

TRI-CITY and COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLANNING GROUP
Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo * County of Solano
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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

August 20, 2008

1. Roll Call

Citizen's Advisory Committee Members Present: Teri Booth, Kathy Hoffman, Mark Morris, Alice Plutchok, Brian Travis, Bob Webb, Dan Smith

Citizen's Advisory Committee Members Absent: Bob Berman, Karlyn Lewis, Jim Syar

Tri-City and County Staff in Attendance: Matt Walsh, Solano County; Brian Miller, City of Fairfield; Bill Tuikka, City of Vallejo; Lisa Porras, City of Benicia, Sue Wickham, Solano Land Trust (SLT)

2. Introductions

Chris Abess, Event Director, Lynch Canyon Trail Run

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Joint Minutes of May 5, 2008 were approved.

5. Nomination of New CAC Chairperson

Bob Webb nominated Dan Smith to be the Tri-City CAC Chairperson. Brian Travis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Smith accepted the nomination.

6. Recommendation of Proposed Budget to Board

Brian Miller stated that they were not proposing any new budget line items this year. We are basically carrying through the past year's budget items including legal services which are an ongoing expense, public access (capital improvements), the Bay Area Ridge Trail, Bay Area Open Space Council, website and public outreach, acquisition planning (Santa Clara property). The Sky Valley/Cordelia Hills Master Plan is wrapping up. Mr. Webb asked if there were funds set aside for the acquisition plan for the Santa Clara property. Mr. Miller answered that there were funds set aside and they were being carried over to the next budget year. Kathy Hoffman motioned to adopt the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webb. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Report on Lynch Canyon and Related Activities

Chris Abbot gave a summary of the Lynch Canyon Trail Run. The Lynch Canyon Trail Run was conceived to help increase public awareness of the area. Other event goals included making it a high quality event, make sure that any proceeds went to Lynch Canyon for park improvements and education, provide support for Healthy Children, Healthy Communities initiative and finally to create a competitive event for serious athletes while accommodating those who just wanted to enjoy the park. There were 275 registered participants and 50+ volunteers. There was a Half Marathon event, a 10K event and a community hike. 42% of the participants came from the Solano County area. Participants also came from the Bay Area and Sacramento. The event generated \$13,000. They are planning to hold the event again on May 30, 2009. Mr. Abbot stated that in 2009 he wanted to exceed the goals of this year and asked the CAC to help get the word out for the 2009 event.

Sue Wickham, SLT, described more upcoming events including a Walk with Rock at Lynch Canyon to benefit Access Adventure which is an outdoor recreation program for people with disabilities. She also passed out copies of their flier which listed upcoming events from August thru November.

8. Status Report on Hiddenbrooke School

Mel Jordan gave a Powerpoint presentation on the progress of the Hiddenbrooke School and Park project. The schematic and construction designs have been completed. Mitigation is still in progress. The CEQA public comment period has closed and the Vallejo School District had received comments from the Tri-City Group, Solano Land Trust, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the CA Department of Fish and Game. Many of the comments were concerned with the project's effects on the California Red Legged Frog, assess to adjacent properties, impacts to agricultural land and recreation. The CEQA process was anticipated to be complete by September 2008 with approval of CEQA by the California Department of Education in November 2008. Construction was anticipated to begin in late spring of 2009. The issue of sufficient horse trailer access and parking at the park site was also discussed.

9. Status Report on St. Johns Mines Rd. Abandonment

The City of Vallejo is considering a request to abandon St. Johns Mines Road. Because it would be a good staging area for access to adjacent open space lands, GVRD and the SLT are in favor of keeping the road open. Bill Tuikka reported that since the last Tri-City CAC meeting there was no new information to report on the status of the St. Johns Mines Road abandonment.

10. Upcoming Agenda Topics

Kathy Hoffman suggested that Harry Englebright be considered to fill one of the two Solano County vacancies on the Tri-City CAC. Matt Walsh stated that Mr. Englebright was currently taking some time off after working on the Solano County General Plan for over two years. He noted that Supervisor Spering was the County representative to work with to fill the Solano County CAC vacancies. Dan Smith noted the passing and contributions of former Tri-City CAC member Ray Shehan.

11. Adjournment

The next Citizens Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19,

2008 in the Multi-Purpose Room, County Administrative Center, 675 Texas St., First Floor,
 Fairfield, CA 94533.



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Citizens Advisory Committee Roll Sheet

X = Attendance at meeting

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	2/20/08 Cancelled	5/5/08 Special Board/CAC	5/20/08 Cancelled	8/20/08	11/19/08 Cancelled
Bob Berman		x		absent	
Teri Booth		x		x	
Kathy Hoffman		x		x	
Karlyn Lewis		x		absent	
Mark Morris		x		x	
Alice Plutchok		absent		x	
Dan Smith		x		x	
Brian Travis		x		x	
Jim Syar		x		absent	
Bob Webb		absent		x	
Monica Brown	resigned	-----	-----	-----	-----