

**BAY POINT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES – April 1, 2008**

Chairwoman Vicki Zumwalt called the regular meeting of the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council to order at 7:01 p.m. held at Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board Room, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, California.

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by long-time Bay Point resident, Chuck Bea

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gabor, Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, and Zumwalt

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Hoagland and Siegfried

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**M/Magleby**

**S/Garcia**

**Members present approved the Agenda for April 1, 2008 Vote 5 - 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the March 4, 2008 MAC meeting Minutes

**M/Garcia**

**S/Magleby**

**Members present approved the MAC Minutes of March 4, 2008 Vote: 5 - 0**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS for items not on the agenda:**

**Report by Sheriff's Department – Lt. Mahoney**

Lt. Mahoney passed out copies and reviewed the statistics for the month of March including comparisons from the same time last year.

Lt. Mahoney stated they are having a lot of graffiti problems again this past month; that Deputies Sanders and Wilhelm are working on identifying some of our past vandals, and going from there.

Lt. Mahoney stated that every month their agency names a deputy of the month, from patrols including the contract cities and county areas, and he was pleased to announce that our Resident Deputy Melissa Wilhelm had been chosen this month for her outstanding work.

Councilwoman Magleby stated that she was still receiving complaints daily (and the Sheriff's probably several times a day) from a woman about the Auto shop that installs stereos on Willow Pass Road.

Resident and Planning Commission member, Ed Stevenson, stated he wanted to discuss something with the MAC. He stated that he had read from the minutes of a previous

month's meeting, that a building project had come before the MAC; and the MAC had not found the project acceptable because they basically didn't like the landscaping.

Mr. Stevenson stated that what he wanted to bring up about that matter was a procedural issue, which he had talked about before in November or December of last year. He stated that this panel isn't really commissioned to approve or disapprove a project; that when they see the project it hasn't been through Community Development, it hasn't had a planner, etc. Mr. Stevenson stated that the MAC should see the projects, the community is here too; but instead of moving to approve or disapprove they should move as to the likeability; find it acceptable or unacceptable for the community.

Mr. Stevenson stated that another recommendation he would like to make is when a situation like that comes up, when there is one aspect of a project you don't like, you say we find the project acceptable except that we don't like the landscaping, and we recommend you do this, this, and this; and then you let it go. He stated then in the letter you send out, ask the zoning administrator to have them come back and show you a revised landscaping plan; not to hold up an entire project pending a change in landscaping.

Mr. Stevenson stated that he was just suggesting to them, from his experience on the Planning Commission, that they consider this; that was something they (Planning Commission) had done with the Affinito project here in Bay Point; that they didn't stop the whole project, but told him to come back to the MAC with a revised plan for the entry corner.

Mr. Stevenson stated that the MAC does a great job, and that he was just trying to share some of his experience with them. He stated there hadn't been a Planning Commission meeting in four months because there's little building going on; and when building does come up, it's good for our community to have new projects. He stated they don't want to let bad projects get through, they want to evaluate them; but at the same time we don't want to bog down the builders so that they are discouraged from building nice things for us in Bay Point.

Dick Leonard, of Golden Stated Water Company, stated he had read the minutes from the last meeting and wanted to clarify some things that were mentioned there regarding Golden State Water Co.

Mr. Leonard stated that the low-income program was approved but hasn't been started yet because they didn't have all the 'nuts & bolts' in place. He stated he had received an email just today this had been done, and that an advice letter was sent to the PUC advising them what the structure of that will be; and now it depends on how long it takes the PUC to approve it before it can go into effect.

Mr. Leonard stated that the program will average about 15%, of the averaged 15 units of water; that is what they have recommended.

Councilwoman Zumwalt stated that she would like Mr. Leonard to be on next month's agenda so that they might ask questions.

Mr. Leonard stated that they have been trying for the last four rate cases, that's like twelve years, to get this included; and they're glad to have finally gotten it through.

Mr. Leonard stated that they also had started a water line job on the loop on Water Street this past Monday; having notified all the people on Mary's and Water Street the previous

week; and the construction actually started yesterday [Monday], and started installing the pipeline, about 150 feet of pipe done today; that it will take 3 or 4 weeks to get the main all around; and that there may be some traffic problems.

