dorset—dead end street. Signals about the same as TV and home phone.
- Support approval of cell boosters.
- Please approve—need cell phone coverage now.
- Hearing on Cell boosters on Sept. 4.
- Needs cell phone when all else fails—TV, land line, computer.

Heide moved to accept the project—subject to Department of Public Works reviewing site line issues. 2nd by Tony Church. Unanimous.

2599 Pineridge – Bambi moved to approve the site. Shana 2nd.

Unanimous.

Berwick site. Heide moved to approve. Mike 2nd. Unanimous.

NCAC REPORTS

Transportation Committee—Tony Church

- Parking at Cambria Pines Lodge – report we got was incorrect.
- Met with Dirk Winters. Tony moved that a letter be sent to Daniel Robinson at the Coastal Commission about the Christmas Market as outlined in the Traffic Report. 2nd by Mary Webb.
- Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Heide Santos – \$1500 coming from county,
\$860.39 on hand.

Environmental Report – Jim Webb

- Current research in ocean in Cambria area – through Cal Poly catch and release – count and check on species – fish in reference site as well as, reserve. Through NOAA Rock fish conservation area are restricted to 240 ft. – giving more area to fish. Need to be careful how these fish are released, so they will live.

Latino/Latina – CeCe Lomeli

- Supervisor Gibson is to help the Latino/Latina population with Spanish info on file. No evacuation plan. Trying to help give information.

Work with Cal Fire so Latinos will have correct information.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – letter to the Coastal Commission about Christmas Market.

Community Outreach Committee –Shana McCormick

- Will have ideas next meeting. Getting information to the Latino community through churches, schools, laundromats. Invite government and leadership to visit NCAC meeting.
- Meet in small groups to give ideas for fire prevention. Bruce Fosdike has had a fire prevention meeting in his neighborhood.
- Have gov. group from H. S. and Jr. H. visit the NCAC.

Bylaw Committee Report – Continue to next meeting.

Transient Occupant Tax – TOT – Vari McNeil

Get some support for improving roads. How much money comes back here? In general fund so can't get \$\$\$ from that. Identify projects that come from the tourist trade. Invited to submit ideas to the Traffic Committee for follow-up.

Heide moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by many. Unanimous.

It was 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Sewell