

Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council April 5, 2017

Meeting called to order in the Cayucos School by President John Carsel - 7:00PM
approx. 30 in public attendance.

Present: John Carsel, Carol Baptiste, Paul Choucalas, Dave Dabritz, Roland Hutchinson, Francie Farinet, Marie Jaqua, Steve Beightler, DeAnne Harland, Greg Bettencourt and Gil Igleheart.
Arley Robinson, Glenn Oekler and Lynn Schoenauer were absent and excused.

Minutes :

Roland Hutchinson moves to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017. Gil Igleheart seconded the motion. Francie Farinet added information as reported by Richard Griese under "Public Comment". The corrected minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Roland Hutchinson: We had a beginning balance of \$1,114.95. A check was paid to Carol Baptiste for copies and supplies in the amount of \$22.76, a check in the amount of \$86.00 was paid for the Post Office box, and checks were paid to Carol Baptiste in the amounts of \$15.81 and \$14.52 for copies and supplies. The ending balance is \$975.86.

Election Report:

John Carsel: We have a report from the election committee chairman, Steve Beightler.

Steve Beightler: The election went really well. The League of Women Voters did a great job.

John Carsel: The results of the election are:

District 1: Carol Baptiste, John Carsel, with Arley Robinson as the alternate. District 2: Paul Choucalas and Carol Kramer. District 3: Glenn Oekler, Lynn Schoenauer, with Dave Dabritz as the alternate. District 4: Francie Farinet, Marie Jaqua, with Roland Hutchinson as the alternate. District 5: Steve Beightler. District 6: Kerry Friend, Deanne Harland. District 7: Greg Bettencourt. District 8: Gil Igleheart.

John Carsel: Are there any challenges? Seeing none, challenges are over. The new council members may be seated. Mr. Supervisor, we do have two new members for the official swearing in.

Supervisor Gibson: Let me thank all of you for being here. It was twenty three years ago that I took a seat and my life has never been the same. Thank you to Kerry and to Carol for your service.

John Carsel: Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer are now open.

John Carsel: Nominations for President.

Steve Beightler: I nominate John Carsel.

Greg Bettencourt: I second the nomination.

Dave Dabritz: I move to close the nominations.

The council approves the nomination of John Carsel for President unanimously.

John Carsel: Is there a nomination for Vice President?

Marie Jaqua: I nominate Steve Beightler.

Roland Hutchinson: I second the nomination.

John Carsel: Seeing no further nominations, congratulations Mr. Beightler.

John Carsel: Is there a nomination for Treasurer?

Carol Baptiste: I nominate Roland Hutchinson.

Francie Farinet: I second the nomination.

Kerry Friend: Can Roland be treasurer if he is an alternate?

John Carsel, President and Steve Beightler study the by-laws. It is decided that Roland is a council member as an alternate and is eligible to be treasurer.

The council approves Roland Hutchinson as treasurer unanimously.

John Carsel: I appoint Carol Baptiste as secretary. Carol, do you accept?

Carol Baptiste: Yes, thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

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John Carsel: There will be a meeting on April 15th at the Board of Supervisors chambers regarding “off shore resources”.

In recognition of our CHP, there was a note posted on the Cayucos Neighborhood website saying, “the CHP is on our street issuing speeding tickets (Old Creek Rd.). Yea!”

Supervisor Gibson will be speaking with us about cannabis in unincorporated areas. There is a meeting tomorrow night at the Board of Supervisors chambers regarding this topic at 6:30.

Public Comments; use the microphone, state name and residence, 3 minute limit.

Richard Shannon: I am from On the Beach bed and breakfast and I am representing a bicycle event. This will be the third year for the vintage bicycle ride. It is the only one in the US. The Board of Supervisors has asked us to get your approval. It is already scheduled. There will be about 1,000 riders based in Paso Robles. 485 riders will come through the Cayucos rest area. Some wear period attire. Some travel on dirt roads like Cypress Mountain Rd. and Santa Rita Rd. There will be a rest stop at the base of the pier. This is scheduled for this coming Sunday from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. My job is to provide bottles of water. The Cayucos Chamber of Commerce is in favor of the event. 95% of the participants come from out of state. Some come from outside of the country.

Paul Choucalas: We need to take a vote to add this as an emergency agenda item. I move that we add this as an agenda item.

Greg Bettencourt: I second the motion.

The motion carries.

Paul Choucalas: I move to let the bicycle group do whatever they want.

Greg Bettencourt: I second the motion.

The motion carries unanimously.

Gil Igleheart: Cayucos will be having fireworks for July 4th. I have raffle tickets for sale

Jessa Fitzgerald, Family Care Network: I am with Miracle Miles for Kids. Every year we have a walk/run on the beach from Morro Rock to the Cayucos Pier. The tide comes in at 10:00AM this year. We would like a detour from 10:00AM to 12:00PM on Pacific Avenue for 275 participants.

Francie Farinet: From 24th St. to Pacific Ave.?

Jessa Fitzgerald: I have a map. Up Pacific Avenue from 24th St. and part of Ocean Avenue to D St. We are hoping for a partial closure by Public Works.

