

relocated out of concern for the safety of his family and his pets even though he owns a home on Shearer Ave. The assailant lives on Shearer Ave and he is still there. I am making this statement hoping that public awareness will help.

DeeAnn Harland, precinct six: These are the box tops we are collecting for the Cayucos school. Look for them on cereal boxes and other boxed food items. This is what they look like. Please bring them to the next meeting and I will be collecting them.

Larry Fishman, precinct eight: Greg and I brought snacks. Fat, sugar, salt and caffeine. All of the food groups. I am speaking as vice president of the Lions club. We are getting ready for our annual scholarship fundraiser event for local schools. As a result of this event, we have been able to provide scholarships to local teens. It will be Sunday, January 17 from 4:00 to 7:00 here at the Vet's hall. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Mary Bettencourt, D St.: The Cayucos Land Conservancy is having it's first general membership meeting next Weds., January 13th here at the Vet's hall at 7:00PM. Everyone is invited, members and nonmembers and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served as always. The second annual Cayucos Land Conservancy Valentine's party will be February 13 here at the Vet's hall. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Cayucos Pharmacy and at Kelly's Coffee Shop. There will be a DJ providing music and there will be champagne, hors d'oeuvres, desert, and a no host bar. Hope to see you there. Last year it was a sell out so get your tickets early!

Public Agencies

County Sheriff: Commander Ben Hall, Coastal Patrol Division

This last month there have been 115 calls and 14 reports. Last year for this month there were 24 reports. Crime reports are going down. There were three domestic disturbance calls. Two people went to jail on that. Garden equipment was stolen on Hacienda. Jewelry was stolen on D St.. On Ocean Ave., a deputy arrested a parolee. There were some drug arrests. Last night a deputy stopped a car by the liquor store for felony vandalism. There were a dozen cans of spray paint and a couple of people went to jail.

I remember the assault that was brought up earlier that happened on Shearer Ave. The Sheriff's Dept. did a good job on that case, you have good law enforcement in your town. What happens to a case sometimes is that the DA has to look at it as to whether or not he can get a conviction with twelve people agreeing with him. And then the defense attorney gets in there too and the victim and the community don't always get what they would like.

Bill Shea: Do the people opening the tattoo parlor have to go through you?

Ben Hall: They have to see if there are any violations and they do a character check. There are planning and zoning issues.

CHP -

No report.

Parks -

Jan DiLeo: We will be having discussion about the proposed underground passageway during Old Business.

Co. Planning - Paul Sittig

Two items will be presented at the Planning Dept. meeting on January 15th. Two single family home rebuilds. One is at 1465 Pacific and one at 39 10th St. The LUC is in support of the projects.

Bill Shea: Back to the tattoo parlor, how do we as a community have a say about what comes in?

Paul Sittig: There are county standards for all businesses. When a business comes in, someone at the counter decides what category it's in.

Bill Shea: What category is a tattoo parlor?

Paul Sittig: I think it is general business.

Jim Christiansen: If the community doesn't want this, what can they do?

Paul Sittig: If it's just a zoning clearance and if it fits the zoning categories, there can be a lower level appeal.

Larry Fishman: Does this mean that no permits will be done without further discussion?

Marie Jaqua: Could this be cleared before we meet again?

Paul Sittig: Without knowing the exact status of this particular permit, I can't say.

John Carsel: This is being referred to the Community Design committee of which Bill Shea is the chairman.

Cherie Aispuro: These gentlemen applied for a business license and the Planning Dept. and the Sheriff's Dept. have to clear it. The Planning Dept. cleared it, the Tax Collector checked it off, and then it gets sent to the Health Dept. and the Sheriff's Dept.. The Health Dept. has to deal with hepatitis A, B, and C.

John Carsel: Does the Sheriff's Dept. have to wait for results of finger prints before they okay it?

Cherie Aispuro: I think so.

John Carsel: Bill, could you talk to Ben Hall.

Cherie Aispuro: The tattoo parlor in Morro Bay has been a reputable business and there haven't been any problems related to that business.

Co. Public Works - Jeremy Ghent

Nothing.

Chamber of Commerce - Bill Shea

Our next meeting will be on January 20th in the Vet's hall annex. A mixer is coming up in February with more information later.

County Supervisor - Bruce Gibson

Happy New Year!

The strategic planning meeting for the board of supervisors is coming up.

This morning the governor issued the State of the State address. It was kind of snuck in. There is a \$6 billion deficit this year for California. The governor will release the first draft of the proposed budget this week.

Committee Reports

Land Use - Larry Fishman

We had a spirited meeting on Monday. It was focused on a proposed house on Lucern. The owner and his architect were there and some neighbors. Some studies are being amended and revisited and we will look at it again.

