



LOCAC • Los Osos Community Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2018

South Bay Community Center

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<p>Call to order/roll call @ 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Chairperson's announcements</u></p> <p><u>County and Local Agency Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff's Report • Highway Patrol Report • County Staff Report • Supervisor Gibson's Report 	<p>Roll Call - P = present A = absent E = excused</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="665 534 883 655"> <p>District One Yael Korin - E Lynette Tornatzky, <i>Secretary</i> - P</p> </td> <td data-bbox="954 534 1181 655"> <p>District Two Jan Harper - P Christine Womack, <i>Treasurer</i> - P</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1245 534 1488 687"> <p>District Three Julia Oberhoff, <i>Chairperson</i> - P Larry Bender <i>Vice Chairperson</i> - P</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="665 740 867 832"> <p>District Four David Harris - P Tim Carstairs - P</p> </td> <td data-bbox="954 740 1214 861"> <p>Appointed David Hunter - E Margaret Mayfield - P Jim Stanfill - P</p> </td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Chairperson Julia Oberhoff</u> - thanks those who showed up. She thanks the South Bay Community Center for offering the venue for monthly meetings and sub-committee meetings, we're lucky to have the space. Tonight we don't have any regular agenda items, and one consent agenda item and we'll have public (comment) items not on the agenda. Kerry Brown won't be attending this evening.</p> <p><u>Deputy Mark Carreiro</u> - give the report on behalf of Commander Taylor and Commander Voge. There were 198 calls for service which was up a little bit from last month. Calls included suspicious vehicles, phone scams, vandalism. Thefts were down, burglaries were down from to one from 10. He gave some specific details of incidents.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - asked about the helicopter, a couple of weeks ago, and although it was a CHP call, as we have no CHP person here tonight, did Deputy Carreiro have any information? He did not.</p> <p><u>Unidentified man</u> - comments on the power outage on Bayview Heights, which is a CHP call.</p> <p><u>Public Comment:</u> - none.</p> <p>There was no Highway Patrol report.</p> <p>There was no County Staff Report.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Bruce Gibson</u> - t he Board did proceed with the settlement of the ARB lawsuit - just under \$10 million. It was paid out of county general fund reserves. That pays the last bill on the Los Osos sewer, the last of the construction costs. He has been working with our staff and outside agency's staff on refinancing to be repaying that general</p>	<p>District One Yael Korin - E Lynette Tornatzky, <i>Secretary</i> - P</p>	<p>District Two Jan Harper - P Christine Womack, <i>Treasurer</i> - P</p>	<p>District Three Julia Oberhoff, <i>Chairperson</i> - P Larry Bender <i>Vice Chairperson</i> - P</p>	<p>District Four David Harris - P Tim Carstairs - P</p>	<p>Appointed David Hunter - E Margaret Mayfield - P Jim Stanfill - P</p>	
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	<p>fund reserve in a manner that is going to keep within the rate limits that were set with the Prop 218 vote that was taken in 2009. He was in Sacramento last Friday meeting with a State Water Board member and the Executive Director. They have given us a lot of good guidance on how to frame our request for a refinancing package on an interest rate reduction. We are expecting to have that in front of them within the next week or so. We will probably have to wait six months to hear their analysis, and then it gets scheduled for the board, so later this year we expect to hear what the State Water Board is willing to do for us.</p> <p>In terms of things specific to Los Osos, we did have an agenda item on Tuesday that there will be some road resurfacing in Los Osos.</p> <p>Another thing, we are proceeding with a piece of our ground water management ordinance that will hopefully simplify the management of the ground water basin by getting the far eastern side of the Los Osos basin, basically all of the ag land east of town, taken care of on its own course, so that we can stick to the adjudicated area that the Basin Management Committee manages.</p> <p>Finally, I was at the Coastal Commission meeting in Oxnard, on a matter that came into Cambria. I mention this because to let you know that the Coastal Commission has vacation rentals on their radar. Per the standing ordinance right now, the board majority (Board of Supervisors), with my dissent, approved an exception to a siting of a vacation rental in Cambria, allowing it to be placed in a position where there were actually already vacation rentals all around it. The community didn't like that and so went down there and the community turned out strong on this and the commission listened carefully and actually overturned the decision of the board. So they are aware that vacation rentals pose pros and cons, plusses and minuses with the communities in which they sit, and it remains to be seen what the further consequence of that is. With that all the other normal things the county is doing and then some, I'll be happy to take your questions.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - with regard to the settlement the last time you came, you said that if there was a rate increase it would have to come back to vote to the community in order to.... correct?</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - correct.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - questions for Supervisor Gibson from LOCAC (none) and the public?</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - the 10 million settlement, the 9.95 million settlement for the—that was purely a four year process of not settling change orders that came in because the project was not up to par for the ARB side of the contract. I've looked at the January report of where the finances landed, and that 10 million has now been added onto our sewer bill, and what I noted was that the 2.3 million for conservation has disappeared.</p>

