



REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Mechanics Bank Community Room
1070 Main Street, Cambria

AGENDA

I. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum

II. Consent Agenda

a. Agenda Approval:

b. Minutes Approval: October 2019 (**Attachment A**)

III. Public/Council Comment: Limited to items NOT on the agenda (3 min per person).

IV. Regular Public Agency Reports:

a. Public Safety: Commander Justin Nelson

b. Cambria Community Services District: Director Donn Howell

c. County Supervisor: Supervisor Bruce Gibson (Blake Fixler)

d. County Planning: Schani Siong

V. Regular Business

a. Transportation Committee: Aaron Linn, Tom Gray (**Attachment B**)

b. Land Use Committee: Mike Lyons, Don Sather (**Attachment C**)

VI. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report: Mike Lyons (**Attachment D**)

b. Environmental Report: Bruce Mumper

c. Corresponding Secretary's Report: John Nixon

d. Community Outreach Report: Dixie Walker

e. Agriculture Report: Beth Kendall

g. Business Report: Aaron Linn

h. Climate Change Report: Michael Broadhurst

i. Election Code/Bylaws Changes: John Nixon, Mike Lyons, Dixie Walker

VII. Old Business:

Recruit Latino/Latina rep and alternate.

Holiday Party is set for Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., Bruce Black Barn, 4063 Burton Dr. Cambria. You may bring a guest. Please RSVP to smcdon04@gmail.com. You are asked to please bring a beverage of your choice and an appetizer to share.

VIII. New Business:

Online NCAC member bios are being updated. Please email any changes to your bio to smcdon04@gmail.com.

Adjourn :

Attachment A - Meeting Minutes, October 2019

NORTH COAST ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 16, 2019
Mechanics Bank Community Room

ROLL CALL—establish a quorum

Present: Hank Krzcuik, John Nixon, Iggy Fedoroff, Marjorie Sewell, Mark Kantor, Susan McDonald, Don Sather, Cindy Steidel, Tom Gray, Paul Gullion, Dixie Walker, Beth Kendall, Michele Roest.

Excused: Mike Lyons, Bruce Marchese, Jamie McLeod, Mike Broadhurst, Aaron Linn, Bruce Mumper, Tamara Corbet

Quorum established.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Approval: Election Committee will be added after the Climate Change Report. John Nixon moved to approve the agenda. Dixie Walker 2nd. Unanimous.

Minutes Approval: Tom Gray moved to accept the minutes. Beth Kendall 2nd. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Manya Brett: Regarding the boardwalk on Moonstone—it's in disrepair. There have been accidents along the boardwalk. Manya will attend the next Traffic meeting for information. Then she will attend the November meeting of the NCAC.

REGULAR PUBLIC AGENCY REPORTS

Public Safety: Sergeant Odin

- 391 calls for service for the last month. (324 for Cambria, 0 in Harmony, and 6 in San Simeon. 8000 pounds of marijuana removed from grow site near Cambria.
- What is growing along Los Osos Rd? Sgt. Odin - hemp to supply CBD.
- Hank - Any clarification of homeless camping in RV's and other vehicles along the road? Sgt. Odin - no info.
- Cindy--Fireworks shot off? Sgt. Odin—there were reports of fireworks a couple of Saturdays ago. No further info.
- Cindy - Do you have information about the homeless staying in State Parks and doing work to pay for parking? Sgt. Odin - They can perhaps stay for a night. Usually it's camp hosts who stay and do maintenance.

