

Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council

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7 PM, Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Santa Margarita Community Hall

Santa Margarita, CA 93453

Minutes: February 3, 2016

Members Present: Sophie Treder, Bob Righetti, Cheryl Cole, Richard Gayou, Steve Rossi, George Sullivan, Guy Rathbun, Dana Tryde, Joe Patterson, Tamara Kleemann, Eric Cleveland, Stuart Souza, Robert Stockel, JoAnn Head.

1. **Call to order** - 7:05 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Minutes:** Tabled until the end of the meeting.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to Approve by George Sullivan, 2nd by Steve Rossi, MPU.
5. **Review of Meeting Structure:** The Chairman reviewed the meeting structure.
6. **Fifth District Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Arnold gave the report. There was a SLOCOG meeting today, and transportation dollars have been slashed. The shift is to "self help" counties. There is a lot of money collected by the state under the CAA for cap and trade emissions, and there is a chance some of that could be used to replace the transportation funding. The Board of Supervisors recently banned synthetic drugs in the County. The Board of Supervisors will be considering marijuana cultivation soon. The County legislative platform was passed earlier this week. Water district ballots will be mailed out February 8th and are due back by March 8th. The basin boundary issues are sort of up in the air at the moment.
7. **Public Safety:** Park Hill resident, Jay Keyes, wanted to express his concern with dangerous traffic on Park Hill Road. There was a fatality a few weeks ago, and lots of close calls. Worse on the weekends, but pretty much dangerous all the time. Looking for a community response, extra patrols, speed traps, whatever it takes. Council members from Parkhill and Pozo echoed the concerns. Suggestions included radar feedback signs, increased patrols, posted speed limits that are lower than 55, and

citizen reports. Officer Parker spoke for CHP Templeton. CHP has two portable feedback trailers that could be temporarily used on Parkhill. However, there are two concerns: one is that the trailers in rural areas can often get vandalized. Templeton covers from 58 to Camp Roberts, and Harmony out to Kern County line. In a given day, he usually only has 4 officers on patrol for that whole area. But they will make an effort to prioritize Parkhill. There have been 8 reported collisions on Parkhill Rd in 20 months (likely many more unreported). Individuals can call in traffic complaints to (805-434-1822). If you get a license number, CHP can send a letter to the registered owner of the vehicle. Sergeant Manuelli from SLO Sheriff's also spoke. Per the Memorandum of Understanding with CHP, CHP handles traffic and Sheriff's handles criminal complaints, although the Sheriff is empowered to and sometimes does make traffic stops. Unfortunately, the priority for the Sheriff is the criminal calls, but as time permits, he will prioritize patrols out there, especially volunteer patrols. It is not possible to change the speed limit without a surveyed road. Dave Flynn noted that the County had obtained grant money to put a center line rumble strip on Pozo Road, but potentially that sort of thing could be used on Parkhill.

Josh Taylor, Parkhill Battalion Chief from Cal Fire introduced himself and made himself available for questions. Response statistics are available on their website. CalFire will be starting defensible space inspections next week. Sophie Treder asked a question about helicopter response. Response can come either from the CHP helicopter in Paso or CalStar in Santa Maria.

8. **CSA 23** – Mrs. Church gave the report. They are looking for one additional Board member, interested people can email csa23@gmail.com. Must be a Margarita resident or property owner in Santa Margarita.
9. **Open Comment:** Cheryl Cole commented that it is very unfortunate that the Las Pilitas Quarry permit was not approved. Hanson Santa Margarita is out of nearly every material, and Rocky Canyon cannot meet the same specs. There is no cement sand available between Gonzales and Sisquoc. Cheryl Cole stated that Las Pilitas Resources, LLC has dissolved, the Coles are no longer involved at this point, but that partners are pursuing it.

10. **New Business:**

- (a) Regional Government Services gave the presentation. They have been contracted out by SLOCOG to get feedback on transportation needs.
- (b) Phillips 66 – no comments from the Council or the public.

(c) Residential vacation ordinance—Presentation by Arlin Singwald and Karen Nall of the SLO County Planning Department regarding the proposed inland vacation rental ordinance. It has been prompted by some complaints received out in the Adelaide area. It is largely based on existing vacation rental ordinances they have in the coastal zone. They are looking for feedback, and this is the first advisory group they have presented to. Discussion and comments from both the public and the council ensued. There was much discussion about whether there should be a spacing requirement between rental houses and, if so, how much. The draft ordinance says 500 feet, but many felt that was too small, given how small the lots are in Margarita. Others felt it was not large enough, or would not like to see any vacation rentals. There was also some concern about the restrictions of rentals on ag land, and about using the one-size fits all approach, as opposed to community-specific. Currently, vacation rentals only require an over-the-counter permit and a business license. No action was asked for or taken.

11. **Continued Business:** Sophie Treder gave the second reading of the bylaws. Motion by George Sullivan to approve as presented, 2nd by Cheryl Cole, MPU.

12. **Treasurer's report.** None

13. **Public Information Committee:** None

14. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman gave a recap of his meeting with Senator Monning (also attended by a few other SMAAC members) and the topics that were discussed.

Approval of the November minutes: Correction made by Tamara to November minutes, motion to approve by George Sullivan subject to Tamara's correction; 2nd by Gary Rathbun, MPU. Steve Rossi, Robert Stockel, Stuart Souza, EC and Cheryl Cole abstained.

December: There was an error in the list of members present—JoAnn Head was listed as being present at that meeting but she stated she was not. Guy Rathbun and Tamara Kleeman to approve with removing JoAnn Head from the list of members present. MPU with Cheryl Cole, Richard Gayou, Steve Rossi, JoAnn Head, and Eric Cleveland abstaining.

Election announcements: JoAnn Head, Stuart Souza, Tamara Kleeman, George Sullivan, Robert Stockel, Richard Gayou and Sophie Treder, all believed to be incumbents, all stated an intention to run again.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 10:21 pm.**