Mr. Leonard stated that regarding the Water Conservation Coordinator mentioned in the minutes that they wanted to have some meetings with; that it is impossible as of right now; that the Conservation Coordinator is sitting right here, John Turner, but he doesn't start work until next Monday, doesn't have any contact information yet; and they are still adding duties to his job so he's not exactly sure of what he's doing yet. Mr. Leonard stated that Mr. Turner has been a plant operator here at this district for 12 years, and has been with the company for 28 years. He stated that there are 6 districts in the northern region, and that is where he will be working from.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

#### **1 Brief review and approval of monthly correspondence by Secretary Kopitar**

Councilwoman Kopitar stated she had received some reports from other agencies; an approved permit for the Affinito project site at Willow Pass Road and Port Chicago Hwy.; information regarding the 2.8% rate increase from Golden State Water Co.; a pre-application review about a new study of wind power on Evora Road; and a copy of the letter to the Sheriff's Dept. from Charlotte Gott regarding her appreciation of the signs in her neighborhood prohibiting the parking of cars for sale; and Zoning Administration meeting agendas.

Councilwoman Kopitar read the letter from Charlotte Gott.

Addressed to Sheriff Warren Rupf:  
Cc: Bay Point MAC

On My 7, 2007 I sent you a letter regarding problems with "for sale" used cars in our neighborhood. I am writing again to thank you for taking action to rid our street of cars parked illegally on Manor Drive in Bay Point.

I recently returned from a trip to find to my immense delight that signs prohibiting the parking of cars for sale have been installed on the first block of Manor Drive.

Also please thank Lieutenant Jim Mahoney and Commander Kevin Ryan. I spoke with both of them on several occasions regarding my concerns and I've no doubt that they were instrumental in solving this problem. The installation of the signs will provide the neighborhood with recourse if anyone decides to ignore the law.

I know your officers have many serious issues to deal with and I deeply appreciate your response to our neighborhoods concerns.

Sincerely, Charlotte Gott

Chairwoman Zumwalt asked if the letter of support for the 'Building Community' had gone out that had been approved at the last meeting.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated no, but that she would get it out.

#### **2 Approval of monthly Recording Secretary Invoice of \$120.00**

There was a brief discussion of how the MAC rent was being paid through Supervisor Glover's office, and that it was being taken off tonight's agenda (item 10-B-1).

### **3 Brief review and approval of Treasurer Garcia's report**

Councilwoman Garcia stated there was nothing other than the Recording Secretary's Invoice.

**M/Magleby**

**S/Kopitar**

**Members present approved the Consent Calendar. Vote: 5 - 0**

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **Bay Point Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award – Councilwoman Garcia**

Councilwoman Garcia stated that several months ago she had thought about nominating Mr. Jim Valic as he's always been helpful in the community and had a lot to do with the cross guards; but when she had approached him, he had insisted that "his girls" were the ones to be recognized. She stated Mr. Valic is an awesome person, that several other people had called to nominate him as well, and that it was important that he be acknowledged for all the hard work he does.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that her presentation of the "Outstanding Citizen of the Month" award was therefore going to Mr. Jim Valic along with all of the ladies who worked as cross guards (from a list provided by Mr. Valic), and asked Mr. Valic to join her in presenting the awards. [applause]

Mr. Jim Valic stated "thank you", but that it was the girls who had worked the past eight years; standing in the rain or in the heat; being cussed out and yelled at; but they had stuck to it; and there has not been even one incident of a child getting hurt. He stated they are still on the job, and thanks to Supervisor Federal Glover they were now getting paid, something they had fought for, for a long time. He stated he was just so proud of them, that he hadn't asked them, but they had asked him; that he had started doing it because of someone being run over at Shore Acres where his granddaughter was going to school; that he had started doing it because he was mad; and found it was the greatest job he had ever had.

Cross guards present to receive award: Margarita Alvarez, Maria Bustos, Isabel Contreras, Rosalia Garcia, and Guillermina Gonzalez.

Cross guards honored but not present to receive award; Maria Inez Lopez, Monica Garcia, Ruby Medina, Luisa Marlene Munoz, Maria Rubio, Beatriz Ruiz, and Isabel Ruiz.

