

El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Present: Xina Ash, Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour, Tom Lang, Melinda McLain, Joe Sarapochillo, Shirley Winston

Excused Absence: Robin Tanner, Tom Owens

Absent:

Minutes for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Xina Ash

Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call 7:04p

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for ESMAC 4-10-2019; Motion to accept as presented (Tom Lang, seconded)- Aye: Melinda McLain, Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour, Joe Sarapochillo, Shirley Winston, Xina Ash

Treasurer's Report –\$2,505

Introduction of Speakers/Guests/Topics

P.1 Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford: Spike in scans via impersonating government agencies. Examples – Phone call cloaking as a government agency requesting gift cards or credit cards. Public can reach out to the Sherriff to report and the Sheriff can perform additional outreach as deemed appropriate.

P.2 Presentation by California Highway Patrol: stats fairly typical

P.3 Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire: Safety reminder to sleep with bedroom doors closed to help mitigate fire travel within the home. Fire Season preparations to create defensible space around the home. June 16, 2019 is the last day to sign up for the weed abatement program. Goats R Us has been used locally and recently for some of the vegetation management.

P.4 Presentation on illegal dumping issues – 1) by Brian Balbas, Contra Costa County Public Works Director to discuss the efforts of the County's Illegal Dumping Taskforce and: The Board of Supervisors has set up a Task Force to address the Illegal Dumping with focus on Education and outreach, Prevention, Agreements with Haulers and other related issues. 2) by Mikki Norris on neighborhood strategies: Provided overview of the 2/2/19 mtg initiated on Next Door where community members have brought forth ideas to work together to address Illegal Dumping. Some ideas surrounded working to get more neighborhood clean ups throughout the year, more competition for trash services, contract negotiations with Republic Services. John Astin was recognized as a local hero for using his trailer to pick up large items dumped on the roadsides over the years where the community had also lightly supported him with donations.

P.5 Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, monthly report: The El Sobrante Library has embraced the community's concerns for after hour access and have modified their design to include an additional restroom that can be accessed by authorized groups for meetings after hours.

Public Comment –

Discussions Items – The Council will consider and act on the following:

DI.1 – Development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department and Notices of Public Hearings. (No applications were received this month)

DI.2 - VR19-1004 – Letter sent to Planner. No update to determination.

Short Discussion Items

SDI.1 – Report from El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee

SDI.2 – ESMAC Land Use may be useful for 2020 General Plan Update. Town Hall Meeting to be held at the Elk’s Lodge May 30, 2019 at 6pm.

Subcommittee Reports

11.1 ESMAC Land Use

11.2 ESMAC Safety - Andrew Chahrour expressed interest in Safety Committee

11.3 ESMAC Education Programs/ Outreach

Announcements: Community Clean up tentative the 1st Sat in October 2019

Adjournment: 9:25p Motion to adjourn (Tom Lang, seconded)- Aye: Melinda McLain, Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour, Joe Sarapochillo, Shirley Winston, Xina Ash

Submitted by Madam Chair Xina Ash