

Willowbank County Service Area (WCSA) Advisory Committee

Approved Minutes of the Meeting Held 17 July 2019, 7:00PM

Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School Multipurpose Room

1441 Danbury Street, Davis, CA 95618

1.	<p>Call to Order: Committee Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.</p> <p>Committee Members Present: Liz McCapes, Bill Corliss, Marcia Kreith, Joanne Roy, Brian Morrissey, Kent Calfee, and Olin Woods</p> <p>Members Absent: None</p> <p>Recording Secretary: Michael Curry</p> <p>Others Present: Pam Eisele, Marybeth Buechner, Don Gueffroy, Eileen Gueffroy, Roberta Shakye, Katie Flaherty, John Cooluris, Terry Miller, Susie Miller, District 4 Supervisor Jim Provenza, Deputy Supervisor Rich Reed</p>
2.	<p>Introductions: Committee members and visitors gave self-introductions. The Chair announced that Katie Flaherty had agreed to help keep the meeting on schedule.</p>
3.	<p>Approval of the minutes: It was moved by Corliss and seconded by Kreith that after several small corrections the minutes of the 15 May 2019 meeting be approved. The minutes were unanimously approved. (The minutes are available online; from https://www.yolocounty.org Go to Residents, then to County Service Areas, then to Willowbank CSA, then scroll down to Meeting Calendars, press All Past, scroll down again to Meeting Calendars to find past WCSA minutes since 2015.) The Chair thanked Julie Auger for taking the 15 May 2019 notes.</p>
4.	<p>Public comments: None</p>
5.	<p>Yolo County Report (Provenza): There is continuing discussion about the Mace Boulevard bottleneck. The primary difficulties concern the decrease from four lanes to two lanes, and the refiguring of turn lanes and narrowing of radii at the various intersections between Montgomery and Chiles Road. The City has engaged six consultants who will be coming back with design options to make the corridor safe for bicycles and pedestrians and at the same time accommodate motor vehicle traffic. This is a City project, and various options are being considered. The County has been asked to assist as it has the right- of-way adjacent to El Macero and a new design might potentially impact the ingress/egress of County residents. El Macero residents are now part of a County advisory committee exploring the issues. As a short-term way of ameliorating the problem the city has proposed during heavy-</p>

	<p>traffic periods to implement a metering system at the intersection of Mace and Montgomery. It was noted that calls for more enforcement by the City or County face considerable shortages of personnel. For example, at any given time only three County Deputy Sheriffs are available to cover Yolo County's thousand square miles. Likewise, the City Police Department is shorthanded. Previously, Supervisor Provenza convened an advisory committee of affected City and County residents, but until now it has not included residents from Old Willowbank. Further public meetings are expected. Liz McCapes volunteered to serve on the working committee.</p>
	<p>Waste pickup (Provenza): The County will probably undertake another survey of resident preferences before making a final decision on the matters of waste pickup in general and loose-pile pickup in particular. It seems likely, based on the recent survey by the <i>ad hoc</i> Willowbank Waste Management Committee, that twice monthly loose-pile pickup will continue. Because it is imagined that the contract for waste pickup potentially will be for 15 years (10 year contract with the option of a 5 year extension), it seems probable that loose-pile pickup will continue for that period. Roy inquired if there will be an opt-out option and whether the contract would be consistent with state requirements. Kreith wondered what might happen to our rates if the County landfill began to refuse to accept the loose-pile material or if tipping fees increased. Provenza responded that Yolo County will be processing an increasing proportion of its compostable material, and that under those circumstances the feared problems are unlikely to arise. An ordinance defining illegal periods for on street piles or carts is likely to ensue. Here too enforcement represents a potential cost increase.</p> <p>Morrissey stressed the importance of knowing the price of waste collection service when choosing an option.</p> <p>Buechner commented on the dilemma faced by those in Willowbank with minimal street-side footage for loose street piles (due to cul-de-sac or flag lots.)</p> <p>Kreith also expressed concern that the City recently learned that if it owned and operated a composting operation the City would be required to obtain permission from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) and that may require purchase of volatile organic (VOC) emission offsets (which could be expensive) and a Waste Discharge Permit from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Additionally, compliance with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) 100-year flood protection may be necessary.</p>
	<p>Putah Creek North Branch Surveying Activity (Reed): Supervisor Provenza excused himself and asked Deputy Supervisor Reed to address a joint City-County-Fire District surveying project that is underway along the north branch of Putah Creek between Drummond and Mace. The project is motivated by a desire to make better sense of the various rights and responsibilities of the City, the County, and</p>