Public Safety - DeAnne Harland

Jeremy from Public Works isn't here but I have a call in regarding our sidewalks. The corner by the drugstore needs to be on their "to do" list. The dirt bikes were busy on the hillside on Friday again. They had been absent for a while. We will stay on top of it.

Bruce Gibson: It is in the 2010 budget to move the gate on the North end. We have funding coming in from legal off roading to deal with illegal off roading.

Paul Choucalas: Isn't that private land?

Bruce Gibson: Yes, there are 700 or so private lots and some roadways. It is clear that riding on the hillsides is illegal. If a deputy is available, they will respond.

Paul Choucalas: The sheriff said they can't ticket them, they can only tell them to get off the property.

Bruce Gibson: Most of the riding comes from bikes from Cayucos. If you see a bike come off the hillside and go to a specific house, you can call in the address to the Sheriff's Dept. and they will write them a letter.

DeeAnn Harland: Up Cayucos Dr. they were taking a pickup truck with bikes in it.

Recreational planning - Greg Bettencourt

There has been progress with regard to the swing set on the beach. Curtis Black from Parks and Rec met with us and we agreed if it were possible to do a Cayucos remodel, they could stay. We need to bring them up to original standards. I assured them that we could come up with an engineer and a welder to do that. We have an engineer who is volunteering for no charge. Curtis Black is researching the specs and will get back to us.

Utilities - Margaret Ambrosavage

Nothing.

Community Design - Bill Shea

Nothing.

CSA 10-A

Nothing new.

By-Laws - Arley Robinson

No Report.

Traffic - Margaret Ambrosavage

They are going to do a two block pilot project for traffic calming on Ocean Ave some time in February with colored striping.

Old Business

Underground pedestrian access under Highway 1.

Greg Bettencourt: We had a presentation on the underpass at the south end of town. Jan DiLeo and Sarah Kocher from the Parks Dept. did the survey and Cal Trans was here. We set up a schedule that community input should come in during December so we would be in a position tonight to vote on a recommendation. An EIR for the project would do a thorough assessment of environmental issues, the impact on traffic, visual impact and how it affects neighborhood traffic. What we are voting on tonight is whether or not we want the county to go ahead with an EIR.

Jan DiLeo: Because there is federal money tied to this, there is an additional detailed study required. There is a two pronged process with a lot of room for community input.

John Carsel: So this will not be costing local tax payers?

Jan DiLeo: The way it is laid out, Cal Trans has committed a certain amount of money and part of the Coastal Trail/Coastal Community is likely to match Cal Trans money. There would be no direct money coming from local tax payers.

Bruce Gibson: I would like to introduce Pandora Nash-Karner who is here tonight. She is a SLO county Parks and Recreation commissioner and is the chair person of County Parks and Recreation for District 5.

John Carsel: If we don't use this money, would someone else get it?

Jan DiLeo: Yes, I would turn it back in so someone else could apply for it. We needed to know if there was community support for the under crossing.

Bill Fritch, Los Osos: I spent nine years maintaining an underpass on S. Bay Blvd. and it's a nightmare. There is always graffiti. It will need lights and it will need to be swept out. Someone will have to maintain it. I think it's a misallocation of funds. It was between 1992 and 2001 that I was maintaining the underpass in Los Osos as a volunteer when my kids were at Los Osos Middle School.

Allen Davis, Ocean Blvd. across from Obispo: I grew up in Long Beach and I used to go through a tunnel under the 405 and it was scary. Broken lights and graffiti were an issue. I see the number of people who cross at the intersection, there aren't that many.

John Black: People use those as toilets. They have to be steam cleaned.

Connie Paine: Has there been a safety report done on Hwy 1 that people have been hit trying to cross Hwy 1? Have we done a study at Obispo or Chaney?

John Carsel: There was an article in The Tribune about the proposed under crossing giving my email address for community input. We have had many near misses of accidents. I have had several near misses. I can't walk my fifteen year old labrador to the beach because she can't walk fast enough to cross the freeway. We have an opportunity now to get funding. If someone doesn't like it, they don't have to use it. The grant monies will be spent for something.

Greg Bettencourt: That is useful information but this is a very different community. If you are talking about Long Beach or you are talking about a tunnel that leads to a Los Osos middle school, that is not what we have in Cayucos. We are not going to get a traffic light. I drove by Obispo St. today. There was a couple in the divider and a guy on the other side waving them on. Fortunately they didn't cross at that time. There has been no progress at getting a crossing at Chaney with Cal Trans and that has been being worked on for years. Cayucos is only going to grow. There are 94 unbuilt lots at the South end of town. Is it a perfect solution? Of course not. We ran out of perfect solutions at the Garden of Eden. Might we have to clean it up? Cal Trans says no.

