

# CLARKSBURG GENERAL PLAN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Clarksburg Library Activity Room  
52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg, CA  
Thursday, May 09, 2019

## 1. 7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

Committee Members Present: James Johas, Jamie Reamer, Amanda Beck, Phyllis Dutra, Mike Heringer

Committee Members Absent: David Ogilvie, Steve McCormick

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

First Motion: HERINGER

Second Motion: JOHAS

Approved Unanimously

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First Motion: DUTRA

Second Motion: JOHAS

Approved Unanimously

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Mark Pruner: May 15, according to Ted Smith, will be the 170th anniversary of the settling of Clarksburg by the Babel family.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Clarksburg Standing Rules. Edits were suggested at the last meeting. The changes included naming a 7PM start time, specifying when the election of new officers will take place, and adding the specific responsibility of the committee to comment on projects occurring within a one mile area from the planning area.

Taro Echiburú, Director of Community Services (Yolo County), provided feedback on the edit that would require the Clarksburg General Plan Advisory Committee (CGPAC) to comment on projects occurring within a one mile area from the planning area. While he understands the spirit of this idea, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors has not given the CGPAC the jurisdiction to comment on projects outside the delineated planning area. However, he would like time to discuss with his department a way to bring the spirit of this idea to fruition. It might be possible for the Department of Community Services to notify the CGPAC of CEQA notices issued for areas near but officially outside of its planning area. While the CGPAC would not be able to formally comment on these projects during its meetings, such information can be announced as an informational items and/or discussed once the meeting officially convenes. Mr. Echiburú recommended that the Advisory Committee not yet mention this idea in the Standing Rules in order to give him and his department time to work on formal text to set up this process such that it is legal, doable and consistent. He will also work to determine if there is a way for the Advisory Committee to comment on projects that are technically outside of its jurisdiction but nonetheless have an impact inside the planning area.

MOTION to strike the last paragraph that references the Advisory Committee's responsibility to comment on projects occurring within a one mile area from the planning area and to accept the edits in the rest of the document: DUTRA

Second Motion: JOHAS

Approved Unanimously

#### 6. INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

- a) Transportation Sub-Committee. Steve McCormick not present but Marianne Estes said that the Advisory Committee's recommendations were forwarded to the county's planning department, the CHP and Sheriff's Office. Their responses are expected at the July meeting. Mr. Echiburú noted that some of the recommendations would be difficult to implement but his department is looking at all options and alternatives.
- b) Friends of the Clarksburg Services & Recreation (FCSR). Amanda Beck shared a flyer that explained the group's goal is to establish the Clarksburg Community Park and Aquatic Center and revitalize Clarksburg's recreational opportunities. They are currently a 6 person board and are looking for a 7th member. They are applying for grant funding. They would like to bring the pool back for community use and are trying to raise funds for capital work. They have been in contact with the school district and high school who are supportive of the effort. They are actively seeking partners and donors.
- c) Delta Legacy Communities. Mark Pruner presented. On May 7, 2019, DWR formally rescinded the funding for the twin tunnel project. However, Governor Newsom said this project must continue in some form; it remains to be seen what he will propose. This is a breathing period where the community can engage the legislature, regulatory boards and the Governor. To that end, Delta Legacy Communities was organized as a new nonprofit/advocacy group (501(c)4) whose board is comprised of one person from each of the 11 Delta legacy communities. Russell van Loben Sels has agreed to represent Clarksburg for one year. North Delta cares will communicate what comes out of the organization. They will also make announcements at this Advisory Committee's meetings. The group's goals are to: (1) To stop the twin tunnels project. (2) Engage in the management plan and the formation of the nuts and bolts of the national heritage area.

#### 7. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- a) Discussion with Delta Protection Commission staff related to the National Heritage Area and Primary Zone plans. Blake Roberts, Senior Planner with the DPC, presented.

The Delta Protection Commission is continuing to work on the Land Use and Management Plan update. Melinda Dorin is the lead on this. The DPC has had a series of workshops to get feedback on the plan. In March, the Commission established a subcommittee to review the plan in more depth and to review changes that staff recommended. The next meeting is not yet scheduled. The subcommittee and the commission will still have another opportunity to weigh in on the changes. There are also more public opportunities for comment - but dates and times are not yet available. The plan will likely go back to the full commission sometime this fall. Once the plan is approved, the DPC will work with the counties to make updates to their general plans. It is still unclear how significant any changes will be.

National heritage area. A little over 10 years ago, Delta Reform Act was passed and one of the goals was to make the Delta a National Heritage Area. On March 12, 2019, after years of work by the Delta

Protection Commission, President Trump signed into law a bill that included making the Delta a National Heritage Area. While this program is technically operated under the National Park Service, the DPC will oversee the Delta's establishment as a National Heritage Area. There will be no land use impacts; this is meant only to celebrate the heritage of the Delta.

The DPC is currently working on a Management Plan that aims to identify the priorities of Delta as a National Heritage Area over the next 10, 15, 20 years and to describe what action will take place to pursue those priorities. There will be an Interpretive Plan that will identify the stories of the Delta and will determine how those stories will be told to the public. There will also be a Cultural and Historical Resource Plan that will identify historic structures that should be preserved and will work to create an educational curriculum focused on the Delta's history.

There will be a Delta Heritage Forum on June 6 from 9-4 at the Gene Harvey Center in Walnut Grove for those who want to be involved in this process.

#### 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Echiburú's department will come back with a proposal for how it will pass CEQA notices to the advisory committee.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn: DUTRA  
Second Motion: JOHAS  
Approved unanimously

#### 10. COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER UPDATE AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) District 1 – Supervisor Oscar Villegas  
Next Board of Supervisors Meeting in May: progress being made flood risk reduction efforts; Schoolhouse project moving forward - school site identified; food bank broke ground on cold storage project; Ms. Beck asked if the County would partner with FCSR - for the grant app next year, Supervisor Villegas expressed enthusiasm.
- b) Yolo County Sheriff's Office - none
- c) Clarksburg Fire Protection District - the smallest organization to be a party in the lawsuit fighting DWR; First aid and cpr class in the fall.
- d) School - none
- e) ND Cares ([http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/bdcp/index\\_bdcp.cfm](http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/bdcp/index_bdcp.cfm)) - acknowledged Barbara Daly's significant efforts to fight the Twin Tunnels Project on behalf of the Clarksburg Community.