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	<p>Could you tell us, if you have you have taken that conservation money to apply to this litigation which I personally don't feel was Los Osos' fault, it wasn't the rate payers that mismanaged the project in this situation, and I thought that the 10 million was basically approved by the board to be repaid out of the general fund, the Carrizo Plain Solar Fund as a temporary (loan), but I did not actually hear that it was given to us as a debt. The 218 that we already approved also included a future 218 that was promised by the time the plant was finished for all the empty lots, which obviously with no water, I think it was 40 million, so that was supposed to come into those lots who will never see that or if we do it will be a long period of time. The plan is to raise us about \$5 per month, is the maximum of that 218 that we did approve for the construction of the sewer operation and maintenance. My question, I guess is, when did you decide that the 10 million is our debt, and secondly, the future repairs and problems with the construction and installation, it's a very complex project, and there are ongoing repairs and attachments, and there is going to be a lot of cleaning, we don't have the water going into the system that it supposedly was designed for. I don't know where you're going to—is the county going to cover excess stuff after that maximum 218 that we have approved?</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - so most of that was commentary Linde, but let me respond specifically. The \$10 million is not on the sewer bill at this point, the expectation is, the costs associated with the Los Osos wastewater project are going to be borne by the rate payers. That has been the consistent position of the board. Right now, that settlement was paid out of general fund monies, much in the same way that the \$8 million was fronted get the project started back in 2007 through 2009-10. So it's not my decision alone whether that money gets repaid to the general fund or not, it is a decision of the board as a whole. I would love to think that we can give Los Osos a \$10 million gift on this as certainly Los Osos has sacrificed quite a bit to get the sewer in. But I don't know that two other of my colleagues are going to agree with that. As far as I can read the board, it is quite clear that the rest of the board expects that the cost of the Los Osos sewer are going to be repaid by the Los Osos rate payers. The key question to the ratepayers right now, is how are we going to manage that? You are correct, in that the rates right now for the sewer are about five bucks a month less than the maximum rate that was approved by the voters in the 218. And so rates can rise that much. I'm not going to support asking the rate payers to raise rates above that to repay this settlement. It is possible, the math looks like, the math could work out that we could do a re-finance and be able to accommodate this settlement within the existing rate structure. In the future, the cost of maintenance and operations has got to be looked at, and we will cross that bridge when we come to it. So that's the situation on that, the conservation money is not been diverted to any nefarious means. The condition on conservation, is the \$5 million we spend on conservation. We did not have to put \$5 million in the bank to do that. We know that over time we can accumulate those monies. I expect that at some point we will go back to the Coastal Commission to have them</p>