Paul Choucalas: I went around in my district and knocked on doors. I talked to 31 people in my area. 15 people thought it would be great. 16 people were against it. It was almost 50/50. As for the preferred location, 11 people preferred Chaney, 2 wanted Chaney and Obispo, 2 didn't want it anywhere. 15 people weren't concerned about safety, 16 people were. 14 people were worried about about parking, 17 people had no problem with parking. People were either for it or against it. The skate park could add to vandalism. I'm kind of for the underpass myself but I didn't want to go with just my own opinion.

Marie Jaqua: What it comes down to with me is the safety for crossing the highway. There is always a kid with a surfboard or some kind of close call.

Steve Beightler: I talked with some people in my district. For the majority of the people, it was the first they had heard of it. Most were supportive. In my district, some said they would have limited reasons to use the underpass. It was 60/40 for it.

Greg Bettencourt: I surveyed some folks as well. I was conscious of the kinds of questions I asked because people tend to give you the answer they think you want. 75% or 80% were in support of the underpass. I got a comment from a woman with grade school kids. She doesn't let her kids visit their friends on the South end of town because she doesn't want them crossing the freeway. The majority of people who were for it were drivers and they see the potential for accidents.

Connie Paine: What if you surveyed people if they had to pay for it. They would say no.

John Carsel: Well that is a different issue.

Jean Edwards: Probably 2 1/2 years ago the parks person gave a report that someone had donated some land adjacent to Hardie Park for a skate park. I think it would be better to put the skate park next to Hardie Park where there is already a drinking fountain and restrooms.

John Carsel: We are not looking at the location, we are just looking at if we think the underpass is a good idea.

Bill Shea: I am voting no because the negatives far out way the positives even though it's free.

Arley Robinson: In the twenty plus years I have been here, we have not had graffiti at the skate park.

Greg Bettencourt: My family has a business downtown and I have had to remove graffiti one time. We all know that what we have in Cayucos is something special.

John Carsel: As chairman of the CCAC I was invited to a task force regarding gang violence. I was asked about gang activity in Cayucos and I had a hard time getting the concept. But, I learned that the county has a graffiti paint truck.

Margaret Ambrosavage: When the Parks Dept. did the study, did they have information about graffiti or violence?

Jan DiLeo: We tried to search the internet and couldn't come up with anything. During the EIR process we will be discussing safety.

Fernie Monreal: If the tunnel is by the cemetery and the skate park, won't that involve kids?

John Carsel: We aren't looking at a location tonight, we are looking at if the tunnel is a good idea.

Larry Fishman: I'm not sure what we are voting on. I'd like to know what kind of checks and balances there will be. There are some legitimate concerns that have been raised.

Jan DiLeo: What you are voting on tonight is whether or not you feel we should go ahead with the EIR for an underground pedestrian crossing. The study documents will come before the CCAC just like any other LUC issue, there will be opportunity for input.

Jim Christiansen: I have talked to several people. The first concern is funding and once we get through that, then everyone is concerned about safety crossing the freeway. When it comes to the tunnel, it's a little creepy. I think there is considerable risk crossing the freeway. I would hate for someone to vote no and then for someone to get hit on the freeway. However, the tunnel is creepy. Are we trading one safety issue for another? I never would be a proponent of a traffic signal but I would prefer it to a tunnel. Creepy especially late at night. I wish there was a better way but I don't know what it would be.

Fernie Monreal: Bruce, what do you think?

Bruce Gibson: This is your discussion and it is really fascinating. The question before you is, is there enough here to study it some more. This could be designed with different levels of lighting, locations, etc.. The studies may indicate the preferred way to do this. It's not an objective thing, it's a subjective thing. If there is a clear sense that this body representing it's community feels it's worthy of more study, then I feel we should move forward. If not, there can be more study. I don't want to try to sway this one way or another.

Bruce Paine: We don't know the magnitude of the problem. We don't know if anyone has been involved in an accident. Someone could have contacted CHP about accidents. I'd like to see if there is a history of accidents.

Marie Jaqua: Tonight we aren't voting on the tunnel. We are voting for further study. I may vote no later on a tunnel but I would like to vote yes on further study.

John Carsel: I would entertain a motion.

Greg Bettencourt: I would like to propose a motion that: "As the CCAC, we support further study of the concept of a pedestrian walkway in South Cayucos".

Bruce Gibson: We fully understand "further review by the CCAC" is part of the deal.

John Carsel: We can attach the minutes.

Marie Jaqua: I second Greg's motion.

Roll call vote: 10 yes, 1 no.

John Carsel: Other old business is continued to next month.

New Business

John Carsel: The advisory chairs meeting is next month. Council members, let me know what you would like for us to discuss.

How is the dog park progressing?

Donna Dawson: We are just waiting for the county to give us the go ahead.

Good of the Order

Next meeting of the CCAC will be February 3.

Set up and refreshments will be precincts 1 & 2.

John Carsel: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Baptiste

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