

## Alamo Municipal Advisory Council

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### **RECORD OF ACTIONS**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

**Online Meeting via Zoom**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL**

- a. Youth Member Gillen not present

#### **2. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS**

- a. District II Staff Update –
  - i. The next Alamo Liaison meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020 via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 968 3872 5832; Password: 066539)
  - ii. COVID19 County Response Update
- b. San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District update
  - i. Majority of our time has been dedicated to COVID19 – started preparing in January
  - ii. Laura Begin came on as an RN and has been lending her expertise
- c. Contra Costa County Sheriff - Valley Station Update
  - i. None.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes/speaker)**

- a. None.

#### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

- a. None.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. VR20-1004 – The applicant is requesting approval of a variance to allow a 3-foot side yard and 3-foot rear yard (where 20 feet and 15 feet are required, respectively) to allow the construction of a segmental block retaining wall along the western (rear) boundary of the subject property. The property address is 64 Hagen Oaks Court, Alamo.
  - i. Public Comment: Mike Gibson, AIA – suggestion to add planting area
  - ii. Member Barclay recommends approval with the condition that the three four foot area between the wall and property line be irrigated and planted; Member Bhandari seconds. Unanimous approval.
- b. Iron Horse Corridor Active Transportation Study – Provide recommendations to Supervisor Andersen on Alamo-specific portions of the Iron Horse Active Transportation Study. Please see attachments, page 80 to 81.
  - i. Public Comment:

Mike Gibson, AIA – notice has been inadequate; try and preserve the idea that it is a trail

Ross Hillsheim, P2B Committee – concerned with SAV and lack of EIRs

Garrett Dailey – trail is very crowded ever since SIP; with any changes, the trail will be worse than it is now

Valerie Jo Remley

Cynthia Bogolub – concern regarding high speed lanes for bicycles

George Bentley

Steve Cloudsley – would like to keep it country living

Heather Chaput – connection to nature; lighting issue; we don't want criminals coming down the trail

Sandra Fink – lived in Alamo for 45 years old

Bill Nelsen – have lived the next trail since 1965, fundamentally flawed study

Rick Barnum – 22 feet is very wide

Jennifer Carter – would like it in writing that there will be no SAV; would like no lighting, would like all the crossings to be improved; love to see a widening of the trail to 16 feet at least

Sanjiv Bhandari – want to maintain the trail and the quality, would like to see the division done in color similar to the Netherlands, consider one way, agree that there doesn't need to be lighting

Susan Rock – make the intersections safer, dividing pedestrians from cyclists, would like to see enhanced plantings throughout the whole train, lower ballard lighting would be better, could be on a timer

Steve Mick – let's move forward

Anne Struthers – Motion to accept the study, and make recommendation to Supervisor Andersen to accept the safety, aesthetic and environmental recommendations of the public. In addition, should any plan ever come to a level of funding a specific project, that it come back to the Alamo MAC and community prior to any plan being formed. Adding that SAVs are violently opposed by the Alamo Community. Divided activity lanes are preferred, as is enhanced planting, and downward, low level lighting only. Second by Member Barclay. Unanimous approval.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered by the Alamo MAC to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the Alamo MAC or a member of the public prior to the time the Alamo MAC votes on the motion to adopt.

- a. Approve March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Record of Actions.
  - i. Move to approve by Member Struthers, second by Barclay. Bhandari abstained.

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Alamo AOB Subcommittee for Schools: Carter (chair), Mick, Rock

Alamo AOB Subcommittee for Downtown: Rock (chair), Barclay, Bhandari

Update on the Alamo Roundabout

Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee: Johnson (chair and P-5 MAC representative), Struthers

Land Use Planning Subcommittee: Barclay (chair) and Bhandari

Iron Horse Corridor Subcommittee: Struthers

Parks and Recreation subcommittee: Struthers (chair), Mick, Rock

Could we ask for the bands to come back next year (2021) and keep the deposit

Trees and Landscape Subcommittee: Rock (chair), Mick, Bhandari

*The County has not adopted everything that was suggested*

*Cameron to follow up on next steps*

**9. CORRESPONDENCE (the following items are listed for informational purposes only and may be considered for discussion at a future meeting).**

- a. None

**10. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE ALAMO MAC**

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Envision 2040 Discussion – Proposed zoning designations compared to existing zoning designations (specifically with regard to density)
- b. Possibly not skip one summer month?
- c. Roundabout – can Jerry and Adelina join the June meeting?
- d. How is the County budget going to be affecting the Alamo community?

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Member Rock at 7:48pm, second Member Barclay.

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