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	<p>modify that condition so that, that cost will be lowered by that relatively small amount. So that's where that stands, and that's our proceeding at this point.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - well one point is the January report on this project has the 9.9—that is in there, and it wasn't decided until February. it's interesting that that money has been changed around.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - what your'e looking at is not the sewer bill, that's the budget.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - no, that's litigation costs of the \$10 million. It's there.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - what you're looking at, where you see the 9.95 million added, is the budget for the Los Osos wastewater project. That \$9.95 million has not been added to the sewer bill.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - I can send you a copy of your January report.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - I know exactly what you're referencing and my statement to this stands.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - thank you. One more question - Steve.</p> <p><u>Steve Best</u> - if the \$10 million is going to be billed to the community of Los Osos, rather than being billed to just the people that are currently being (unintelligible) in the Prohibition Zone, the people that are carved out, is there a way that rate could be charged to the entire community of Los Osos, so that it could be spread through the entire community, as the sewer has a benefit to the entire community, whether they are hooked up to the sewer or not.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - the short answer is that the decision hasn't been made; that I would venture to say that' highly unlikely that that would be the case, because this is the cost of constructing part of the collection system, and that that is going to be born by the rate payers of—that are taking benefit from the system. Again, that's not a decision that's been made at they point, but there's no ordinance in place that can actually charge any other entities besides the rate payers of the sewer, the users of the sewer. And that's probably where this is going to land, pending a future action of the board.</p> <p><u>Steve Best</u> - (unintelligible) I'm fairly impacted with the fact that there are smaller lots versus the people with larger lots don't have to hook up to the sewer at this time, (unintelligible) at a later date. (Unintelligible) fairly proportionate.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - that's commentary for the most part, but the areas outside the Prohibition Zone have to seek the action of the Coastal Commission in order to hook up to the sewer and if in some way, shape or form, they're gonna hook up to the sewer, they're going to get</p>

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	<p>charged for the sewer cost.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - thanks Steve Best and says we don't want to go for an ongoing discussion. She asks if others have a question. (None.) She asks where things stand with the library and that process. She knows it is a long term, long issue, is there an update?</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - I love to talk about the library. Most of you know the current library is less than half the size that it should be based on its use—per capita, per square foot, per just about any measure you make. We need to have a bigger, better library for Los Osos. We did start a project that was funded, half by the Friends (of the Library) and half by the county to start an alternatives analysis. So what are the alternatives: To expand the current site; to build a new library on the current site; to build a library on some other site; and what are the various possible sites. That's proceeding, we expect to have the results of that midyear or so.</p> <p><u>Member Mayfield</u> - it's actually done.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - it is done!</p> <p>(Crosstalk)</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - OK, excellent. So when can we hear about that?</p> <p><u>Member Mayfield</u> - they gave us one more chance for any final comments on the final draft. Any time they should release it.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - how good is that! I promise you something and she delivers it! Is it still called Architectural Services, or the Budget Review Section of our Public Works Department, so she's right in the middle of all of this.</p> <p>(Crosstalk)</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - so what we're headed for in the budget we have is identification of a preferred site, and the ability to create at least some conceptual drawings, because now we need to start some community fundraising and funding discussions and things like that. So this year is going to be a good year.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - what was the timeline with Cambria?</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - 20 years, from concept to execution. Those folks are an inspiration. Their friends of the library raised \$1.6 million and with the enthusiasm of that community. In the later goings, we were making asks to large foundations to put in \$100,000 here and \$50,000 there. So once this gets some forward movement, it really is astounding. People really love libraries for all the right reasons, and I think it's going to be</p>

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<p>• LOCSD Report</p>	<p>successful here.</p> <p><u>Unidentified man</u> - which way are they leaning with that? Expanding it, rebuilding it?</p> <p><u>Member Mayfield</u> - should I reveal that?</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - the thing is, that this is not a finalized report and we don't want to set community expectations. So with your indulgence, let's just hold on to this until all the boxes have been checked. We want to make sure that we also have not overlooked some obvious alternative that would be a good (unintelligible).</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - any other questions?</p> <p><u>LOCSD Director Lou Tornatzky</u> - I'm curious if in this long discussion about how do we build a library system that will serve the community, has any attention been focused on any grant funding from the federal government, major foundations, and so on. It's actually a routine activity in other parts of the world.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - it's maybe a question to Friends of the Library?</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - that'll be something we'll be looking at. We're going to look under every rock. Current county policy is that the community bears half the capital costs and the county bears half the capital costs. The current library director thinks we should change that; this is a public facility and the county should be supporting public facilities. Whether we can budget in this budget situation, beyond that I don't know. But from the county's side and working with the friends, we're going under any rock we can find to get money. In Cambria we did look for federal money, we got foundation money, we got over \$200,000 of foundation money, we got \$250,000 of local foundations, Hearst Foundation and the Hyde Foundation. We got a donation from a Cambria resident who came into an inheritance and dropped \$28,000 on the library. It's that kind of enthusiasm that's really, really cool. Feasibility study, frames it up for us, and we'll go gangbusters from here.</p> <p><u>Member Womack</u> - when's the date for the reveal? We don't know that yet?</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - it's a little bit of a bureaucratic thing. We put the study out to a consultant. We need to check the boxes to make sure it's complete. The last thing we want to do is to come out with a suggestion, but I would guess that in a month or two we should be able to speak at the council.</p> <p><u>LOCSD Director Lou Tornatzky</u> - at the LOCSD board meeting of March second, the following issues were discussed and decisions made—this doesn't capture all the things that we discussed because</p>