Councilwoman Garcia than thanked and congratulated recipients in Spanish also. [applause]

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that she wanted to thank them all from the MAC, that their work is valued, and they honor the work being done. [applause]

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that she also wanted to thank Councilwoman Eva Garcia for coming every month prepared to make these presentations; that they have been very well received; and they recognize and appreciate the time and effort being put into this. [applause]

### **AGENCY REPORTS:**

## **Supervisor Federal Glover's Office – Ed Diokno**

Ed Diokno stated that this afternoon, Eddie Duenas, a fourteen year old student at Riverview Middle School, was given the "Rising Star Award" for his sports leadership. He stated the award was given by the Contra Costa Countywide Youth Commission during a commemoration of Ceasar Chavez. Mr. Diokno stated Eddie's strength of character and confident intelligence is immediately apparent as well as his caring manner, not only in the classroom but also out on the athletic field. He stated it's always important to point out the good things our young people are doing, because otherwise you only hear about the bad things.

Mr. Diokno stated the All-East County MAC meeting scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> has had to be postponed to June because of scheduling conflicts with District 3 MACs. He stated the new date was not yet set, and that he would let the MAC know as soon as it was.

Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor's second Foreclosure Workshop, for homeowners facing foreclosure, will be held at Antioch City Hall on April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am – 1:00pm. He stated it will be free and co-sponsored by Senator Tom Torlakson and Assemblyman Mark DeSaulnier.

Mr. Diokno stated the annual Youth Summit, which was started by Supervisor Glover five years ago, will be held April 26<sup>th</sup> at Freedom High School in Antioch. He stated this is also a free event where there will be fun, games, entertainment, career and life workshops, and breakfast and lunch will be provided. Mr. Diokno stated that in the past several years the free bus that was offered from Bay Point to this event was not well used, and they decided to put those monies elsewhere, but there is still bus service going to Freedom High School.

Mr. Diokno stated Youth Empowerment Day for Mt. Diablo High School and Riverview Middle School families will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>, not May 26<sup>th</sup> as announced earlier.

Mr. Diokno stated the meeting for all MAC's in the entire county will be April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm – 7:00pm at Pine Street in Martinez. He stated this meeting will be to discuss the proposed changes to the composition, finances, and duties of the MAC.

Mr. Diokno stated that in regards to the letter asking for a correction to the MAC vote regarding a referendum on annexation to Pittsburg, Supervisor Glover advised the MAC that he prefers to meet with City Council members one on one rather than to issue a letter correcting their city manager, and he has already begun to do so.

Mr. Diokno stated regarding the letter to CCC Board of Supervisors requesting car sales repeat offender fines being increased to \$250.00, that Supervisor Glover in general agrees with it, but he is calling for a meeting with the agencies involved, Code and the Sheriff's, so he can get their buy-in before he proposes any letter, as they would be the ones to enforce it.

Mr. Diokno stated that regarding the MAC's request for previous grant proposals for the Newsletter and additional Code Enforcement Officers, that as in the past, is something they don't have to worry about; that his office does the proposals for them; that they had filled out the request forms even last year.

Councilwoman Garcia stated the last she had heard was that Councilwoman Siegfried had done last years application for the Keller Canyon Grants, and that she was going to make those available for Councilwoman Garcia to see how they were done, as she had done them in

the past.

Mr. Diokno stated that they had been filled out by his office, and all she had had to do is sign them.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that she could do that.

Councilwoman Kopitar asked if the letter had been sent to the Mt. Diablo School District regarding the sidewalks behind Shore Acres Elementary.

Mr. Diokno stated no, but they had held a meeting regarding that issue and Public Works is going to correspond with the school district about that issue. He stated there's some question as to whose jurisdiction that is.

Councilwoman Kopitar asked Mr. Diokno would please keep the MAC updated on this issue; and he agreed.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**A. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion/Recommendation on approval of outstanding LUP's or alcohol license applications – Councilwoman Siegfried**

None

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion/Recommendation to approve costs for Ambrose Recreation and Park District room rent dating back through last year - Councilwoman Garcia**

Already resolved

**2. Discuss MAC council member participation in handling the logistics for the Joint MAC meeting being held at Ambrose Saturday, April 12, 2008 – Councilwoman Magleby**

No longer relevant as April meeting has been postponed

**3. Discussion/Recommendation to approve lunch costs for Joint MAC meeting being held at Ambrose Recreation and Park District building on Saturday, April 12, 2008 – costs not to exceed \$300.00 – Councilwoman Magleby**

No longer relevant as April meeting as been postponed

Councilwoman Magleby asked if box lunches would still be appropriate for the rescheduled joint MAC meeting.