CCSD: Director Donn Howell

- CCSD has hired a consultant to update the urban water management program. Must be updated every five years.
- Tyler in code-new software to help with our problems—a long and painful process. It's for billing, reporting, capability of how water is used.
- 3 properties – Ramsay, accepted as open space; Burton and Newport, accepted as open space; Pineridge and Leona, a narrow strip of land, not purchased yet. Thinking about that lot for a cell tower.
- CCSD Meeting is next week on Thursday.
- Another property near State Parks has a home that is deteriorating. Being used by homeless, so it is now boarded up until it's decided what to do with it.
- Tony Church – Leona and Pineridge—there's already cell boosters for Verizon.
- Hank K.—Wrote letters about having emergency staffing from Cambria to help with San Simeon water treatment plant. Have you heard anything about this?
- Cindy S.—I'd be surprised if CCSD would do that. We'd have to hire additional people to accommodate that.
- Hank K.—It would be emergency situations for couple of hours.
- Dir. Howell – It's not an unusual request. It's not come before us as yet.
- Michele Roest – it's not a bad idea to be cross trained for both districts.
- Dir Howell – Our new manager is working toward new ideas. Perhaps take it to the board.
- Susan M.—Perhaps you could bring it up to the manager.
- Dir. Howell – Please send me an email about this. Susan – OK
- Susan M. – Last meeting, I asked about self-help housing. Any movement on that?
- Dir. Howell --No information about that right now.
- Susan M.—Has it been discussed with the Coastal Commission?
- Cindy S.—May need to wait until the 2nd meeting with the Coastal Commission.

County Supervisor –Supervisor Bruce Gibson (Blake Fixler)

- Conservation project (Chevron Project) between Morro Bay and Cayucos.
- Help for mental health of people in jail and now working on needs outside the prison. Work on drug help outside the jail. Took a ride to homeless sites south of San Luis. The group is doing a great job to help. Put a dumpster near the homeless community with

the hopes that they will clean up after themselves. The people there have been doing a good job of putting trash in the dumpster, including a container for needles. Piece by piece we're working on this.

- Working on the status of women. 2 openings are available - women welcome to apply. Commission has been in place since 1975—help with job skills, health needs, financial literacy. In the 40's Eleanor Roosevelt was instrumental in helping women enter the work force. Might attend a meeting or two about these issues. 6:15, 1st Tues. of each month at the County building; might be of interest. Flyers available.
- Crisis Stabilization Unit - 16 beds only (would like more). Person can stay up to 72 hours—help dangerously mentally ill. Suicidal tendencies can stay up to 24 hours, which people find very helpful - four beds available for this.
- Susan M. Thank you for facilitating our award at your board meeting for Airlin Singewald. Several Council members showed up to present a framed photo of Cambria.
- Sup. Gibson—A very thoughtful gesture to Airlin. Appreciated by all.

County Planning -Schani Siong

Not here.

- Safety meeting (workshop) at County Library, Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 5:30 PM to prepare for fire.

County Public Works - Michael Britton

- Hank K.—Pico Ave. - county road, repaired part of it, now putting in micro surfacing. Starting work on it tomorrow. Need to do the other side.
- Michael Britton - Will try to expedite that.
- Hank K. - Thank you for removal of barrier.
- Michael Britton—I was surprised when I saw it there, but now it's gone. The County is very responsive to road repairs.
- Tony Church - On Green and McCabe, there are huge pot holes. I drive the community bus and need to pick someone up every week. Need help. Post Office goes down there every day.
- Michael Britton-I know what you're talking about—teeth shattering experience.
- Iggy Fedoroff - Lived here 31 years and haven't seen Sunbury looking so good but County cut back a piece of road, now it keeps eroding. Can the county do anything to help?
- Michael Britton—You can call Hot Line 781-5252.
- Susan M. - Along San Simeon Creek Rd, there's about 8 dead trees - don't know if it's State Parks or County. They are large and will do damage if they fall.

- Michael Britton – Call Hot Line.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Land Use Committee—Don Sather

- DRC2019-00214 – 6725 Cambria Pines Rd. for Bookout. Proposed 3,178 SF single family residence. Met with owner about his hopes and dreams. He will need a septic system and an existing water meter through Liemert. Recommends approval with permeable roads. The property is 6.6 acres. Tom Gray recommends approval. Hank K. 2nd. Unanimous.