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<p>• LO/BP Chamber Report</p>	<p>I'd be here for about another 25 minutes and I don't think you'd like that. Jose Acosta, Utility Systems Manager, reported on water production and runtime comparing December 2017 and December 2016 figures. Significant increases were observed. The total production of water for January 2018 was 12.8 million gallons an increase of 4.53% year-on-year. General Manager Osborne reported on the elementary school student art projects. Six winners will be presented at the March 23rd (that's tomorrow) Chamber Business Expo, you're invited to go see what the kids did, most everybody associated with the CSD looked at all these things and they're pretty cool. That'll start at 5:30 tomorrow. Q. Where? A. Here (South Bay Community Center). There are still 191 Los Osos homes that have not been hooked up to the sewer system. Funds, from various sources, are in hand to move this forward over the next few months. Home owners are urged to contact the CSD. Final appointments of public members to the CSD's standing advisory committees have been completed.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - we definitely had a little change in the CSD Board with Jon-Erik Storm stepping down, and I thought that should be something you would announce. I assume that there'll be a temporary replacement for him at the next CSD meeting, on Thursday, the first Thursday in April.</p> <p><u>Director Tornatzky</u> - we're very sad that, but there are personal things that are....</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - and you said that all committee, Utility Committee, etc., have all been filled?</p> <p><u>Director Tornatzky</u> - to my knowledge and some people I talked to.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - OK, I didn't hear that announcement. One last thing is the sewer hook-ups. To clarify, the CSD ended up with money that was donated for low income people for help. And it was decided that they would take people that hadn't hooked up yet, for one reason or another, and offer them full coverage of their hook-up. So, the CSD took out \$40,000, borrowed extra money to up that, and to date they've only had five hook-ups, five parties that were eligible and it amounted to \$17,000. So there's money left in that fund and I don't know if there's any place for anybody else to be hooked up, because most people have hooked up, whether they had to borrow money.</p> <p><u>Director Tornatzky</u> - we keep trying to give it away, and we want to give it to the end of the road. It's a positive (unintelligible).</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - I guess.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - any other questions for Lou? OK, Lynette, you're going to give the Chamber report?</p> <p><u>Member Tornatzky</u> - Steve Vinson was unable to make it tonight so he asked me to announce the Los Osos/Baywood Park event, tomorrow</p>

