

Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council January 4, 2017

Meeting called to order in the Veteran's Hall Tent, 'It was a dark and stormy night", by President John Carsel - 7:00PM approx. 40 in public attendance.

Present: John Carsel, Carol Baptiste, Arley Robinson, Paul Choucalas, Dave Dabritz, Roland Hutchinson, Steve Beightler and Greg Bettencourt.

Francie Farinet, Marie Jaqua and Stephen Geil, Deanne Harland and Gil Igleheart were absent and excused.

Glenn Oekler, Lynn Schoenauer and Bill Shea were absent.

Minutes :

Steve Beightler moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017. Greg Bettencourt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Roland Hutchinson: We had a beginning balance of \$1,272. A check for \$42.12 was paid to Carol Baptiste for copies and supplies. The ending balance was \$1,189.95.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

John Carsel: The candidacy application form for the CCAC is available. The election is March 14th. We must have the form back by the February CCAC meeting.

The proposed CCAC calendar was passed out. Please look them over.

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

Dan Ender, Old Creek Rd.: I have concerns about the pedestrian crossings in the area of the DiCicco proposal. I live near there and in the past month I saw an eleven year old student almost get hit. Someone sped up to make the green light and caused a wreck.

Carol Baptiste: The Coastal Commission will make the decision regarding the DiCicco project proposal and we will all have to live with their decision. It is important that as many people as possible attend the Coastal Commission hearing.

Dan Cavinarr, S. Ocean Blvd.: The utility lines and communication lines of AT&T, etc. are hanging and unsightly. The Coastal Commission should be concerned about the detriment to the view.

Terry Cavanaugh, S. Ocean Blvd.: We spend 90% of our time here. When you come off Highway 1 at Chaney by Cal Fire, people think that is a raceway.

Council Member Comments:

Dave Dabritz: We need to put pressure on the county to repair the beach accesses. Some of the beach accesses are expensive. Can we invite Parks to talk about deferred maintenance?

Paul Choucalas: The Concerned Citizens of Cayucos had a traffic engineer look at the traffic and pedestrian issues at Old Creek Rd. and S. Ocean Blvd. with regard to the DiCicco project. Our traffic engineer said the traffic and the density of pedestrians is not safe. DiCicco had a traffic engineer who said it was safe. Cal Trans, underpasses, etc., it gets complicated with getting funding and approvals. This council has done a lot of work on what you guys are talking about but we don't have control over it. We make recommendations. We appreciate your input. We do what we can. The Coastal Commission will make the DiCicco decision at their hearing.

Francie Farinet: I'd like to propose that the CCAC send a letter to President Obama regarding preventing offshore development. I've been working with a senator, Kevin Rankor. He was instrumental in saving some other areas. It doesn't affect fishing. Several environmental groups co-authored this letter. I recognize that it is late but it's happening very quickly and is very important.

John Carsel: In order to add this item to the agenda so we can vote on it we need to first have a 2/3 vote in favor of adding it to the agenda. Let's Have a straw vote.

John Carsel: There are not enough votes to add it to the agenda.

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Francie Farinet: Are you *%###* & kidding me? (Francie Farinet left the meeting.)

John Carsel: Living in a small town we need to be sure to praise people when they do great things. I thank Paul Choucalas for fixing my deck. He did a great job at a reasonable price. It was a complicated job.

Cayucos Fire Department - Mark Walton, Public Information Officer.

No report.

Public Agencies

County Sheriff- Commander James Taylor

Commander Taylor: From December 7, 2016 to today, we have had 104 calls. That is down from 135 calls in December of 2015. We had 13 traffic stops, 14 pedestrian contacts, 6 foot patrols, 8 audible alarms, 15 disturbing the piece (yelling, drunk on the pier, etc.), we had a credit card stolen from a mailbox on Santa Rita Rd., vandalism at Cayucos mini storage, 2 burglaries, one on the 200 block of Ocean Avenue and one at San Geronimo Rd. and Highway 1. A mother attacked her daughter's boyfriend and pinned him to the ground. On Lucerne Rd. a naked man went to the door of a residence asking for pants.

CHP - Sergeant John Johnson

No report.

Parks - Nick Franco

No report.

Co. Planning - Terry Wahler

Terry Wahler: The Coastal Commission is coming next week to Pismo. The Oceano Dunes issue will be on the agenda. The E Street project and the DiCicco project have been postponed.

Dave Dabritz: What are the two items.

Terry Wahler: Resource management for water resources and the Oceano Dunes management.

Paul Choucalas: The big house on Cerro Gordo was approved. They have excavated a big hole into the hillside and it is not shored up. It is steep.

Terry Wahler: I can check with the code inspector who will be in the vicinity.

