

**BAY POINT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES – January 2, 2008**

In-coming Council Chair, Vicki Zumwalt, called the regular meeting of the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council to order at 7:02 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 Pastor Lemons, of the Pittsburg Baptist Church

MEMBERS PRESENT: Garcia, Kopitar, Magleby, and Zumwalt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gabor, Hoagland, and Siegfried

OFFICIAL SWEARING IN CEREMONY

This year's Officers:

Vicki Zumwalt – Chair
Gloria Magleby – Vice chair
Terrilynn Kopitar – Secretary
Eva Garcia – Treasurer

Supervisor Glover's designee, Ed Diokno swore in the MAC Officers for 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There was some discussion of agenda items; the 'Outstanding Contribution to Our Community' award was added to Presentations and items 11-B-4, 5, & 7 were tabled to next month's agenda.

**M/Magleby
S/Zumwalt**

Members present approved the amended Agenda for January 2, 2008 having added the 'Outstanding Contribution to Our Community' awards to Presentations and tabling items 11-B- 4, 5, & 7 to next month's agenda. Vote 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the December 4, 2007 MAC meeting Minutes

**M/Garcia
S/Magleby**

Members present approved the MAC Minutes of December 4, 2007. Vote: 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS for items not on the agenda

Susan Allen of the "No on 94 – 97 Campaign" that will on be the ballot this February stated she was here to recap how four large tribes were looking to benefit; by manipulating the revenue sharing scale and having no accountability that they will share fairly with the state, on the new proposed mega-casinos, additional 1,700 slot machines; at the expense of the of other

smaller tribes, tax payers; workers and the environment; how the deal short changes Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, Schools, etc.; and how even the Labor Unions are against them too because of their lack of taking care of their workers even now; and the propositions give these casino projects exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act. She stated these measures would also set a terrible precedent for any future tribal deals. She stated voting no on these measures will send a message to the Governor and the Legislature to go back to the table and put together a deal that is right for all Californians.

Resident Michael Kerr stated that he is continuing to feed the homeless at Anuta Park and is looking for organizations or persons to assist him, maybe just taking a day a month; that it's been running about \$65.00 a day, but he has been cutting it back so it would be about \$50.00 a day now. He also stated that his \$100,000 challenge for anyone to prove that 911 was not a government plot was still open and persons could find out more information at www.911reward.org about the conspiracy.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

There was some discussion and then the items reviewing and approving correspondence and the Treasurer's report were removed from the Consent Calendar.

3 Approval of Recording Secretary Invoice

**M/Magleby
S/Garcia**

Members present approved the amended Consent Calendar having removed the Correspondence & Treasurer's report items. Vote: 4-0

AGENCY REPORTS:

Sheriff's Department – Resident Deputy Melissa Wilhelm

Deputy Wilhelm distributed and reviewed the Crime stats for December, 2007.

Deputy Wilhelm reported on the recent Holiday events stating that their Can Food Drive collaboration with Bel Air elementary, Rio Vista elementary, Rio Vista Middle school, and Mi Amigos grocery store during the Thanksgiving holiday had successfully collected over 1,800 cans which had been combined with turkeys bought to provide Thanksgiving dinners to ten Bay Point families.

Deputy Wilhelm stated that they also used about 450 canned vegetables at the annual Christmas & Toy Giveaway for the dinner, and the rest of the cans were donated to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties (almost 1,000 lbs. of food).

Deputy Wilhelm stated that on December 15th they had their 9th annual Bay Point Christmas Dinner & Toy Giveaway event here at the Ambrose Center with about 1,200 persons participating, and giving away over 1,000 toys to children. She stated they donated a lot of extra leftover food to the Concord Homeless Shelter.

Deputy Wilhelm stated that the next morning, December 16th, they had their Holiday Heroes program, where Resident Deputies from Bay Point, West Richmond, Rodeo and Discovery Bay brought kids that stood out to them and were in need and took them first to

Fatima's restaurant for breakfast, where Santa and his elves came and gave the kids little sacks of food, toys, and candy; and then they drove the kids caravan style, lights & sirens being run by the kids, to Wal Mart. She stated at Wal Mart they were greeted by the staff and told they each had \$240 to spend there. She stated the kids bought gifts for their family members and gifts for themselves. Deputy Wilhelm stated this was the first year she had participated in this event and it was by far her favorite one, and they are hoping to increase the number of kids that participate next year.

Councilwoman Garcia asked if there were any pictures of the events.

Deputy Wilhelm stated that they were working on the pictures; that they had the Sheriff's photographer out at the Holiday for Heroes event, and pictures were taken at the Dinner & Toy Giveaway also; and that she would share those with the Council when she gets them.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that it would be helpful for them working on the newsletter and putting together a calendar of events, if they had the date for the Christmas event for next year; not just for Bay Point families to know, but also for the Council members to know ahead of time so that they can participate and support the event. She also stated it might be good for advertising the collection of cans so that others might donate, maybe at the Community Center, if they wanted to.

Councilwoman Magleby stated she wanted to congratulate all of the Sheriff's, as she'd seen in the newspaper where thefts were up in many places but ours were down, and this is a compliment to the Bay Point Sheriff's and the Bay Point community as a whole.

Deputy Wilhelm stated one of the trends that they are actively investigating is the increase in grand theft auto in regards to rims being stolen off vehicles.

Deputy Saunders stated that they appear to be professional, probably from out of the area, and the Sheriff's ask for the residents help by being their eyes and ears; calling if they see anything suspicious, maybe a U-haul trailer; that these crimes are committed in under 10 minutes. She encouraged people to call, stating that what you might think is the slightest thing might lead them to a tip, or match with something else, that might lead them to a suspect.

Deputy Saunders stated they really want to catch these persons, that the detectives are out here often, and that they actually do a lot of undercover work that people aren't aware of. She stated that she's actually been chased out of a couple of areas while working undercover where the Neighborhood Watch was doing their job very well. Deputy Saunders stated they have put together and posted their 'Bay Point's Ten Most Wanted' posters; that these are significant criminals of the Pittsburg/ Bay Point area; and they are displayed at the Post Office and around the community (Tower Mart). She stated they have already caught one and another one is now in custody.

Deputy Saunders also stated she and Deputy Wilhelm are trying to set up a tip line in their office, where persons could make anonymous calls; and once the line is set up they would like to have that number publicized in the Newsletter.

There was some discussion between the Deputy Sheriff's and the Council members concerning upcoming events, locations, publicity, and the MAC members desire to participate and support these efforts.

Deputy Saunders reported that Heather Burdick, Crime Prevention Specialist would be starting a juvenile diversion program; where youth involved in petty crime will be out in the community painting over graffiti or other vandalism and picking up trash.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated the Sheriff's hard work is very much appreciated and was accompanied by applause.

Supervisor Federal Glover's Office – Ed Diokno

Ed Diokno stated Supervisor Glover sends his wishes for a good year to the members of the MAC and the Bay Point community.

Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor had attended the Kwanzaa celebration last Dec. 28th at Riverview Middle School where he welcomed celebrants to the event, and was very pleased and surprised at the turnout as the event continues to grow.

Mr. Diokno stated that Supervisor Glover will be sworn in as Chair of the Board of Supervisors on January 8th. He stated that the supervisor's time will be even more limited and the letters from the MAC will probably have to suffice for a lot of the events.

Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor's annual Crab Feed will be Jan. 5th at 6:00pm at the Boys & Girls Club in Pittsburg; with hor'deurves, salad, spaghetti, sausages, sourdough bread, and all the crab (Italian style with lots of garlic), you can eat being served. He stated if anybody was interested in buying tickets he had some available.

Mr. Diokno stated Phase II of the Supervisor's 'Building Community' process will be held Jan. 26th at the Antioch Building Maintenance Service Center, 1201 West 4th St., in Antioch. He stated 'Building Community' began with a series of workshops last spring wherein East County residents, guided by CSU East Bay professors, arrived at a consensus of what some of the major issues facing our East County community; and the next meeting will be presented to our area's decision makers, elected and appointed. Mr. Diokno stated that the MAC should be getting notification of that meeting soon which will be in place of the all-MAC meeting.

Mr. Diokno stated the Supervisor will be giving Dow Chemical's annual Martin Luther King awards this Jan. 21st. He stated that one of the awardees is German Medina, a Bay Point resident who was instrumental in organizing last year's College Fair and the Youth Employment Services that will provide career and educational guidance to Bay Point youth.

Mr. Diokno stated that on that same day, Jan. 21st, the Supervisor invites everyone to march with him in the Martin Luther King Day parade starting at Pittsburg City Hall to the Pittsburg High School's Creative Arts building. He stated joining the march this year is 'Peace in the Streets', created by African American Health Conductor Le'Andra Turner and other Bay Point residents who wish to see an end to violence and the killings in the streets.

Mr. Diokno stated on February 7th, the Supervisor's Office and the HIV/AIDS Task Force will hold the Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Health Fair, 3:00pm – 6:00pm at the Pittsburg Health Clinic, 2311 Loveridge Road, in Pittsburg.

Mr. Diokno stated that other February events include a Foreclosure Workshop for homeowners facing foreclosure and a Grant-writing Workshop. He stated he highly recommends a member from the MAC be sent to the Grant-writing workshop as that might be

the way they may get their additional funding this year. He stated more details will be available about these items next month.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that she had received a letter from Assemblyman Desauter indicating any ideas or proposals that the Bay Point MAC might have regarding new legislation be sent to him before January 11th at his district office or on his website.

PRESENTATIONS:

Bay Point Outstanding Contribution to Our Community Award – Councilwoman Garcia

Councilwoman Garcia presented the first award (certificate) to the Ambrose Lions Club; they have been around for a long time; that they collect eyeglasses for persons who need them and other work deserving of our recognition and appreciation; and she would contact member Mark Sidal to pick up the award.

Councilwoman Garcia presented the second award (certificate) to Luce Lemons. She stated that the six years she has known Luce, she is always doing things for others, giving bread to seniors, and twice a week at her church. She was also noted in the Contra Costa Times for the work she does during the Holidays in the community taking care of others needs; definitely deserving our recognition and appreciation. Councilwoman Garcia stated the Lemons had to leave and weren't here now to receive the award, but that she would get it to her.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that if anyone knows someone in the community to nominate for their work in the community, pick up a form from the back table and let her know.

Councilwoman Garcia asked if the Presentations might be made before the Reports on upcoming agendas so that the award recipients don't have to wait so long, as the Reports run long sometimes.

After a short discussion it was agreed to place Presentations before Reports on future agendas. There was also a short discussion on how the materials (frames & certificates) were being paid for, and Councilwoman Garcia stated she really didn't have a problem taking care of this item.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Recommendation on action concerning the Bay Point MAC Website – Council members Kopitar/Garcia

There was a discussion on the current website, possible updates, improvements or changes, including placing information from others that is shared at the MAC meetings on the website for the rest of the public to see.

Ed Diokno of supervisor Glover's office stated that the possibility is very good of creating a website for the MAC that is linked from the Supervisor's website; however it would be the simplest website, having the MAC roster, contact number and address, agenda and minutes, but that would be about it. He stated the Newsletter might be posted on the website also if it

was done electronically.

Resident Michael Kerr reminded the Council what had happened when a former MAC member left the original Bay Point website domain open, and the way it was abused by persons linking pornography to the site.

There was further discussion about the current website; how it might be handled; how it has been handled in the past; the potential problems that might occur; and the benefits of having the MAC website linked to a reliable website, at least for the time being.

Mr. Diokno stated he would call and ask Council member Atilla Gabor to take down the present website, to prevent any possible problems that had occurred with the previous website. He also stated, when asked, that the website could be up for the next month's meeting, to have at least the agenda and minutes posted on it.

M/Garcia

S/Magleby

Motion approved for the MAC to ask Supervisor Glover to have the Bay Point MAC website linked to his website. Vote 4-0

2. Discussion/Recommendation on action concerning the Bay Point Newsletter – Councilwoman Magleby

Councilwoman Magleby opened the discussion stating she believed the editor of the Bay Point Newsletter should be someone other than a Council member; that she'd really like to see the Council use other people.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that there was Approved Criteria; guidelines from Supervisor Glover.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that she wouldn't mind taking on the responsibilities of Newsletter editor, and that she would like to see the guidelines and what they include. She stated that in regards to an outside person being the editor that she didn't mind working with others to help the newsletter be a success, however just like the website, people come and go and it just becomes another task that they have to complete.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated there was the Approved Criteria to follow, and then Ed Diokno makes the final approval before it goes to press.

There was a discussion concerning funding for the newsletter; writing a grant for additional Newsletters; how important the newsletter is to the community; and about others willing to help.

Councilwoman Garcia was appointed editor of this year's Newsletter

Ed Diokno stated that at next month's meeting she could announce when the next issue would be coming out and when the deadline for the articles would be.

There was a discussion about a date the next Newsletter should come out and it was decided to allow the editor, Councilwoman Garcia some time to look at the calendar, gather some information, and make a report about the Newsletter at the meeting next month.

3. Discussion/Recommendation on positions concerning upcoming ballot measures – Council members Gabor/Magleby

Councilwoman Magleby thanked Susan Allen for coming and speaking on the ‘No on propositions 94 – 97’ campaign, and driving all the way up from Capitola.

Councilwoman Magleby reviewed the propositions and what the tribes from each proposition were looking at unfairly receiving. She stated that if passed these casinos would be some of the largest in the world, and how California doesn’t need more gambling and the problems that come with it. Councilwoman Magleby stated we need to force the Legislature and the Governor back to the drawing board and come up with a deal that is fair to all the tribes and to all Californians.

Councilwoman Magleby stated that at one time she had thought about asking the Council to take a stand on this, but that she has changed her mind, and she is just going to encourage voters herself to fill out the ‘Opposition forms’ located on the table in the back, and to ‘vote no’ on propositions 94, 95, 96, and 97 on this February’s ballot.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated it is important for this Council to understand they only have influence and control over our community, and thanked Councilwoman Magleby for making this a personal choice and not a Council matter.

4 Discussion/Recommendation on draft letter to Mt. Diablo School Board regarding sidewalks (draft letter submitted to Board by Councilwoman Kopitar at Dec. meeting) – Councilwoman Kopitar

There was discussion about the letter Councilwoman Kopitar had drafted, and the changes that had been suggested and made. It was decided the letter draft should be sent to Supervisor Glover that he might approve it and send it out on his letterhead.

**M/Zumwalt
S/Magleby**

Motion approved to make the discussed changes to the letter to the Mt. Diablo School Board and send it to Supervisor Glover. Vote 4-0

Secretary Kopitar stated that when she sends the letter to the Supervisor’s office she will also send it to all the Council members via email.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that would be great and that she would like to suggest that this same practice continue when the Board asks Secretary Kopitar to write to the Supervisor; that a copy go to Debbie Giles, Recording Secretary, all of the Council members, and to Ed Diokno also.

Resident Vivian Lisa stated that from her experience working with school P.T.A.’s over the years, that they might be a good place to ask about helping fund sidewalks behind Shore Acres School.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Recommendation on posting agendas and minutes on the County

District 5 Website – Chairwoman Zumwalt

Action already taken regarding this item during Old Business item 1.

2. Request and Approve a MAC representative to the CAP meeting, the 4th Monday of every month – Chairwoman Zumwalt

There was a short discussion on where these meetings were held, what was discussed at these meetings, and the importance of bringing this information back to share with the MAC.

Councilwoman Kopitar was appointed representative to the CAP.

Councilwoman Magleby is going to send the contact information regarding the CAP meetings to all the other Council members.

3. Discussion/Recommendation on Code and TAC meeting frequency. Recommend and Approve Chair for these committees – Chairwoman Zumwalt

Chairwoman Zumwalt reviewed the calendar of proposed frequency and dates for the Code and TAC meetings. The Calendar shows the TAC meeting in February, May, August, and October; and the Code meeting in March, June, September, and November. She stated that they are basically meeting quarterly, and that frees up the county staff from wasting their time, not requiring them to be at our meetings every month when there's not much on the agenda.

Councilwoman Magleby was appointed Chair of the TAC committee

Code Enforcement Chair appointment tabled to next month's meeting.

4. Review and Approve MAC Yearly meeting and location schedule to be attached to monthly agenda's – Chairwoman Zumwalt

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated she would like the Council to please note that they are scheduled to meet on Election Day in November, and that there are several other Election Days during this year. She stated the only date they were changing was today because of the New Year Holiday.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that she wanted to bring up again the National Night Out, always the 1st Tuesday of August, and that she feels it is important to have the MAC be a part of that community event. She stated that what she would like to see is to have a short meeting that night and then they would go and be a part of that event.

There was a discussion regarding the time of the event and the different things that go on at the event. It was decided that they would have a shorter TAC meeting that evening maybe 6:00pm – 6:30pm, and then a shorter MAC meeting; maybe 6:30pm – 7:00pm, and then adjourn to the National Night Out event.

**M/Magleby
S/Garcia**

Motion approved to accept presented Meeting Schedule and Locations with the changes for the August meetings. Vote 4-0

5. Distribute agenda item schedules – Chairwoman Zumwalt

Chairwoman Zumwalt reviewed the schedule of when agenda items and recorded minutes are due. She stated this will help her be efficient and make sure the agendas are on time, and it also lists when they need to be posted.

Councilwoman Magleby asked if it was sent electronically to Recording Secretary Debbie Giles if she would please post it at the Ambrose Center; and Debbie agreed to do so.

6. Discuss MAC Member roles and responsibilities

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that this had already been discussed some tonight and asked if anyone wanted to elaborate.

Councilwoman Garcia spoke on her role as Education Committee Chair and said she would like to continue that office also.

Councilwoman Garcia was appointed to Education Committee.

Councilwoman Magleby stated that she would like to continue as liaison between this Council and the Chamber of Commerce and be the Community Outreach Chair, including being in touch with the Ministers of our area, who will be leading our Pledge of Allegiance at upcoming meetings and say a little something about their church.

Ed Diokno stated the Bay Point Partnership is an organization that needs to have closer ties to the MAC; that they have a lot of activities that don't make mention at the MAC meetings; and suggested someone represent the MAC at the Partnership meetings.

Councilwoman Magleby was appointed representative to the Bay Point Partnership; will remain the Community Outreach Committee Chair; and will remain liaison for the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce and the Bay Point Pride.

OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated she wanted to say "thank you" to the community who was here tonight, that she really appreciates everyone that participates. She stated that what she hopes to do is get back to basics; in that the Council is an advisory body to our Supervisor's office, and we will be advising him in areas that we have concerns about.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated the Council wants to be actively involved in the community and publicize events that are happening. She stated she is very good about sending out the agendas and minutes, that she will be sending them out in draft form as she did for this meeting; that they will be posted also in the Library; and Councilwoman Kopitar will have the Red Binder, which holds the agendas, minutes, and all the material received as correspondence, available here at the meetings for anyone to look through.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated the other thing she likes to do is if something is brought to the Council during the three minute Public Comments section, and is something the Council can work on or address, she would place it on the next month's agenda.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated she hopes to work with everyone on the Council and hopes

for a full house at next month's meeting.

Councilwoman Magleby stated she wanted to report on some organizations including the Bay Point Pride which is doing more & more painting; ending up being about 8 – 10 people, not the thousands they hoped for and still mail too. She stated the Pride is moving toward painting over graffiti more than doing anything else.

Councilwoman Magleby stated the Bay Point Historical Society is preparing themselves for another year of checking out the history of this community and having more fun than ever when they get together.

Councilwoman Magleby stated the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce is going to sponsor a parade in Bay Point for the Bay Point Garden Club, who is going to do the work on the parade, and this will be the first parade Bay Point has ever had. She stated the Bay Point Historical Society is going to try to rent the stage coach, like Wells Fargo has, for the Historical Society to ride in and be a part of the parade; they will have bands; they will have horses; it will be a bonified parade; happening on May 26th which is Memorial Day, they will also have a commemoration for Memorial Day as well as the parade; and a lot of fun.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that in addition to the MAC agendas and minutes being available in the Red Binder and the Library, she also has them available to the public in the Career Center at Ambrose Center; they are open 9:00am – 5:00pm except on Tuesdays when they are open until 8:00pm; they are in a binder on the shelf with the daily newspapers for anyone to look through.

Councilwoman Garcia stated that she had spoken with the Sheriff's, and she wants the Council to take a more active role in their community events. She stated the Sheriff's do such wonderful work, and the Council needs to support them through being actively involved too. Councilwoman Garcia stated it's important for our community to see the MAC out there involved in things, and be available for people to talk to and ask questions.

Councilwoman Garcia wished everyone a Happy New Year, and stated she was excited about this upcoming year; doing a lot of good work for the community; and getting the word out that the MAC cares about this community.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that one of the items for next month's agenda is the Annual MAC Work Plan; that she and Councilwoman Magleby had attended a meeting at the Supervisor's Chambers and it was made very clear that the MAC needs to show value, like creating a work plan and talking about the work they are doing. Chairwoman Zumwalt stated she would like all of the Council members to think about this, any area they could work on as a group; let her know; and she could put this yearly work plan together for Supervisor Glover's approval. Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that what she has now on the list that the MAC should be helping with are:

- The Sheriff's Bike Rode
- The Parade on May 26th
- The Sheriff's Holiday party
- The Newsletter

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated she would appreciate any additional ideas.

Chairwoman Zumwalt stated that she would also be putting together the proposed annual budget which will include the application for Keller Canyon Funds. She stated the report

will be on funds they currently have; what the Newsletter will cost; an annual overview of what was spent last year; and then it would be something our new Treasurer would take over.

Councilwoman Magleby stated she would like to suggest having the winner of the Dow Chemical Martin Luther King Day award from Bay Point, German Medina, come and make a presentation on the work he is doing.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON NEXT AGENDA:

1. Annual MAC Work Plan
2. Proposed Annual Budget – Application for Keller Canyon Funds
3. Newsletter article deadline and publishing date
4. Tabled Items:
 - Appointment of Code Enforcement committee Chair
 - Outstanding LUP's
 - Letter regarding Business License procedures
 - Confirmation of Board letters sent out
5. Presentation by Dow Chemical's Martin Luther King award winner from Bay Point, German Medina

ADJOURNMENT:

M/Magleby

S/Garcia

Motion approved to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0

There being no further business before the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council, Chairwoman Zumwalt adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting at 7:00pm on February 5, 2008, to be held at the Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board Room at 3105 Willow Pass Road.

Submitted by
Debra Giles
Recording Secretary