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	<p>night, right here in this room from 5:30 to 7:30. He is asking that we get together as a community to show how we can thrive through support of local business and conservation. There will be a hometown atmosphere as we showcase local businesses, products and services, along with prize giveaways throughout the evening. Winners of the first annual Water Conservation Campaign Contest will be honored at this year's Business Expo. It's the kids from the schools and they had some really cool videos and designs for posters some come and take a look at that. Also, the South Bay Fire Department will have the new medic truck available for public viewing. There will be raffle prizes, tri-tip barbecue, beer and wine, and it's open to the public with free admission.</p> <p><u>Member Stanfill</u> - can I just add that the awards will take place at 6:00, so come in time to see the awards, that would be the time to arrive. And the Rotary Club for the first time is doing the barbecue, and that'll be at 5:30, sliders.</p> <p><u>Fire Battalion Chief Greg Alex</u> - remarks that they (Station 15) are super excited about the Business Expo. He introduces himself as Greg Alex, the battalion chief for this area, all the way to the North Coast and all the way to Santa Maria. We have several events going on. We are excited about the new Medic Squad, it's changing names, it's Medic Squad 15. It came from Rescue, and we are getting in line with the ICS nomenclature. I went in service yesterday, we're super excited about that. You'll see it driving around, as well as we will debut it tomorrow at the Business Expo at 5:30 to 7:30.</p> <p>I wanted to follow up on fuel reduction. Let's Talk Fuel Reduction, the fuel reduction meeting that we had a couple of months ago back in January, and in that meeting, several things we talked about, "What do we do now" was one of the takeaways that I got. So I brought some "Living with Fire" pamphlets, in this pamphlet, it's put together by the Fire Safe Council, and your local Fire Safe Council group, and in here are check-offs, things to think about for evacuations, our "Ready, Set, Go" program. It's a fairly old publication, it's about 10 years old, but it's very relevant to what goes on for fuel reduction and how you can prepare. From that meeting, I came out of there really focused on groundwork, and I've been able to get about \$12,000 for a chipping event, we're finalizing the dates on that. May 5 through the 11th, we're having an entire community-wide, centralized chipping. So homeowners and residents can do the clearance around their home, and try to get to 30 feet if you can, to the property line. And then you can load the green waste material up and we have two locations: South Bay Boulevard and LOVR, right at the corner there, you can dump your brush there; also at Santa Ynez and Scenic Way. So down South Bay Boulevard, down to the end of the street and we're going to take over that whole area there. We've had several folks get involved with this program, National Fire Protection Agency donated \$500 for us to advertise this. So we're going to put something out on Channel 20, as well as banners all over to try to inform the public what to do as far as bringing the material.</p>

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	<p>had the wood chips and the monkey hair with them, the embers they got caught up at the base of the building, and then it would be in front of a window, and it would burn throughout the rest of the house. And I witnessed that several times in my career. On a normal day, it's hard to imagine, you sit there and think about it and, really, is that really gonna happen? And then I come back from Santa Rosa and I realize, it's gonna happen, that's exactly what happened. So all of your ornamental things tag are green and they're watered, well it works all really well until a thousand degrees comes flying out of the mountains and then it's blowing up into your home and your eves. So there's critical areas with very little money can change that outcome, and that's my goal. I want you guys to have safe homes. And I want to protect that area. Ultimately. my recommendation would be no, let's get that raw material out of the fire hazard severity zone, that's the point. Will we end up there? I don't know. Could we accommodate somebody? I'm sure we could. What I'm afraid of is that everybody will go, oh great, and they'll go down and load up chips and load them all around their planters (laughter), so there's discussion there.</p> <p><u>Member Womack</u> - is there a recommended clearance? If you have wood chips, just keep it -</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - five, ten fifteen feet off the perimeter?</p> <p><u>Chief Alex</u> - it's a thirty is what we kind of talked about for flammable stuff, thirty feet out from the house. And in most cases in Los Osos, you're pretty small parcels, so you're pretty much—</p> <p><u>Unidentified man</u> - what happens if your neighbor's house is a fire hazard, can you move it?</p> <p>(Laughter)</p> <p><u>Chief Alex</u> - you've got a lot of eucalyptus trees around here. (Unintelligible) There's a couple advocates that are out there, really trying to of the best job around their homes. I've also put together a grant for Station 15, the South Bay Station, to make that a demonstration, fire-resisting demonstration garden. I've had some interest, PG&E was kind of looking at it, it turned out we didn't meet the qualifications for this current grant cycle that they have. But I've been assured, from the Fire Safe Council that they're interested in that also, that's about a \$22,000 grant. And what it's do would be to give us an opportunity to see native species, that's really important to me, we're not putting ice plant everywhere, that's not native, and that we put in plants that are fire resisting and don't have the explosive combustibility right up next to your home. And then tag them, and tell you where to go to get those. And we're working with UC green gardeners group, what do you call them - Master Gardeners. And it's ironic that there's not a list like that in California. We're looking out to Nevada to get that plant list. So there's a few list here and there, but they're not really native to San Luis Obispo.</p>