Greg Bettencourt: Why go down D St. instead of E St.?

Jessa: It could be E St.

Carol Kramer: Were you saying Pacific Avenue would be closed?

Jessa Fitzgerald? It would be a partial closure. We want to do as minimal impact as possible.

John Carsel: When we talked with the Board of Supervisors about the Vet’s Hall, I did speak about Miracle Miles for Kids.

Steve Beightler: I make a motion to add this to the agenda as an emergency item.

Paul Choucalas: I second the motion.

The motion carries.

Steve Beightler: I move to approve their request for Miracle Miles for Kids.

Paul Choucalas: I second the motion.

The motion carries.

Council Member Comments:

Francie Farinet: The Cayucos Post Office has been opened so that people can access their P. O Boxes. Night before last someone broke into the Post Office Boxes. They are going to put in security cameras.

Dave Dabritz: Carrizo Plains is now in full bloom or nearly full bloom. Take your lunch, there is no place to eat and no gasoline out there.

John Carsel: There were some lessons learned from the election. With our district map, it is difficult to tell the boundaries of the precincts.

Steve Beightler: We are going to make maps of each precinct.

Dave Dabritz: Color coding helps.

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Marie Jaqua: How dis these precincts originally get divided? Did you do that Supervisor Gibson?

Supervisor Gibson: In 1994, the first election that I participated in, we were using that same laminated map that you have now. The map was made in 1994.

Steve Beightler: We are not going to change it. We are just going to make it more clear.

Carol Baptiste: Supervisor Gibson, could you help me to better understand the overall philosophy behind our representation on this council. In the big picture, besides representing our precincts, we do need to consider what is in the best interest of Cayucos as a whole.

Cindy Prange: That is a very valid question.

John Carsel: It is a very valid question. I could refer you to John F. Kennedy's book, Profiles of Courage.

Greg Bettencourt: I can remember my mom coming home from CCAC meetings. She was thinking that the council was biased.

Supervisor Gibson: The philosophy behind Carol's question is a valid question that should be thought through as council members who represent their communities and also Cayucos as a whole.

Kerry Friend: March 28th was the Coastal Commission meeting regarding the E St. development. The Coastal Commission voted that there is a substantive issue with the development. Now it has to go to a de novo hearing. The de novo date has not yet been set.

Cheryl Conway: If emails are sent to the Coastal Commission staff person requesting a local meeting, that can be highly effective.

Cayucos Fire Department - Mark Walton, Public Information Officer.

Cheryl Conway: There is a Board meeting tomorrow at the Cayucos Fire Department.

Public Agencies

County Sheriff- Commander James Taylor

Commander Taylor: Every two or three years they like to re-design the deck chairs on the Titanic. I will be going to the "civil" section of the Sheriff's department. I am sorry to be leaving. The move is effective this Sunday. Commander Jim Voge will be taking my place. He spent 30 years with the LAPD. This last month we had 109 calls which is down from 121 the previous month. There were 25 traffic, 5 pedestrian, 5 foot patrol, 6 disturbing the peace, a domestic violence, one ID theft, an attempted burglary on St. Mary's St. They did not gain entry to the home. We had a burglary at the Post Office. It is a Federal facility so we will be assisting Federal agents. There was one arrest for domestic violence.

Gil Igleheart: Is it legal to go through trash cans?

Commander Taylor: It depends.

CHP - Sergeant John Johnson

Sergeant Johnson: Yes, we have been enforcing the speed limit on Old Creek Rd. and we will be checking Old Creek Rd. for trucks. I researched golf carts, they do need to be registered and the driver must be licensed.

Parks - Nick Franco

No report.

Co. Planning - Terry Wahler

Terry Wahler: The advisory council training meets April 14th from 8:30 to 12:00 at the SLO library.

John Carsel: We have three people going.

Co. Public Works - Dave Flynn

Dave Flynn: Funding is in the works for crosswalks at the center crossing on Ocean Avenue downtown.

We have received a Federal grant to put in pedestrian lights in the middle of Ocean Avenue similar to the ones on Higuera St. and Marsh St. in SLO.

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Regarding the Vet's Hall, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract, we are moving forward. We met with State Parks and the Historical Department of State Parks. That helped our team to dial things in and with what options we might move forward with.

Cayucos Sanitary District - Robert Enns.

No report.

Chamber of Commerce - Carol Kramer

Carol Kramer: Our regular meeting will be April 19th at the Visitor's Center at 5:30. The May Madness dinner will be May 27th. Tickets are available. Both the raffle and the tickets that Gil has raise money for the fireworks. The fireworks cost about \$35,000. More and more towns are not having fireworks. We have a heritage of having fireworks here in Cayucos. May Madness tickets are on sale at the Sea Shanty, Highway 1 Realty, Etc.

Paul Choucalas: We have 20,000 come in to town for fireworks. Is there a way to solicit money from our visitors?

Carol Kramer: We are trying. The May Madness tickets are \$200 for two people.