Transportation Committee – Tom Gray

- Blake Fixler—Daou-- May work in phases. No mention of tearing down the Building. Interest is public access and how that will work. Interest in the utilities that go through there, sewer line. The Daou Brothers want to close the road and make it private
- Tony C.—There was to be a cell tower on the north end of hill, not on Daou property, but would need access.
- Hank still wants walking right of way through property.
- Susan M. – Would the Coastal commission weigh in on this?
- Tom Gray– Continue effort to forward movement for emergency exits in Cambria Fire and Cal Fire – emergency shoulder road would become two lane roads to move traffic out of town, leaving the other lane for emergency vehicles. Vacation rentals would be a problem. Send letter to Bruce Gibson to make these suggestions.
- Blake Fixler—get everyone together for a planning session in case of fire. The other lane would be for emergency vehicles only. Cal Trans said they were not interested at this time. Get the Fire Safe comm. on board, too.

Paul Gillion moved to send a letter to the county. Dixie 2nd. Unanimous.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Mike Lyons

\$1865.36 on hand.

Environmental Report -Michele Roest

- She is Chair of the Winter Bird Festival-Morro Bay on Martin Luther King's birthday weekend in 2020. 130 workshops -- 600 people participating. Keynote speakers at Performing Arts at Cuesta on Sat. and Sun. evenings- more info coming.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – John Nixon

- Sent 2 thank you letters to Mechanics Bank and Pacific Premier Bank for allowing us to have meetings in their community rooms for council to sign.

Community Outreach Report –Dixie Walker

- Had Michael Britton come to speak to us today
- See later for Election Reports – Mike, John, and Dixie,

Agriculture Report – Mike Broadhurst via E-mail.

- Here are the four points made by Mike Broadhurst and Mike Lyons on possible efforts to combat climate change:
 - Protecting the SWF and wells that are most of town's water supply along San Simeon Creek from flooding and possible drinking water contamination.
 - Slowing the water coming down Santa Rosa Creek (and Perry Creek) and possibly parking some of it.
 - Projecting and understanding the potential for property damage in West Village and along Marine Terrace.
 - Finding an approach to engage the community in developing a unique perspective of climate change and sea level rise for Cambria.

Mike Broadhurst also added:

There's a lot of work to be done to get a project off the ground, and I will need some help. A couple of Examples: There must be communities out there, probably larger than Cambria, that have developed plans to deal with sea level rise. I have a partial list of possibilities, thanks to Mike L. One thing I can do personally is engage the Santa Rosa Creek streamflow enhancement project team. This is being led by the Resource Conservation District (I'm a board member) They are looking into, among other things, ways to slow down the rush of water toward the ocean during major storm events. There's so much more. Perhaps the hardest part will be to engage the community in a constructive way.

- Cindy S.- Sup. Gibson addressed this issue recently. Perhaps we need to ask him about it again.
- Blake Fixler –County meeting about this will be in Long Beach on Oct. 30 so we'll have some information at the next meeting.

Business Report—Aaron Linn

- None- Not here this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Holiday party for NCAC will be Dec. 11, 6:30 pm. At Bruce Black Barn. Bring beverage and appetizer.

NEW BUSINESS

- Susan M. sent two pages of options for Election By-laws. Amended by-laws.
- Add /ad Hoc Election to Reports.

- John Nixon – Have no more than one election per year.

Sec 10- The candidate who receives the most votes in an Area shall be the Regular elected member, and the person who receives the second most votes shall be the alternate.

When more than one candidate qualifies or election to represent an Area, the election shall determine the reg. and alt. members. If the two candidates agree on who will be seated or alternate, there may be no election for that Area.

- Mark Kantor—what if three were running, and the vote was 9-4-1, then can one negotiate who will be seated?

Susan M.--It's an option to switch if the Council approves by majority.

