

Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council
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7 PM, Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Santa Margarita Community Hall
22501 I Street, Santa Margarita, CA 93453

Members Present: Sophie Treder, Su Andros, John Reed, Steve Rossi, Bob Righetti, Jeremy Burns, Joe Patterson, George Sullivan, Stuart Souza, Wade Cromley (for Mike Cole), Charlie Whitney, Sue Christian, Dana Tryde, Guy Rathbun.

1. **Call to order – 7:00pm (1 min)** Called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance – 7:01pm (2 min)**
3. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting 7:03pm (5 min)** Motion to approve (MTA) by John Reed, 2nd by Charlie Whitney. MP with Stuart Souza and Wade Cromley abstained.
4. **Approval of the agenda – 7:08pm (2 min)** MTA by Su Andros, 2nd George Sullivan, MPU.
5. **Meeting Structure – 7:10pm (5 min)** Meeting procedures and policies were reviewed.
 - a. Audio/Video Recorders
 - b. SMAAC meeting procedure for project review
 - c. Rules for presenting testimony
 - d. 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.
6. **Appreciation for David Blakeley’s Service – 7:15pm (5 min)** The Chair made a statement recognizing David Blakely for his years of service on SMAAC representing the people of Santa Margarita. Other council members added their sentiments of thanks. Supervisor Arnold presented Mr. Blakely with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service.
7. **Council Membership – 7:20pm (10 min)**
 - a. **Open Seats – Santa Margarita and Las Pilitas** A number of candidates presented with 5 signatures for the open Santa Margarita seat vacated by Mr. Blakely: Richard Bettencourt; Heidi Petersen; Guy Rathbun; Lance Lessard; Andy Mutziger; Tom Smith; and Robert Stockel. The Council agreed that, per our bylaws, choosing by lottery meant drawing a name out of a hat. The secretary wrote all names on a piece of paper which were then placed in the Chairman’s hat. asDavid Blakely selected the name: Guy Rathbun. There were no candidates for the Las Pilitas seat.

b. Council members to state alternates and provide email and phone number information for members and alternates: Guy Rathbun announced Robert Stockel as his alternate. Stuart Souza has not selected an alternate yet. George Sullivan's alternate is Bill Borgsmiller. Peggy Nelson's alternate is Elizabeth Beeman. All others remain unchanged.

8. Open comment – 7:30pm (10 min)

a. Public announcements and comments regarding items not on the agenda. Heidi Petersen announced the annual cleaning of Yerba Buena Creek this coming weekend, Oct. 5th. Please show up at the Park at 8:00 am. Coffee at The Porch, snacks afterward. Usually done by 11:00 or so. They are really looking for volunteers. George Sullivan made comments as a public member thanking individuals who supported his windmill project, and announced that the project was finished. Stacy Jacob with Visit SLO County and Savor the Central Coast wanted to thank the community for their support; the Savor event was a big success. Andy Mutziger wanted to speak about the Las Pilitas mine and impacts to the community. His house is on the haul route, and he is also a cyclist. He is suggesting a conveyor to move material from the mine to El Camino Real, and he is waiting for a response from the County on that. He would like the Council to continue to follow the mine project and help represent community concerns.

b. Council announcements and comments regarding items not on the agenda. George Sullivan announced that deceleration and acceleration lanes at Tassajara Creek Road and 101 are in place and seem to be working well.

9. Public Safety – 7:40pm (5 min) None present.

- a. Cal Fire / County Fire Department
- b. Sheriff's Department
- c. Highway Patrol
- d. Other Agencies

10. CSA 23 Update – 7:45pm (5 min). No one was present. David Blakely pointed out that with our meeting change, the CSA meetings don't take place until the day after. Joe Patterson reminded people that CSA 23 will add anyone interested to their email list.

11. Treasurer's Report – 7:50pm (5 min) Charlie Whitney gave the report. He stated that the balance should be unchanged, but the October bank statement hadn't arrived yet. The Chair pointed out that statements might rarely be available since our meeting is now early. The Secretary agreed to get signed copy of the June minutes to the Treasurer to complete the signatory change.

12. Sub-Committee Reports – 7:55pm (15 min)

a. Frontage Road between Santa Margarita and SLO --George Sullivan gave the report and read off two proposals that his committee put together. As subcommittee chair, he is looking

for a motion from the Council supporting one of the proposals so that it can be formalized and passed on to the governing bodies. Charlie Whitney queried whether we were muddying the waters by requesting that the frontage road extend all the way to SLO. George Sullivan pointed out that the area down the south side of the grade does not have an advisory council so the corridor is as much within our jurisdiction as anyone's. There are existing segments that could be connected, so a comprehensive approach seems best. John Reed pointed out in the meeting that Katcho and Caltrans seemed to prefer a comprehensive plan to send to Caltrans. Joe Patterson and George Sullivan concurred. Su Andros asked about some of the existing segments on the south side of the grade.

Opened for public comment: William Borsgmiller stated that he believed it was smart to plan comprehensively, even if the solutions implemented end up being smaller or shorter. The Chair asked Supervisor Arnold's opinion and she concurred.

The Chair summarized the two proposals: one deals with the frontage road from Santa Margarita to SLO, and the other deals with the Highway 101/Highway 58 interchange that would support the frontage road.

George Sullivan then moved that the Council accept the subcommittee proposals as written. 2nd by Dana Tryde. MPU, endorsing the following:

1) We, the Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council, propose establishing a surface road system between Highway 58 and San Luis Obispo to accommodate residential, pedestrian, and emergency services traffic that is separate from the existing Highway 101.

2) We, the Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council, contiguously propose an improved Highway 58 and Highway 101 intersection that will support the proposed surface road system between Highway 58 and San Luis Obispo.

13. New Business

a. None

14. Unfinished Business

a. None

15. 5th District Supervisor's Report. Supervisor Arnold gave the report. She participated in the Atascadero Salinas River cleanup day, and looks forward to joining the Santa Margarita creek cleanup day. SLOCOG will be coming out very soon with their Draft Salinas River Trail Plan. She gave an overview of the plan, the goal of which is to eventually have trail connectivity between Santa Margarita and San Miguel. She has been working on a number of homeless issues this year on behalf of the Board. She gave an update on the Paso Robles

Groundwater Basin Urgency Ordinance. Additional information on the health of the basin should be coming to the Board in another month or two.

Guy Rathbun asked how close the Paso Groundwater Basin is to affecting Santa Margarita. Supervisor Arnold explained that it does not reach Santa Margarita.

16. Chairman's report – 8:20pm (5 min)

a. December 4 meeting? January 1, 2014 is first Wednesday. The Chair posed the question to the Council. Charlie Whitney suggested that the Council vote to meet December, and then instruct the Bylaws committee to amend the bylaws to permanently change the Bylaws to change from a dark December to a dark January. Su Andros 2nded. MPU. That led to a brief discussion regarding necessary amendments to the Bylaws and convening the bylaws committee. The Committee is Su Andros, Sophie Treder and Butch Pope. Future agendas will have a standing agenda item for a bylaws committee update. Only 3 more meetings before Election season. Chair has received a request to agendize the Salinas River Trail issue for next time as well.

17. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned unanimously at 8:02.

a. Next Meeting – November 6, 2013 at 7:00pm