	<p>homeowners. The Creek acts as a city drainage and floodwater channel, but those functions operate against the background of a desire to manage vegetation and wildlife in an environmentally friendly way that also reduces fire fuel, but at the same time to do so in ways that recognize the relatively high cost of such management practices. While the City uses the channel for drainage and has a North Fork Putah Creek Channel Maintenance Plan, the County presently owns some of the land.</p> <p>It was emphasized that the surveying process, which in part involves the use of GPS technology to locate surveying monuments, will not in any way alter property lines, as property owners' recorded grant deeds will prevail.</p>
	<p>Follow Up of an item from the 15 May 2019 meeting: Broadband (Woods): Comcast has stated that 1 Gb (Gigabit or 1,000 Mb) service is available in the Willowbank area. Further, Comcast plans in the area to replace existing copper cabling with fiberoptic cable. Where necessary homeowners who are Comcast customers will be contacted in order to make arrangements to replace existing hardware. Woods also commented that the additional monthly cost of the 1 Gb service can be about \$50.00 per month. Woods suspects Comcast is eager for people to switch to its service so rates may be more attractive at this time.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Mace Blvd Improvement Status (Kreith): Noting that she was unable to reach WCSA residents who may have attended the July 10 community meeting on the Mace Corridor mess, Vice Chair Kreith asked if anyone in the room knew if the 7/12/2019 <i>Davis Enterprise</i> article accurately represented the issues. In the article, Police Chief Pytel is quoted, "This won't be a (lowest) bid situation.... We'll pick the people we want because we need to do this right." According to Pam Eisele, Pytel stated that enforcement is an issue, but that the Police Department is attempting to resolve matters without having to resort to enforcement. The City is short 7 or 8 police officers. The City will reintroduce two lanes and eliminate the rock outcroppings. Also, the freeway is part of the problem. Susi Miller mentioned that she spoke at the meeting, while Eileen Gueffroy mentioned the presence of a woman who was quite upset. Morrissey concluded by stating that because we live in a corridor within which traffic will shift to routes with least resistance, it may be that the problems cannot be cured.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Willowbank Waste Pickup Process (Cooluris): Supervisor Provenza was acknowledged for his earlier report and for convening the ad hoc committee. Reed thanked the Ad Hoc Waste Management Advisory Committee, commenting that of the 17 densely populated unincorporated communities with waste removal services in Yolo County, Willowbank was the only area with an ad hoc group to assess community preferences.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Consider Mtg Date Changes: a) 16 October 2019 Mtg Date-Move to 17 October 2019; b) 2020 Calendar-Move Meeting Day from 3rd Wednesday to 3rd</p>

	<p>Thursday: a) Chair Woods proposed moving the upcoming October WCSA meeting from Wednesday 16 October 2019 to Thursday 17 October 2019 to avoid conflicts for himself and Vice Chair Kreith. The Committee unanimously approved the proposed change, although it meant that one member would be unable to attend. <u>(Note: subsequent to the meeting, with the concurrence of County Counsel, Woods polled the Committee by e-mail and received unanimous agreement to change the Oct meeting to TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019, so that all Advisory Committee members could attend.)</u> b) For the 2020 calendar, Woods additionally proposed shifting WCSA meetings from the 3rd Wednesday to the 3rd Thursday. After considerable discussion it was conceded that no day is perfect, but that the 3rd Tuesday had fewer conflicts than other days. Woods took a roll-call vote and the action to move the WCSA meetings in 2020 to the 3rd Tuesday was unanimously approved. Kreith expressed the view that this should be revisited at the October meeting after people have had the opportunity to check their calendars for next year.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Advisory Committee Comments: Committee Member Liz McCapes commented that she is working on a history of Old Willowbank with the assistance of Gary Peterson and Vice Chair Kreith. Kreith commented that the history should address the entire Old Willowbank area rather than emphasizing one of the original subdivisions at the expense of the others. Deputy Supervisor Reed recently encouraged developing a more extensive history for the County archives. Eileen Gueffroy suggested contacting Dair Rausch to learn of her records. Committee Member Calfee mentioned that the history project might want to take note that the Putah Creek North Branch was created originally as a drainage channel and was dug by crews of Chinese workers.</p> <p>Woods commented re the extension of Oakside Drive south of Montgomery Road. A new owner of an agricultural land tract south of Montgomery has been complaining when people walk their dogs on what many understand to be a public road. There was a brief discussion about the question of how far the public road south of Montgomery extends: all the way to the levee? to the now buried remnants of Putah Creek, etc.? Reed offered to attempt to clarify.</p> <p>Woods further commented that it is the season of mosquito abatement and that information on aerial and ground spraying is available at 800-429-1022 or fight.the.bite.net.</p> <p>Kreith: Suggested that there be a discussion of water rates at the Tuesday, October 15 meeting.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Adjournment at 8:40 PM: Next Regular meeting of the WCSA Advisory Committee meeting rescheduled to TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019, Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School Multipurpose Room.</p>