- Dixie moved to approve Sec. 10. Tom 2nd. Unanimous.
- Section 4-5 – Significant change. Suggesting having an election every two years. Even years would be 2,4,6,8 and odd years for 1,3,5,7. Business and Latino/Latina would be in odd years; while Agriculture and Environmental would be even years—all for 2 year terms.
- Section 5 --The alternative would be all groups from the 8 areas would be for two year terms on even numbered years. This would decrease the cost of the election, the down side of this is having too many new people with no institutional memory.
of the board.
- Hank – Why not start in 2021 for all areas?
- John N. – If we do 2020, then the odd areas would be on the ballot in 2020

for two years.

- Term limits –now is 4 years. May be changed. Some commented that making a four year commitment is too much.
- Susan—Come up with two options for next meeting.
- New Election Committee appointees – Jamie, Mark, Marj.

Meeting adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Marjorie Sewell

Attachment B - Transportation Committee Report

The Transportation Committee of the NCAC held its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 5, 2019 at 3 p.m., at Pacific Premier Bank.

Members attending: Tom Gray (Co-Chair), Bruce Marchese,

Also attending: Manya Brett, Taylor Hilden, Marian King

Topics discussed:

- 1) Three Cambria residents -- Manya Brett, Taylor Hilden and Marian King -- voiced their concerns about the condition of the Boardwalk adjacent to Moonstone Beach Drive. They pointed to problems including:
 - a. Deterioration in the Boardwalk structure creating safety risks such as trip hazards from raised screws and gaps between boards. Photos were shown to the committee illustrating these hazards.
 - b. Overgrowth of plants encroaching on Boardwalk and reducing the space for safe pedestrian passage.
 - c. Barriers (e.g. cables and posts) to sensitive habitat in poor repair and no longer effective.

The Boardwalk is on land owned by State Parks, an agency to which the NCAC does not have a direct advisory role. However, the consensus of committee members present was that ensuring pedestrian safety within the NCAC area is part of the Transportation Committee's mission. The members agreed that it would be appropriate for the three community members, along with others, to bring this issue before the full NCAC so that the Council could get guidance from Supervisor Gibson and consider further action.

- 2) Mike Britton, the Committee's County liaison, was unable to attend the meeting. The Committee discussed several topics and informed him of these in a subsequent email:
 - a. Deteriorating pavement on Newhall Avenue, especially in the 1600 block.
 - b. Incomplete striping (to indicate two-way traffic) on Ramsey Street at Newton Road.

- c. A number of street lights out along Main Street.
- d. County road needing to be resurfaced by the liquor store at on Pico Avenue in San Simeon.

-- Tom Gray, Co-Chair

Attachment C - Land Use Committee Report

LAND USE COMMITTEE

November 4, 2019

Pacific Premier Bank Conference Room

Committee Members Attending: Tony Church, Claudia Harmon Worthen, Marge Sewell, Don Sather, Mike Lyons, Laurel Stewart, Steve Cole

Visitors: CCSD Fire Chief William Hollingsworth, Agent Dustin Hauge, Agent Devin Best

The regular meeting of the Land Use Committee began at 1:00 PM with the following discussions:

1. DRC2019-00232 UPPER SALINAS – LAS TABLAS RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Proposed Minor Use Permit for the restoration of 300 linear feet of streambank to improve steelhead habitat, including installation of instream structures to redirect the thalweg from the toe of the slope and restore the native riparian corridor with native trees and shrubs; 4560 Santa Rosa Creek Road in Cambria. Planner: Katie Nall, kinall@co.slo.ca.us

The committee heard a presentation from Devin Best, Executive Director of the US-LTRCS. The project was discussed in detail. The plans include placing granite boulders, eucalyptus logs, native rock, and native flora to prevent further erosion of the creek and undermining of the adjacent Santa Rosa Creek Road and to create specialized watercourse habitat for endangered species. The committee recommends approval of this MUP.

