

NORTH COAST ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Bruce Fosdike.

PRESENT: Jason Anderson, Barbara Beane, Tony Church, Bambi Fields, Bruce Fosdike, CeCe Lomeli, Mike Lyons, Marty Main, Mike McCormick, Vari McNeil, Heide Santos, Marj Sewell, Ted Siegler, Jim Webb, Mary Webb.

EXCUSED: Dawn Dunlap, Shana McCormick, Debby Mix, John Nixon, Laurel Stewart.

ABSENT: Clive Finchamp

AGENDA APPROVAL: Bruce Fosdike moved to put Clive Finchamp on agenda under New Business for removal from NCAC Council—absent since May. Heide 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Mike moved to accept the minutes. CeCe Lomeli 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Crosby Schwartz stated that Daniel Bowman, Conservation Director of Conservation will speak on Dec.9 at 6:30 --Rabobank. His subject will be transfer development for credits. About retiring lots and selling the units. Good story about high speed chase -- stolen

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

- Steve Cole –People who are speaking need to have respect. At the last meeting, anger was directed at the person. Be careful of our tone.
- Bruce Fosdike thanked Ted Siegler for taking over for Bruce.

**PUBLIC AGENCY REPORTS**

Public Safety – Commander Taylor reported that there were 294 calls from Harmony to Ragged Point. Still working on illegal camping. The Bicycle Christmas Party is coming up on December 16 at 12:30.

Bikes are available for children. To apply for a bike, fill out form on line. Pick up bike at Honor Farm.

- CCSD –Amanda Rice

There's a meeting on Thursday, November 19 to welcome Emily Torlano as Interim Captain of Fire Dept. and Tyson Hamilton as Fire Engineer.

- Policy to apply for grants for Ground Management Plan explained under SEQA
- Proposal to raise water rates in January—public will see it in March – 5 year plan. It's a 4 % a year raise. Meeting on December 29. A written letter for disapproval.
- Steve Cole asked if there be an insert about IRS scams.
- Mary Webb asked about EWS –not included in raise hike.

FireSafe Focus Group—Shirley Bianchi

- See letter to Supervisor Gibson.
- 70-90 % trees here are dead or dying—rain will not altar this problem –on-going or years, thus the letter to Super. Gibson.
- Cal Fire says trees on private property must be removed but must have a permit. Many permits are needed and is clogged. So people of Cambria are in a bad position. If one cuts the tree down, one is in trouble, but if the tree falls on a house, one is still in trouble.
- Steve Siegler – How about reforestation?
- Firesafe in SLO – grant to assist the dead and dying trees.

County Supervisor—Bruce Gibson

- FireSafe did a lot of work to help the stressed trees. Cal Fire has permitted trees to be removed –and arborist has approved the removal. The condition of the forest is not in the best of health. We need to redefine how we treat this forest. It's going to take care of the problem
- There needs to be an emergency declared so we can treat the forest in a good way and get rid of dead trees. Need a agency help to mitigate to problem. Delivered information to Coastal Commission to regard hazard Vs. resources on a state wide level.
- Certain permits to cut trees and replace those removals – on a state level.

- Certain permits to cut trees and replace those removals, in a way that doesn't cause a fire hazard.
- Have been focused in storm damage but need to consider no water.
- Kudos to Cheri McKee for 25 years of service.

#### County Planning – Airlin Singewald

- Vacation Rentals – had a hearing about density of Vacation Rentals in the area.
- Sandstone Apartments for mini storage in San Simeon on hold. Don't want to use livable space for mini storage—approved by Supervisors – ended up at the Coastal Commission, who will need to hold a hearing. The meeting was held July 8, 2015. The Coastal Commission didn't take action. County should have done a better job on hearing notices –asking at Advisory Councils. Need a better outreach. It would need to be re-zoned to make a change if the amendment passed. NCAC doesn't need to address this again.
- Mary Webb – There's no limitations, no EIR, but have still moved forward with the water project. Bruce Gibson stated that we need the project to move forward and will do what is needed to complete the project.
- Jim Webb – About tree removal, what is the number of permits to date? Airlin said there are about 40 permits out. Property owners must remove the tree when necessary. An arborist goes out to check trees, then approves tree removal.
- Mike Lyons—Who do you contact to remove a tree?  
Airlin - Individual tree owner may remove any hazardous tree But must replace 1-1 ratio. Call Cal Fire and replant, then send Photo of new tree to the county.  
Sup. Gibson --Send out the letter again to tell how to remove a tree.