Mr. Diokno stated that he believed the meeting in June, might have the lunch paid by the Supervisors office; it was still up in the air at this time.

There was a short discussion regarding the facility rent being paid by the Supervisor's office, and how it doesn't affect their current budget.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that she wanted to publicly thank Councilwoman Garcia for great job done on the newsletter.

There was a short discussion regarding the deadline for the next newsletter; sometime in June; and Councilwoman Garcia would report more on it at next month's meeting.

### **OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Magleby stated the only thing she wanted to comment on was on the very first parade ever in Bay Point to be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>; that they still hadn't given it a name; but something to do with a parade and a festival. She stated that it's getting bigger by the minute, with the Chamber of Commerce providing some money, and they'll gather other money from businesses.

There was a short, fun discussion on the use of pink geraniums in the parade. [laughter]

Councilwoman Kopitar reported that she was still attending the CAP meetings; that she really enjoyed them. She also stated she was looking forward to seeing everyone at the parade that Councilwoman Magleby was speaking about.

Mr. Diokno asked if the companies were going to participate in the parade.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated that there were a lot being involved, that they didn't have the total list yet.

Councilwoman Garcia reported that she had read the humongous amount of minutes from the school district's board meeting; that the only thing about our Bay Point schools was discussion of a surveillance system being installed at Riverview Middle school because of all the vandalism that has been going on there.

Councilwoman Garcia stated she had received the email today from Michael Kerr about the Bay Point Community website; that is was good, even including the "Pink Geranium Capital of the World" portion; that is was looking pretty good and that she liked it.

Councilwoman Garcia also reported that the parade plans were moving along; they had received a letter from the county about the permits and several other things they needed; that the requested information had been sent back; they had contacted everyone the county had required including the Fire Protection District and the Sheriff's; the process is moving along, and it looks like a sure thing that there will be a parade. She stated there are a lot of people who want to be a part of it; that the day will have three parts, a Memorial, the Parade, and then a Festival; that people could choose to participate in which part they wanted to, or all three parts.

There was a short discussion regarding who might be asked to be the Color Guard for the parade and/or the Memorial Ceremony.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that she had worked with the Clayton parade a lot, and did the communications for the parade.

Mr. Ed Stevenson asked to speak and stated that this committee was doing a great job, pulling off a first parade is not easy; that they had been working on it for 1 ½ years now, that they have a great plan, a great foundation, and a lot of things will be learned this year; that you have to start somewhere; that he was very excited about what they are doing; and congratulations to the people working very hard on this. He stated that the community will see this being done, for real, and there will be even more support for next year's.

Councilwoman Garcia stated the Garden Club was having a meeting tomorrow; that one of the things they were struggling with was a name; and one of the proposed names is 'Bay Point Spring Derby, Parade and Festival'. She stated they needed a catchy theme; that it wasn't like a derby race, rather like a derby hat; that they would give flag hats, derbies away; and that her vision was that 10 years from now is that Bay Point is known as the crazy little town that has crazy hats at its Memorial Day parade.

Councilwoman Kopitar stated that there is also a big fishing derby here in Bay Point every year, that it just kind of ties everything together.

There was a short discussion of other possible ideas for the parade, including a small dog brigade.

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON NEXT AGENDA:**

1. May TAC meeting – John Greitzer and Jerry Fahey
2. Deadlines for next (June) newsletter
3. Golden State Water Co., - Mr. Dick Leonard
4. Presentation on May's parade

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/Magleby**

**S/Gabor**

**Motion approved to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5 - 0**

There being no further business before the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council, Chairwoman Zumwalt adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting at 7:00pm on May 6, 2008, to be held at the Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board Room at 3105 Willow Pass Road.

Submitted by  
Debra Giles  
Recording Secretary