

# Santa Margarita Area Advisory Council

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7 PM, Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Santa Margarita Community Hall

Santa Margarita, CA 93453

## Minutes: April 6, 2016

**Members Present:** Sophie Treder, Bob Righetti, Cheryl Cole, Richard Gayou, George Sullivan, Dana Tryde, Joe Patterson, Tamara Kleemann, Eric Cleveland, Stuart Souza, Robert Stockel, Sue Christian and Simone Smith.

1. **Call to order - 7:10 pm.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Minutes:** Approval of the February minutes: It was noted that in item #7 the public speaker should be Jay Keyes from Parkhill, not Jake. Correction noted. Tamara Kleemann noted that under the discussion of the elections, Robert Stockel should replace Guy Rathbun as the incumbent for Santa Margarita. Secretary Treder responded that, according to her notes, there was some uncertainty at the time as to who the incumbent was, and that Guy Rathbun stated his intention to run again if he was the incumbent. Even though it was later discovered that Robert was actually the incumbent, the minutes should reflect what actually occurred. Some discussion ensued regarding what was correct. Guy Rathbun was not in attendance to confirm whether he had mistakenly stated his intention to run at the February meeting. Tamara Kleemann also noted that the February minutes of Cheryl Cole's public comment regarding Las Pilitas Resources are incomplete. Tamara recalled Cheryl making a statement, in addition to what was recorded in the minutes, that the quarry project was being pursued. Cheryl Cole disagreed. Discussion followed regarding differing council member recollections of what was said. Sophie Treder noted that, as secretary, she is not a court reporter, and the minutes are not supposed to be a transcript, so it is certainly possible that more things were said than were taken down. The important thing is that everyone agrees that what is included is accurate. She stated her concerns that if we are going to amend the minutes two months after the fact to add a statement by a council member, the council member who said it should agree it was said—otherwise a majority vote could rewrite history by adding things to the minutes after the fact, despite disagreement by the supposed speaker. Everyone concurred that if we had a tape recording to fall back on there would be no question.

Cheryl Cole moved to approve the minutes as written with the Jay Keyes correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Sullivan. Tamara Kleemann made a secondary motion to change Guy Rathbun to Robert Stockel under item 14. Robert Stockel seconded the secondary motion. Vote on the secondary to change Guy Rathbun to Robert Stockel in the elections discussion: Motion passed with three abstentions (Cheryl Cole, Simone Smith, and Sophie Treder). Another secondary motion was made by Tamara Kleemann to amend the minutes to say: “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.” Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dana Tryde. George Sullivan wanted to clarify that this is not replacing the statement already in the current draft minutes, it is adding to it. Secondary motion passed 10 in favor, 1 opposed (Sophie Treder), 2 abstentions (Cheryl Cole and Simone Smith). Main motion to approve the minutes as amended by the secondary motions: MPU with Simone Smith abstaining.

3. **March minutes:** Minutes prepared by Stacey Phillips, who was not present. Joe Patterson noted that in items 6 and 7, Jennifer Caffee’s name is spelled incorrectly. Also the words Santa Margarita Lake should be removed from item 10. Tamara Kleemann noted that her name was spelled wrong in item 10. Motion to approve the minutes with those corrections by Tamara Kleemann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Stockel, MPU with Dana Tryde, Eric Cleveland, and Sophie Treder abstaining.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to Approve by Dana Tryde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Sullivan, MPU.
5. **Review of Meeting Structure:** Done
6. **Elections:** Elections chair Cheryl Cole reported the vote totals as follows: Robert Stockel for Santa Margarita- 3, George Sullivan for Tassajara- 1, Richard Gayou for Las Pilitas- 2, Tamara Kleemann for 58- 3, Jeremy Burns for South Atascadero- 1, Sophie Treder for Pozo – 1, JoAnn Head for Parkhill- 1, Stuart Souza for Garden Farms- 1. Joe Patterson noted that the result for Stuart Souza was not on the email he received. Cheryl retrieved the actual ballots and it was determined that Stuart Souza did have one vote, and it was inadvertently omitted from the email. The ballots were verified in front of the whole council. Motion to approve the election results by Robert Stockel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Cleveland, MPU.

Officer elections: Joe Patterson passed the meeting to 5th District Legislative Assistant Jen Caffee, and Jen asked for nominations for Chair. Eric Cleveland nominated Joe Patterson. There were no other nominations, and Joe elected unanimously with one abstention- Joe Patterson. At that point, Joe took back running the meeting.

Vice Chair: Tamara Kleemann nominated Dana Tryde, 2nd by Sue Christian. Dana Eric Cleveland nominated Sophie Treder, 2nded by George Sullivan. Dana Tryde the declined her nomination, so as not to have a contested election. Sue Christian nominated Tamara Kleeman, 2nded by Robert Stockel. Tamara Kleemann accepted. Secret ballots were then taken for Vice Chair. Jen Caffee collected the ballots and announced the results: Sophie Treder-7, Tamara Kleemann-6.