#### Attachment D

- Jay Summers from Indigo Moon. He is moving the cheese part of the business to 1940 Main (the old St. Mary Meade store). Both Indigo Moon and the shop next door are on the same water meter. The cheese shop will be in front, and the rear half of this location will be a wine and cheese venue. No minors would go to that part.

REGULAR BUSINESS—LAND USE COMMITTEE—Mary Webb

- DCR2015-0004 – Taylor – Proposed MUP to construct a detached garage/shop of 763 sf. with a 2<sup>nd</sup> story guesthouse of 599 sf. And 2 decks, plus an addition to the existing residence of 62.5 sf. At 2877 Burton Dr.  
Mike moved to approve project. Heide 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mary modified in LUC Comments – 9 approved, 2 no. Passed.
- DCR2015-00043 – West – Proposed MUP to use an existing single family residence as a vacation rental at 18710 Cabrillo Hwy, SS. Not part of the Cambria Ordinance. Mary moved to approve with Conditions. Mike Lyons 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.
- DCR2015-00046 – Caltrans. Proposed MUP for Gateway Monument sign displaying the name of the community and slogan located on Hwy 1 south of Moonstone Beach Dr., Cambria. Mary moved to approve the sign. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. 10 yes and 1 no. Passed.
- DRC205-00047 – Vadnais – Proposed MUP – authorize an existing “as built” Recycle Center at the north side of Tamson Dr. Mary moved to approve. Mike McCormick 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.
- DRC2015-0018 - Drummond – Proposed MUP to construct a detached 2 car garage on the site of an existing single family residence at 2301 Wilcombe Dr.  
Mary moved to deny because it is not a merged lot. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. OK to build if voluntary merger .  
Amend to include a lot merger – lot consolidation agreement. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Lyons.  
Amend motion with lot merger or a lot consolidation. Mike McCormick 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Mike McCormick –moved to abide by the community ordinance. Heide 2<sup>nd</sup>. 7 approve, 4 opposed.
- Tharp – DRC201 5-2015-00023. licensed Vacation Rental,  
There is a new driveway, no trees removed, deck is reduced.

Drainage needed on steep frontage; working on a drainage plan. Mary moved to approve if pocket Monterey pines and oaks remain. Tony 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

## NCAC REPORTS

- Traffic Committee –Tony Church  
At the last NCAC meeting concerning handicapped parking in the West Village. Tony checked and discovered 21 designated handicapped parking areas located in business parking lots. The County requirements are being met. Other road issues for safety were discussed.
- Website Committee –Ted Siegler – on-going.  
We need to put agendas on the Website.
- Treasurer’s Report – Heide Santos  
\$2054 is on hand.
- Environmental Report – Mary Webb  
Mary talked about a book –TALE FROM CAMBRIA WOODS. We need to protect our forest, which makes Cambria the attraction it is. Find them at Farmer’s Market.
- Corresponding Secretary’s Report – CeCe Lomeli  
Need comments from board members.  
Cal Fire – info going out in Spanish – appreciate comments.
- Community Outreach Committee – CeCe Lomeli  
More to come under new business.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Clive Finchamp –hasn’t been at a NCAC meeting. Clive will be off the board.
- Election Committee – Bruce needs help. Heide Santos and Marj Sewell volunteered. This is for next year.
- Community Health Care District. Mike McLaughlin talked to French Hospital and Cambria Health Care District. Survey will go out in January CCSD bills. It will be in English and Spanish. Meeting is on Thursday.  
CeCe Lomeli stated that the Cambria ambulances are having some problems and need up-dating. No heat or air conditioning at the Cambria Health Center.

- December holiday social – Party will be held at the Pub upstairs. On December 16 for \$25.00 plus libation. Want other groups to Join the fun.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marj Sewell

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