2. DRC2019-00233 HAUGE / GIANNINI / NEGRANTI

Proposed Minor Use Permit for a 21.8 acre-foot agricultural irrigation reservoir to improve seasonal irrigation practices for existing 30 acre avocado orchard; 6425 Green Valley Road in Paso Robles. Planner: Young Choi, ychoi@co.slo.ca.us

The committee heard a presentation from Mr. Dustin Hauge. The project was discussed in detail. The plans include grading for a irrigation reservoir having a surface area of about 2.65 acres, pvc lined, to be filled with water from an existing well during the wet season for the purpose of irrigating 30 acres of existing avocados and for frost protection. The committee recommends approval of this MUP

3. Discussion with CCSD Fire Chief William Hollingsworth regarding impacts and minimum requirements for the installation of propane tanks to fuel emergency generators. The committee has concerns regarding the probable increase in emergency generators in our community, specifically those using propane fuel. The committee asked Chief Hollingsworth to discuss this subject in general, and also ask if he could provide us with some minimum requirements for storage tanks as we review the land use and aesthetic effects of these tanks. The Chief agreed to

research the implications on the small lots and setbacks in our community. He will return to the LUC in January or February with some information sheet ideas and content for committee review.

The committee adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Sather, Co-chair

Attachment D - Treasurer's Report: Mike Lyons

November 6, 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Beginning balance as of Treasurer's Report of Oct. 8, 2019</u>	<u>\$1,865.36</u>
<u>No activity in the account for the period Sept. 27-Oct.29, 2019</u>	
<u>Account balance as of PP Bank statement Oct. 25, 2019</u>	<u>\$1,865.36</u>

Mike Lyons

Treasurer

Attachment D: Proposed Amendment to NCAC Bylaws – Elections (Revised, November 20): John Nixon, Mike Lyons, Dixie Walker

The current election procedures define staggered two-year terms, with election of members from odd—numbered Areas elected in odd-numbered years, and election of members from even-numbered Areas elected in even-numbered years. Appointed members ' terms also are staggered between odd and even two-year terms. The intent of the proposed options for amending the bylaws is to hold elections for all members every two years, as opposed to every year for half of the members.

The purpose of the proposed option is to reduce the cost, time, and effort required to hold yearly elections. The cost of advertising in the Cambrian/Tribune has increased significantly, as has the cost of renting space in the Vets Hall. In addition, the time and effort required each year to plan and implement an election is considerable, and identifying volunteers willing to do the work has become challenging. However, the proposed options carry clear negatives relating to loss of continuity and institutional memory (option 1) and requiring four-year terms (option 2).

The affected sections of the current bylaws are the following:

Section 4. Elected members from odd-numbered Areas (1,3,5,7) shall have their terms begin and expire in odd-numbered years; Areas (2,4,6,8) shall have their terms begin and expire in even-number years. Thereby six experienced council members will serve establishing continuity each year.

Section 5. Appointed representatives are from the following concerns: Business, Agriculture, Environment, and Latino/Latina Outreach. The Business and Latino/Latina representatives' terms shall begin and expire in odd-numbered years, the Agriculture and Environmental representatives' terms shall begin and expire in even-numbered years.

Option 1 to amend the current sections is the following:

Section 4. Election of members from the eight Areas shall occur on odd numbered years. The term is two years. (beginning in 2021)

Section 5. Appointed members are from the following interest groups: business, agriculture, environment, and Latino/Latina outreach. All appointed members serve two-year terms and are appointed on odd numbered years.

Note: implementation of option 1 in 2021 would require members elected in 2020, should they choose to continue service, to be on the ballot in 2021.

Option 2 to amend the current sections is the following:

Section 4. Elected members from odd-numbered Areas (1,3,5,7) shall have their terms begin and expire in odd-numbered years; Areas (2,4,6,8) shall have their terms begin and expire in even-number years. Terms are for 4 years and elections every two years. (beginning in 2020)

Section 5. Appointed members are from the following interest groups: business, agriculture, environment, and Latino/Latina outreach. All appointed members serve two-year terms and are appointed on odd numbered years.

Note: Implementation of option 2 in 2020 would require members elected in 2019, should they choose to continue service, to be on the ballot in 2020.

The Ad Hoc Election Committee discussed the two options, weighing pros and cons, and is recommending no change from current election bylaws at this time.