Secretary: Sophie J. Treder nominated Tamara Kleemann, but she declined. After some discussion about whether it was appropriate to have the duties of secretary rotate, Chairman Patterson checked the bylaws and determined that was not allowed. There was further discussion about the feasibility of digitally recording the meetings to make the duties of secretary less onerous. Sophie Treder suggested using some of the SMAAC money to buy a digital voice recorder, and George Sullivan stated that he would donate money for one. After various council members offered their assistance if she needed it, Dana Tryde agreed to be secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simone Smith. Elected unanimously.

Treasurer: Dana Tryde nominated JoAnn Head, Sophie Treder 2nded. JoAnn elected unanimously.

7. **Fifth District Supervisor's Report:** Jen Caffee gave the report for Supervisor Arnold. The Board recently voted unanimously to approve the Templeton Behavioral Health Center, and also to move forward with the desalination pipeline from Diablo Canyon. The County allocated \$900,000 to do feasibility studies, EIRs, and initial engineering concepts for the desalinated water, which would be 1,300 AF. May 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation on SGMA compliance options. The budget will be introduced May 17<sup>th</sup>, and budget hearings will be June 13-15.
8. **Public Safety: None**
9. **CSA 23: None**
10. **Open Public Comment:** Ron DeCarli made a statement following up on our letter to CalTrans. An item came before the SLOCOG Board today regarding a CalTrans work plan that included a request for funding, the funding was secured, and they will be starting a feasibility study, probably in July, to study access control strategies and alternative multimodal improvements on 101 from Monterey St to the 58 junction. Suggested that the Council might want to contact CalTrans and say "Thank you, now we want to be involved." SLOCOG is also looking into proposing a ½ cent sales tax increase that would be split 50% for local jurisdictions (with at least 10% spent on community enhancements and 4% safe routes to schools), 25% would go to regional

highway projects, 15% to bike and pedestrian safety and connectivity, and 10% public transportation. Would have a sunset date of 9 years, and administrative costs would be no more than 9%. This will go before the BOS on April 19<sup>th</sup>. BOS will comment, it will then come back to SLOCOG for final approval in June, then to all the cities and the County for a final vote, and then if that is done by Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, it would go on the November ballot and require a 2/3rds vote. Sophie Treder asked what “community enhancements” were. Answer: it is just about anything from sidewalks to street trees and bulbouts, but must improve the community from a transportation standpoint. Dana Tryde asked how long we had to make comments. Answer: it is likely the BOS will be considering final action on this in June. Individuals who want to comment before it goes to the BOS on April 19 can contact the Board directly or can contact Stephanie Hicks at SLOCOG. Cheryl Cole asked how much the County was getting in cap and trade monies. Answer: the County will be getting around \$27,000.

#### **11. New Business:**

(a) Michelle from Public Works gave the presentation. She is also Secretary of bicycle advisory committee. The County Bikeways plan is primarily a Public Works plan. Three classes of bike lanes: Class I is an 8-12 foot path that is separated from the roadway, Class II is 4-5 feet of shoulder, a bike route is Class III, appears a lot on roads like I Street where there is lower speed and lower volume, or a bike route where there is no shoulder. There were no significant changes made in the update to the Santa Margarita area. Michelle noted that Santa Margarita is limited in that Public Works does not have jurisdiction over Highway 58. Dana Tryde observed that the school flag had been eliminated from the legend in the 2015 update; Michelle stated that must have been inadvertent and would be corrected. Bob Righetti and George Sullivan had questions about how the bikeways plan is funded—the answer is that it is grant money, but that money is expected to be tight or unavailable. This is a mandatory update under state law, which will come into play when and if funding becomes available. Sophie Treder asked if the plan distinguished between transportation and recreation? Answer: No, this is just planning. Sophie Treder also asked what the cost of a mile of bike lane is. Answer: Depends. But a rough number is about \$1 million per mile (6 foot on each side). At 4 on 12, it could be \$10 a square foot. Council discussion ensued on whether to submit comments, of particular interest was whether to suggest that the plan use H Street versus I as the Class III route, so have a straight shot to the school, rather than jogging down 58. No action was taken.

#### **12. Continued Business:** None

#### **13. Treasurer’s report.** None

14. **Chairman's Report:** Joe Patterson gave the report. If anyone would like to attend a CAC training on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12, it will be in the downtown SLO Library. Send an email to Joe if you would like to attend, and any topics you want to have covered. He recapped the discussion on the rumble strip projects on Pozo Road versus Parkhill from the February meeting, and encouraged members to email their concerns and frustrations to [Whorton@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:Whorton@co.slo.ca.us) and [dflynn@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:dflynn@co.slo.ca.us). CalTrans will be resurfacing Highway 101 from South Higuera to Reservoir Canyon road beginning April 5<sup>th</sup>. Expect delays of up to 10 minutes from 9 pm to 6 am Sunday through Friday. Joe had attempted to schedule a candidates forum to hear from the local District 5 candidates, but county counsel recommended against it because of our bylaws.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.**