Co. Public Works - Dave Flynn

Nola EngleSkirger: There is an emergency statewide notice to eliminate wasteful use of water. I wanted to remind you that washing a sidewalk is not allowed. The average water use is 60 gallons per capita per day. You guys are doing good. Whale Rock reservoir is at 32%. Cayucos gets water from both Whale Rock reservoir and from Nacimiento. Nacimiento is at 25%.

Cayucos Sanitary District - Robert Enns.

No report.

Chamber of Commerce - Bill Shea

No report.

Cayucos Schools - Superintendent Scott Smith

Terry Troupe: At our organizational meeting I was elected president of of the Cayucos School Board. I would like to introduce our new superintendent, Scott Smith.

Scott Smith: I was born at a SLO hospital, attended Cayucos Elementary School and Coast Union High School in Cambria.

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County Supervisor - Bruce Gibson

Supervisor Gibson: I salute the most rugged advisory council in the entire county. We are into a new year. There was a swearing in of two new Supervisors yesterday. We are looking at transportation funding. It is a terrible situation at the State level. This month we will see Governor Brown's budget proposal. That is BIG with regard to how it affects this county. Phillips 66 has been scheduled for February. Cherie has notes on your comments. Beach accesses or any other concerns, please let us know. The Parks Department does have a huge backlog of projects. With regard to underground utilities, yes the above ground utilities are unsightly. There is the amount of money relative to the ranked projects, we are looking out about ten to twenty years. People can assess themselves in a chosen area. Studio Drive did it. It is not cheap.

With regard to pedestrian safety at Old Creek Rd. and Highway 1, we can ask CHP for enforcement. They have dropped the speed limit from 40 mph to 25 mph. We can ask the Director of Public Works to look at the pedestrian issue. The traffic engineer will tell you that a stop signal makes it worse. There are also options of striping and/or speed bumps.

Public Comment: Does the Coastal Commission have the authority to drop the utility lines?

Bruce Gibson: The short answer is No.

Public Comment: Old Creek Rd. is very dangerous. If there is a bicyclist, it is more dangerous. It should either be bikes or cars, not both.

Bruce Gibson: I do have a constituency that would like for Old Creek Rd. and Highway 1 to be just for bicycles. Working these things out is at the top of our priority list.

John Carsel: We do not have a quorum at this point of this meeting. We will not be able to vote on any agenda items.

Committee Reports

Land Use - Marie Jaqua

No report.

Public Safety - DeAnne Harland

No report.

Recreational planning - Greg Bettencourt

No report.

Utilities: Dave Dabritz

Cheryl Conway: Should the Utilities Committee look into the options for underground utilities?

Dave Dabritz: On Pacific Avenue they are trying to create an assessment district to put utilities underground on Pacific Avenue. I live on Studio Drive and we did it years ago when it was much less expensive.

Community Design - Carol Chubb

No report.

CSA 10-A - Arley Robinson

No report.

By-Laws - Arley Robinson

No report.

Old Business:

Oak Woodland Protection Ordinance.

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Jay Johnson: I am in Cayucos because in North County hundreds of oak trees were taken out by a winery. An ordinance was adopted in July 2016 and is scheduled to expire in April 2017. This is the last of the outreach meetings. In summary, the ordinance addresses oak trees, cypress trees and others. We are looking mostly at oak trees and especially at clear cutting. There are rules in place for subdivisions. If there is a steep slope of 30% or more, the removal of oak trees is prohibited. Cal Fire may need to do a prescribed burn, we don't want to interfere with that. The Board's direction is to have healthy trees. North County has an issue with sudden oak death and those trees should be removed quickly. The key is to avoid massive clear cutting. There is a penalty of \$25,000. There are questions about whether this should be per tree or per event. Avoid clear cutting and tree removal on a slope of 30% or more.

Paul Choucalas: Is it legal to build a tree house in an oak tree?

Carol Baptiste: What does it take to get this enacted?

Jay Johnson: We will go before the Board of Supervisors. We have received a lot of input. The Board asked us to focus on oak trees.

Bruce Gibson: How does this get enacted? The staff will make a recommendation to the Board. The public input process is important.

Carol Baptiste: Who was chosen to do this study?

Jay Johnson: Megan.

Greg Bettencourt: What is a de minimus?

Jay Johnson: A small amount.

New Business:

3340 Gilbert Avenue, Dettmer Building Project Proposal.

John Carsel: Our new business item is regarding a property on Gilbert Avenue and we do not have a quorum. (Discussion on this item will occur next month).

Good of the Order:

John Carsel: Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting of the CCAC will be February 1, 2017.

Set up and refreshments will be precincts 1 & 2.

The next Land Use Committee meeting will be January 25, 2017.

John Carsel: Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Baptiste January 27, 2017