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	<p>That’s something that I’d like to see happen.</p> <p><u>Legislative Assistant Cherie McKee</u> and <u>Chief Alex</u> pin down the dates for chipping. The fifth through the eleventh you can take brush to the two sites. The seventh through the eleventh is the door-to-door chipping (a specific area with notification through a door hangar). Chief Alex had flyers.</p> <p><u>Supervisor Gibson</u> - adds on that for a fire safe gardening, you might check with the SLO Botanical Garden down on Chorro. He believes the Fire Safe Council funded them for a demonstration garden there. They’d love to talk plant with Chief Alex.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - says it’s a “Catch 22” with the drought, and trying to keep our drought tolerant landscape going. So the chips keep the humidity and the moisture in them. I had never heard that the chips spread on the ground across were a fire hazard. This is the first I’d ever heard of it. We have so many people that are using chips, that’s our best remedy. You either go buy them at Ace Hardware and drag them home. I’d like to see the chips at both of those sites made available to pick up with that safety reminder in hand.</p> <p><u>Chief Alex</u> - maybe like a handout that says (crosstalk).</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - don’t put them too close—</p> <p><u>Chief Alex</u> - if you get online and look at that video, I would bet, you won’t put anything near your home.</p> <p>(Crosstalk)</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - it would be great to put on the TV or the website, ‘cause that’s the first I’ve ever heard of it. And the ice plant is definitely a fire retardant, so it’s not natural, but we’re not in natural times, so again, someplace down the middle of reason is where we act as a community to be fire safe.</p> <p><u>Chief Alex</u> - I fully agree with you, I understand that. I think the goal of it is to get the green waste out of the severity area, that is the goal. And so if I say “hey, free chips,” I’m afraid that I’m going to get people that are gonna foul it up. I’ll pay for it. We’re fundamentally, we’re buying those chips, I’m looking at sixty tons of chips that I’ve got to figure out what to do with.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - I beg trimmers sometimes to bring them over because I’ve got a complete eroded sand area across the street that people get stuck in. The chips have slowly started stabilizing that. But its’s \$50 a load for them to bring it to me. So to give it to a farmer, he’s getting a great deal.</p> <p><u>Chief Alex</u> - he’s doing all the transportation. Yes, I hear what you’re</p>

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<p>LOCAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:</p> <p>PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (limit of three minutes per person)</p>	<p>saying.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - one last thing about eucalyptus trees, the one thing to remember about eucalyptus trees, is all the duff, that hangs off them and everything down below, that's what makes them an extreme fire hazard compared to some of the other trees that are just as flammable. So if there's any suggestion to people to try to get that duff down, and get that removed, I think that's a huge step.</p> <p><u>Chief Alex</u> - they're super oily also, so something to know about eucalyptus, they're a super oily tree, and that oil, as it combusts and gets up into the 1200 degrees, it literally drops oil all over and turns into like a Christmas tree.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - I've looked at that and spoken with an expert out at Cal Poly about eucalyptus, and he says that it's mostly that they get messy, that duff hangs there, that catches and then that oil becomes a problem. Otherwise it's just a solid (unintelligible) and then they ignite. They aren't as dangerous as we make out.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - thanks the Chief for the announcement. She asks Member Harris to get a copy of the flyer and scan it and post it on our website.</p> <p>LOCAC reports - None</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - is pleased that we have little bit of a walkway from the library to the light, but she can see that it's already inching up, so she was hoping that the County, or maybe the parks people, could mow some of that down to keep it from taking over again, it was a bit of an effort to get it cleared in the first place. She sent drainage pictures today, we have huge erosion issues because the drainage isn't being addressed at the end of Palisades, you don't even want to know what happened there. And it's only because the county, or who ever is responsible—between the church and the county—who has the basin that's right behind the end of Palisades here. It's been overgrown for five or six years and the water is no longer, hardly making it, into the basin and there is big erosion. I'm hoping Public Works will take a look at that and (unintelligible). The website is fantastic, it's really good.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - that's all thanks to David.</p> <p><u>Ken Delfino</u> - states he is a retired CDF. I don't know how many times in the less than two years we've lived here that I've seen pedestrians coming off across Sunset and Fairchild in those pedestrian crosswalks that have those very dim blinking lights that no one can see. How many pedestrians have had to dart out of the way because people don't see them. Some of them I've seen around San Luis and other places, they're very bright, there's lights all across the street, they really light up, especially over by (Mission?). This seems, I don't know if it's been</p>