Cayucos Schools - Scott Smith

Kerry Friend: Spring break is April 10-21. The Board meeting is April 26th. Swimming programs start May 30th. Graduation is June 13th.

County Supervisor - Bruce Gibson

Supervisor Gibson: Thank you from my office to Commander Taylor! Speaking to Carol's question about representing precincts and representing Cayucos as a whole, yes you want to advocate for your district and understand the overall best interests of the town. The key to that is to be connected to your constituents and to your community. There is also the community as a whole that transcends the individuals and the sections. Often we see a consensus merging. Your job is to understand that this little town is a community. In this world now, a sense of community is a valuable thing. The turn out at the Board of Supervisors meeting for the Cayucos Vet's Hall was an impressive statement about community. A week from tomorrow night, on April 13th, there is increasing interest in energy from wind, an off shore wind farm. The State and Federal governments came together and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Managements. The BOEM covers Point Conception to Monterey County. The County's jurisdiction ends at the high tide mark. We are facilitating this meeting at the Board of Supervisor's chambers from 6:00 to 8:30 on April 13th.

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Committee Reports

Land Use - Marie Jaqua

Marie Jaqua: There wasn't a meeting this month, no new projects.

Public Safety - DeAnne Harland

DeAnne Harland: I don't have anything.

Recreational planning - Greg Bettencourt

Greg: Nothing.

Utilities: Dave Dabritz

Dave Dabritz: Nothing new.

Community Design -

No report.

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CSA 10-A - Arley Robinson

No report.

By-Laws - Arley Robinson

No report.

Vacation Rentals - Cheryl Conway

No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A. Overview of CEQA EIR Process - Terry Wahler County Planning and Keith Miller Public Works.

Keith Miller: This is kind of CEQA 101. The California Environmental Quality Act, Environmental Impact Report. An EIR is usually required for larger projects or more controversial projects. For the initial study, there is a notice of preparation. The notice goes to agencies and advisory councils.

John Carsel: What is the time frame for a scoping meeting?

Keith Miller: Notice of preparation is first for your digesting, then the scoping meeting. After the scoping meeting, you would be more informed. Then you need to respond within 30 days. After that we are working on the issues with the information that we have gathered. Based on the impacts we have found, we need to look at other options. Then the EIR is the next time for public input. It is usually out in about 45 days. We are required to respond to sensitive comments. We decide if we need to change the EIR. Then we prepare the final EIR. Then we tell the Planning Department that we are ready.

Cheryl Conway: If an applicant pulls their plan, does that reset the timing?

Keith Miller: Yes. We know there is a lot of interest in the Gilbert proposal. There are specific time lines. At the moment there is a postponement, not a "stop all work".

Bruce Gibson: The key thing is the CEQA certifying an EIR. It is a statement that there are facts.

John Carsel: What is the purpose of the scoping meeting for the public?

Keith Miller: It is for interested parties to weigh in early. The public can say what they think should be an issue of the EIR.

Terry Wahler: We learn specific things by talking with people. We can draw in community specific information.

Keith Miller: The scoping session will likely take place here. The process is that you write your issues on note cards.

Carol Baptiste: What? Write our concerns on cards? I don't want to write my concerns on a card and then wonder what happened to the card.

John Carsel: So is there a record?

Bruce Gibson: If you feel something was left out.

Cheryl Conway: That is not what people are expecting. They are expecting a verbal exchange to make sure their comments are understood.

Terry Wahler: Having your concerns heard. The EIR is presented for further comment. We learn from the EIR. Public Works is managing the EIR process for the Gilbert proposal. The land use permit was submitted two years ago. It is on an information hold. It can't proceed until we get the information we need. Through the EIR, Public Works is getting the information they need.

Carol Baptiste: It has been my experience that once the EIR is done, the Planning Department "mitigates" the issues and the public has nothing to say about it after that.

John Carsel: Is there an opportunity to look through the files that you have before the scoping session?

Keith Miller: That is considered to be sacred territory. Someone could submit an inquiry.

Carol Baptiste: There are two thorough geological studies of the hillside that include the area of the Gilbert proposal.

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Supervisor Gibson: I assure you the issues will be covered.

Carol Baptiste: Supervisor Gibson, could you help me to understand this. What about a situation like with Loperena, where the Planning Department was wrong and it cost a private citizen boatloads of money to prove that they were wrong? They were wrong, the neighbor had to pay out a lot of money to hire experts to prove why they were wrong and where they were wrong at many hearings. The neighbor won, she was right, but it cost her a lot of money.

Dave Dabritz: Your comments are on a draft EIR and their responses must be in there.

Paul Choucalas: It is a common courtesy that the neighbors receive notification.

Keith Miller: Some things are exempt from CEQA. If there is an exception, there may have to be an environmental review.

Good of the Order:

Committees are up for adjustments. If any council members are interested in a specific committee, please let me know.

Next meeting of the CCAC will be May 3, 2017 at the Cayucos School.

Set up and refreshments will be precincts 7 & 8.

The next Land Use Committee meeting will be April 26, 2017.

John Carsel: Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Baptiste April 30, 2017