

Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council

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7 PM, Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Southern Station Restaurant

Santa Margarita, CA 93453

Minutes: August 5, 2015

Members Present: Sophie Treder, Tamara Kleeman, Stuart Souza, George Sullivan, Sue Christian, Bob Righetti, Guy Rathbun, Robert Stockel, Dana Tryde, Butch Pope, JoAnn Head, Richard Gayou, Joe Patterson, and Steve Rossi.

1. **Dinner Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Call to Order - 7:03 pm.**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting** – George Sullivan 1st; Stuart Souza 2nd; approved with 5 abstentions.
5. **Approval of the Agenda** – Agenda modified to clarify that item 11.a is a discussion of Savor the Central Coast.
6. **Review of Meeting Structure**
 - a. SMAAC meeting procedure for project review
 - b. Rules for presenting testimony
 - c. Agenda item requests – submit requests no later than ten days prior to meeting. Requests to be submitted through representatives to Chairman. Late requests must be submitted in writing and may be included in the agenda at the Chairman’s discretion.
7. **5th District Supervisor’s Report**
 - a. Supervisor Arnold will provide her report upon arrival at the meeting. This is a “floating” agenda item.
8. **Public Safety** - None present.
9. **CSA 23 Update** – None.

10. Open comment

a. Public announcements and comments regarding items not on the agenda. It was announced that an update on the path plans will be submitted, and then money will have to be raised to build it.

b. Council announcements and comments regarding items not on the agenda. None.

11. New Business:

a. Savor the Central Coast: Jamie Kirk gave the presentation (see handout). The event will be held September 26 & 27, 2015. The buses will be Silverado – see map for routes. The vendor traffic is also displayed on the map; Yerba Buena will be handicap and buses only and limited “other” traffic. The event time will be ending 1 hour earlier. Stacie Jacob with the SLO County Visitor’s & Conference Bureau noted the tourist and economic benefits to Santa Margarita and SLO County. Fast Forward Events is helping with the organization, and Ken from that organization also presented. He noted that Sunset magazine is putting even more into the event this year, and it is the major event for the magazine. Vendors will be coming in Wednesday, instead of Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday as in years past. A community letter will be mailed offering local residents 2 free tickets to the Sunday event (capped at 100). Additional emphasis this year on small farming; Volvo has signed on as a sponsor; and 3x more restaurants have signed up. Jamie Kirk noted that they would like to apply for a 5 year permit for the event. This is not busy time for tourism, and this event tries to promote SLO County on off season visits.

Rob Rossi: Gave an update on the planned festival event at the Ranch, and gave more background on the experience of the organizers, and asked whether it would be helpful to have them return and give us a presentation. The Council agreed that it would. He offered two free tickets to their upcoming festival in San Francisco, and it was agreed that Dana Tryde, as honorary member of the “festival committee” should go check it out and report back.

b. County Water Update – Planning and Building Dept. – An update was provided by the Planning Staff on the changes made to the Countywide Water Conservation Ordinance by the Planning Commission. Final dates have not been set yet, but they expect that the Board will consider the ordinance near the end of October.

c. County Water Update – Public Works Dept. John Diodati gave an update on the status of the water district application with LAFCO, SGMA issues, and provided a handout explaining the difference between the Fugro Basin boundaries and the Bulletin 118 boundaries. The Council asked clarifying questions and thanked him for his report.

12. Continued Business - None

13. Treasurer's Report: No change.

14. Public Information Committee- 15. Chairman's Report: 9:10 pm

a. Assign subcommittees – It was agreed that Elections did not need to be a standing committee and that the Bylaws committee could address this change. Stuart Souza and JoAnn Head were added to the Public Information Committee, and Sophie Treder, Robert Stockel, and Tamara Kleemann are the Bylaws Committee.

16. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned unanimously at 9:25 p.m.

a. Next Meeting – September 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm