BAY POINT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES - May 6, 2008

Vice-chairwoman Gloria Magleby called the regular meeting of the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council to order at 7:06 p.m. held at Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board Room, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, California.

Councilwoman Magleby stated that she wanted to note that she was wearing a shirt from the Bay Point Pride celebrating 8 years of working for Bay Point. She stated they have had Yard of the Month for eight years, given out many (about 450) certificates, and they have many more to award, as there are 6,000 houses in Bay Point.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Fred Franks of Calvary Temple

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gabor, Garcia, Hoagland, Kopitar, Magleby, and Siegfried

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zumwalt

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

M/Kopitar S/Hoagland

Members present approved the Agenda for May 6, 2008 Vote 6 - 0

Councilwoman Magleby presented an uplifting thought for the night, "With all the things in life we can't control, here is something we can control: our attitudes! Make it positive!" She stated that she has often said that the worst years are election years as nobody says anything good about anybody, and its tough to get through these years with so much vitriol being expressed, so much denigration of character, that she hopes we can just remember that a positive attitude will keep things going in the right direction, and no matter what it will come out OK.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the March 4, 2008 MAC meeting Minutes

M/Hoagland S/Siegfried

Members present approved the MAC Minutes of March 4, 2008 Vote: 6 - 0

Approval of the April 1, 2008 MAC meeting Minutes

M/Gabor

S/Garcia
Members present approved the MAC Mi

Members present approved the MAC Minutes of April 1, 2008 with the spelling correction of Mr. Valko's name Vote: 6 - 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS for items not on the agenda:

Carolina Salazar stated that she was from Senator Tom Torlakson's office, here tonight to introduce herself; that she will be working on both the Bay Point issues and the Delta Trail issues; and that she is a Friend of the Great Delta Trail group member. She stated she wanted to express the Senator's passion as a runner for the Great Delta Trail, and hopes for support of the mitigation funds going towards that.

Ms. Connie Tolleson stated she had three things to speak on; the first being the lovely letter she received from the water company saying yes their water was really bad, after the letter sent about raising their rates; that the water often made her nauseated; and that she would like the MAC to write a letter.

Ms. Tolleson stated the second thing was they had talked about a bond measure to triple Redevelopment funds; that there is a meeting on May 20th about it; that someone in Redevelopment had told her that bonds do not affect taxes, and yes they do affect her taxes; and she sees no reason to triple these funds; that there is always something underground, another agenda going on; and that this is just another step towards that agenda.

Ms. Tolleson stated the last thing was about the annexation plans; that she had attended Supervisor Glover's meeting and been told by Pittsburg City Manager that at that time they weren't interested in discussing annexation of Bay Point because they didn't have any facts; that like we who have been asking for these facts for twenty years, they don't know how much taxes are being paid from Bay Point and how much money is put back into Bay Point; then there is LAFCO who takes some of our money and gives it to the wealthy communities. She stated Pittsburg is talking about annexing our shoreline, and she feels that if anyone is going to develop it we should, and make it something that is good for Bay Point, not a possible industrial waste site.

Ms. Mae Cendaña stated she was here on behalf of Friends of the Delta Trail in support of the draft expenditure of the navy mitigation funds that was presented by county staff at the TAC meeting earlier this evening, which includes the Great California Delta Trail. She stated she was a part of the 300-member group and today they are also discussing the same plan in Clyde. Ms. Cendaña stated she wanted to let us know that they support this plan because the money that would come from the mitigation funds would help them get matching funds from the state and that's the most important thing; that Bay Point obviously can't do it alone, that the state would come in with a matching fund to help us do this.

Mr. Michael Kerr stated that he had noticed for several months that there are TAC meetings and Code meetings on alternate months, but he had noticed that the agendas have items that should really be for the whole community and the MAC. He stated he didn't understand why they would have separate meetings; that he feels it would be more honest with the public to have the MAC meeting start at 6 o'clock and have the committee report from the TAC or the Code; that everything that had been on the TAC agenda tonight should have been a MAC item; that some residents don't think its necessary to come to a Traffic or Code meeting, and then they miss out. Mr. Kerr stated he believed the MAC should think about getting rid of the separate TAC and Code meetings and have the committees report at each MAC meeting.

Mr. Ed Stevenson stated he was here tonight as a Friend of the Delta Trail to express his support for the draft expenditure plan of the mitigation funds as was presented earlier at the TAC meeting; that he supports the way the money has been divided up; that all the concerns of the community had been answered; and the main thing is the funds would be available to begin

the process of the Delta Trail. He stated that if anyone had been down to our shore lately they've seen what the East Bay Regional Parks have done with the new little park there, that Phase One is incredible with a nice parking lot, picnic tables, BBQ's, a restroom, and the trail to the point has been cleared out; and thinking about expanding the Great Delta trail either way will not only be a great resource to our community but also a great resource to residents outside of our community, and bring people to our community. He stated all of that was just a first step and he loved the vision of having an education center there and having our community lifted up.

Ms. Mae Cendaña stated that she was also here this evening as the Chair of the Ambrose Recreation & Park District Board, and she wanted to announce they would be having a East Bay Regional Park District Board member, Ted Radke, to talk about the bond measure extension proposal that will be on the November ballot. She stated that if you want to hear more about what EBRPD is bringing to us in Bay Point, and how much of that bond would come to us for use in our community, then please come to the meeting this Thursday at 6:30pm.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1 Correspondence Secretary Kopitar
- 2 Approval of monthly Recording Secretary Invoice of \$120.00 Councilwoman Garcia
- 3. Approval of outstanding LUP's or alcohol license applications Councilwoman Siegfried

M/Hoagland S/Garcia Members present approved the Consent Calendar. Vote: 6 - 0

PRESENTATIONS:

Bay Point Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award – Councilwoman Garcia

Councilwoman Garcia presented this month's first Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award to Michael Kerr. She stated that she and Michael have had many disagreements but that he is a person who cares deeply about everyone in this community, and had been nominated for this award by several different people. [Applause]

Michael stated that now they would have to change the picture on their dartboard. [Laughter & applause]

Councilwoman Garcia presented this month's second Outstanding Citizen of the Month Award to Jim and Pat Dosey, owners of the Dutch Pride Dairy. She stated that when she moved here some 17 years ago that one of the first places she went to was the Dairy, simply because she had never seen anything like it where you drive up, and they bring you your sodas or your chips, and always with a great smile, and that they had already been in business for 25 years at that time, and thank you. [Applause]

Opportunity Junction – Jesse Golden

Tabled to another month as Ms. Golden was out of town

Environmental Justice – Wendy Cervantes/Health Services

Ms. Wendy Cervantes of Contra Costa County Health Services stated she was here to give an update on the Environmental Justice project, that she was unable to attend the last time because she was in a car accident on her way to the meeting. There are two components to the project; first is the two environmental justice workshops, one in English and one in Spanish, funded by the San Francisco Foundation for two years, the first year in Bay Point and the second year in Pittsburg; the second component is the Community Perception Survey which was done by Gateway students. She stated they had a kick-off a couple of months ago on a Saturday, doing 76 surveys in one day, four different quadrants in Bay Point, and all together they did over 140 surveys and still were compiling the data, so they don't have anything to report right now. Ms. Cervantes stated they are having a Townhall meeting May 28th at Riverview Middle school from 6:00pm to 8:30pm where the youth will be presenting the findings from the survey and one of the main goals for that evening is to prioritize issues; to look at what came out of the surveys and given a mini training of what the residents learned in the EJ 101 and Intro to Toxins specifics to Bay Point like fish consumption, contaminated sites here, from factories to air pollution to transportation, hazardous materials and illegal dumping; and then vote on what is most important to them to work on in Bay Point. She stated that they will also make available that night current activities or agencies that residents can contact if their issue isn't chosen to address first. She also asked Michael Kent to speak on the original issue, water.

Councilman Gabor stated that he really appreciated the hard work done, that they could always count on her coming and presenting honestly about what was being done.

Mr. Michael Kent stated that everyone should have received the letter from Golden State Water Company about the trihelimethanes in the water, a disinfectant byproduct as a result of adding chlorine to the water making it safe to drink; that the letter basically said that in this last quarter sampling they had found their running average over the last four quarters was above the standard, 80 parts per billion, and so they've been required to do some corrective action on that by the State Department of Public Health and the Water Company had told him they were holding a community meeting in Bay Point on May 15th here at the Ambrose Center from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. He stated that obviously the Health Department is interested in that and wanting to continue to work with concerned residents, that the original residents working with them had been concerned about the water quality and cost, that there was a real injustice there, and the Health Department was committed to working with the residents. Mr. Kent stated that regarding the upcoming meeting and work to be done by the water company, there were a couple of concerns; first that residents deserve clean drinking water, that the short and long term solutions are good ones; second is the issue of fluoridation, that fluoridation is good for dental health and dental health is a serious problem here in Bay Point; thirdly is the cost of the water, because it is already costly and see what can be done to help with that; and lastly the benefits of cleaner water won't be realized unless people have confidence in the water and want to drink the water, so it's important that the people are willing and have confidence in drinking the water. Mr. Kent stated in conclusion the Health Department is committed to working with Bay Point residents and with the MAC who are interested in working on these issues.

Councilman Gabor stated that last year the community was quite upset about the possible rate hike, and this Board voted 6 to 1 to use eminent domain to get a neighboring water source; a utility to use; and that they had the assurance of the Supervisor that he listens to the community and would do what the community wants; and what was ever done with that, or was it just dropped.

Mr. Kent stated that he didn't know the extent of what was done, that Mr. Diokno could say better what the Supervisor's office had done, that that wasn't' really an issue for the Health Department to take the lead on, that it was more of a political and community issue.

Ms. Cervantes stated that she would like to add that the low-income discount they had asked for would be available June 1st.

Mr. Dick Leonard of Golden State Water Company stated that the low-income CARE discount had started May 1st, that applications are available in the office in Spanish and English, that the PUC had the qualifications changed as of June 1st. He stated that John Turner, who used to be their lead treatment officer, was hired as the Conservation Coordinator for region 1, but hadn't really got started yet as he'd just filled that position early this month. Mr. Leonard also stated that they were having trouble getting the stuff together for the May 15th date, that it might be moved to the 22nd; that either way there would be a mailer going out to inform the community about the meeting.

Councilwoman Siegfried stated that maybe Councilwoman Garcia could put the information about the discount, including the qualifications, in the next newsletter.

Mr. Kent stated that he wanted to encourage everyone to attend the Water Company's meeting and the Environmental Justice meeting on May 28th.

MAC Boundaries – Katherine Kutsuris/Community Development

Ms. Katherine Kutsuris stated that Supervisors Glover and Piepho had been holding meetings working on some policies on how to insert consistencies in terms of the way the MAC's operate in the county, and one of the items they had on their list of policy recommendations was a definition of the borders of the Municipal Advisory Councils. She stated they asked her department to take the things written down and reviewed by the various MAC's, then take that information and put it on a map.

Ms. Kutsuris stated it might be helpful to go over what the Board's recommendations were and explained the 2 maps and reviewed them with the MAC members. She stated what Supervisor Glover and Piepho were hoping is that they would take a look at this information and if they had a perspective on their boundaries they would share that back with her.

There was an extensive discussion between Ms. Kutsuris, Board members, and Mr. Diokno with the final consensus being that the MAC would definitely want to add areas B and C on the map, and A if they can.

Ms. Kutsuris stated that she would report the decision back to the Supervisors, and if she could be of any help in the future to let her know and she would be glad to come by.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Supervisor Federal Glover's Office – Ed Diokno

Mr. Ed Diokno stated the training exercises of the Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District that began May 5th would continue to May 19th. He stated the training exercises are happening at four empty residences in Orbisonia Heights; that these exercises involve forced

entry and ventilation but doesn't involve fires; these residences will be demolished starting May 19th; and that five additional structures are undergoing asbestos abatement and will be torn down in June.

- Mr. Diokno stated Jane Pennington, clerk of the board, confirmed that MAC members must file the FPPC 700 Form and return it to her, and if you haven't done so, please do it as soon as possible to: Clerk of the Board, 651 Pine Street, Martinez.
- Mr. Diokno stated that Supervisor Glover's second Mortgage Foreclosure Workshop on April 26th was attended by about 60 people who heard about some strategies to prevent losing their homes, and some cautionary advice on the scam artists who prey on people in their situation; that it was co-sponsored by Senator Torlakson and Assemblyman DeSaulnier.
- Mr. Diokno stated the Youth Day held at Freedom High School on April 26th was an unqualified success with over 300 young people from all over the county attending, most from East County, and Bay Point being well represented with Ambrose bringing over a busload of youth to attend. He stated the youth received advice from fashion tips to job hunting tips, to making it through life in general, and that this event has been sponsored by Supervisor Glover for the past five years.
- Mr. Diokno stated the Bay Point branch of the Contra Costa County Library would be taking part in the Reading Festival by hosting authors at the library in Riverview Middle School. On Friday, May 16th journalist Robert L. Allen, author of the "The Port Chicago Mutiny" will be at the library at 6:00pm; and on Saturday, May 17th the library will host Rosemary Graham, author of "Thou Shalt Not Dump the Skater Dude" at 2:00pm and talk about her work on books for teenagers. He stated a listing of 50 authors appearing at the county's 25 libraries was available on the back table.
- Mr. Diokno stated that on May 14th a free forum would be presented "How to Lower Hospital Bills", presented by Amy Chen, staff attorney of the Bay Area Legal Aid. He stated the forum will talk about how to compare prices at different hospitals, how to apply for a discount, and what to do if you get a bill you can't pay; that the forum will be in English and Spanish from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Church of Christ, 99 Mountain View Ave., in Bay Point.
- Mr. Diokno stated that on May 17th the 'Senior Appreciation Day Health & Resource Fair' will be held from 10:00am to 2:30pm, here at the Ambrose Community Center; that there will be health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, bone density, asthma, and more; that representatives from some of the local community resource agencies will be there; that there will be exercise demonstrations and massages; along with entertainment and raffle prizes.
- Mr. Diokno stated that on May 31st the Bay Point YES (Youth Employment Service) would officially be launched at 9:00am here in the Ambrose Center. He stated the YWS program was created by Bay Point young people to prevent gang violence, the spread of drugs, and to help end violence among our youth. He stated there would be workshops for job preparation for youth and the businesses that agreed to offer jobs would be interviewing applicants.
- Mr. Diokno stated that regarding the question that was asked about eminent domain; that it is always seen as a last resort, and before it would even get to that point you have to go through a process of meeting with the Golden State staff and the staff of Contra Costa Water District or another private company that would be willing to buy it, because if eminent domain were to take place there has to be an entity to take over that service. He stated the county is not

equipped to be a water company, and those discussions would have to take place before ever using eminent domain.

Councilwoman Siegfried stated she had read in the newspaper about North Richmond having cameras put up in problem areas of graffiti, dumping and crime, and asked when we would be getting ours.

Mr. Diokno stated that North Richmond was a test project and if it works there, if the cameras are not stolen, then Bay Point would be next in line; but that he wasn't sure of the timeline and would try to find out and report back.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Recommendation: Any item removed from Consent Calendar

None

2. Discussion/Recommendation: Newsletter costs. \$3471.25 – Councilwoman Garcia

There was a short discussion concluding that this item had already been resolved at the February 5th 2008 regular MAC meeting, and that this is a specific expense that just needs to be forwarded to the Supervisor's office to be paid.

B. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

1. Discussion/Recommendation: MAC letter supporting MDHS Leadership Competition - Councilwoman Garcia

There was a short explanation by Councilwoman Garcia, a short discussion about exactly who to send the letter to and what kind of letter was being requested, and then action was taken.

M/Garcia

S/Siegfried

Members present approved a letter being written and given to four (4) Bay Point students congratulating them on their regional successes at the MDHS Leadership Competition, and encouraging local businesses to make donations towards the National Competition they are now working towards. Vote: 6 - 0

2. Discussion/Recommendation: Bay Point Spring Derby Parade & Festival – Council members Garcia, Kopitar and Magleby

Ms. Eva Garcia stated that things had to be kept kind of quiet about the parade as they were waiting for today's Board of Supervisors meeting to see if the road closure for the parade was approved, and it was, which is huge for them.

Ms. Garcia stated that county staff was wonderful, that they had been working with her and she wasn't the best maker of maps, and they had been very patient and kind to her.

Ms. Mae Cendaña and Ms. Eva Garcia reported on the Bay Point Spring Derby Parade and Festival on Memorial Day, May 26th, consisting of a Memorial Service on the Community Center front lawn by the flagpole at 9:00am, the Parade down Willow Pass Road from Marin to Clearland Drive at 10:00am featuring lots of horses and many motorcycles, and then the Festival following the parade at 11:00am in the parking lot of the Community Center featuring vendors and local groups and agencies.

Ms. Cendaña stated that she wanted to thank Ed Stevenson for coming up with the idea of a parade during a walk of about 100 persons from Ambrose Center to Ambrose Park; that the idea has just grown and the Garden Club took it on, and are now working with the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce and the Ambrose Recreation & Park District on it now. She stated that Senator Tom Torlakson would be the parade's Grand Marshall riding with one of the pioneers of Bay Point, Dorothy Enes, and Supervisor Glover would be in the parade along with many local groups and organizations.

There was a round of sharing appreciation and "thank you's" from the audience, board members, and the Garden Club parade committee, acknowledging all the different aspects that had to be addressed and come together in order for this event to be happening.

OFFICERS/COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Secretary Kopitar reviewed correspondence received over the last month, having copies in the Red Binder for anyone to look if they wanted to. She also handed out to the Council the letter of support for "Building Community" that she had been requested to write, stating she had also emailed a copy to all the Council & County staff tonight.

Councilwoman Magleby stated that she had attended the "Fit Fest" in Pittsburg representing the Ambrose Recreation & Park District, and she had met Eddie Hartz who had run in the Olympic games in Munich and won a gold medal. She stated she had her picture taken with him and his medal around her neck!

REQUEST FOR ITEMS ON NEXT AGENDA:

- 1. Opportunity Junction Jesse Golden
- 2. Budget for next (June 3rd) Newsletter
- 3.
- 4.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council, Vice-chairwoman Magleby adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting at 7:00pm on June 3, 2008, to be held at the Ambrose Recreation and Park District Board Room at 3105 Willow Pass Road.

Submitted by Debra Giles Recording Secretary