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<p>CONSENT AGENDA: 743 Santa Lucia Ave: DRC2017-00122-Rosenthal Proposed Minor Use Permit to construct a 451 squarefoot workshop and bathroom. The site is located within the Estero Planning Area.</p> <p>LOCAC MEMBER COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, and BUSINESS ITEMS 1. Upcoming Elections: Confirm deadline for accepting applications and set a date for elections. The Elections Committee shall confirm with the SBCC that elections can be held at the School House for an 8-hour duration.</p>	<p>brought up before, it appears to me to be kind of a dangerous situation for pedestrians, and there’s a lot of folks that walk down to the shopping center there. Periodically you see somebody having to run across or dart because you can’t see them.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> Jan is our Chair of Traffic and Circulation, so maybe that’s an item you can bring up at the next committee meeting?</p> <p><u>Ken Delfino</u> - has that been brought up before?</p> <p><u>Member Harper</u> - the only thing that’s been brought up that it’s not functioning, but as far as brightness—they’d probably have to reconfigure the whole thing.</p> <p><u>Ken Delfino</u> - (unintelligible) lights in the street itself</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - lights in signs?</p> <p><u>Ken Delfino</u> - they’re not very bright either. In downtown San Luis, they’re like strobe lights. You can’t miss them.</p> <p><u>Member Harper</u> - we can certainly see what options are available. That whole LOVR area is dangerous because people go too fast, and there’s a lot of ins and outs, that you can’t see people.</p> <p><u>Ken Delfino</u> - you have to watch for many things.</p> <p>Member Tornatzky recuses herself because the applicants are her friends.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to send a letter of support to the County on the Rosenthal project. 8 yes, zero noes, one abstentions, (8-0-1), two members absent.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - states we have no (regular) agenda items this evening. Reminds us that we have upcoming elections that we need to discuss. We can discuss it with the Elections Committee or the Council as a whole. She thinks we will post the information a month in advance on our website, maybe the date two months in advance.</p> <p><u>Member Harper</u> - the Schoolhouse is not overseen by the Community Center, its a public park, so you have to go through the county.</p> <p><u>Member Tornatzky</u> - and make sure that it is not rented by somebody else.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - asks for any other business items.</p> <p><u>Member Tornatzky</u> - the minutes. Apologizes for the errors on the</p>

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<p><u>ADJOURN</u></p>	<p>minutes, but wanted to get them posted quickly, because she didn't the time before and it was kind of a problem. She corrected everything she could find</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - explains that we will be posting the draft minutes, so they will come out probably a week after the monthly meetings. The are watermarked "draft" and they will be approved at the following meeting. If you have questions or comments, email is through the website.</p> <p><u>Member Womack</u> - the Treasurers report.</p> <p><u>Steve Best</u> - had a question about the Home Page. He has not seen anything about the election., what's coming up for open seats.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - in last month's meeting minutes we confirmed the districts that had open seats, so directed him to look at the minutes from last month. Every district has an opening for an applicant to submit an application. We just formed a committee last month so we are working on the committee establishing the date for the elections and the deadline when applications are due.</p> <p><u>Member Harris</u> - its on the Home page now Steve. it's been there about a week.</p> <p><u>Chairperson Oberhoff</u> - we're trying to figure out if it's postings at the library, other ways that we can get the word out. Once we get the date set, then we'll be advertising for applications for those open seats.</p> <p>Discussion on when minutes are posted. Minutes are posted a week after LOCAC. Except that one time.</p> <p><u>Member Womack</u> - our bank statement is a little behind. I'll get it and then we'll have our meeting and it'll probably come in the mail in a couple of days. The balance was \$1,476.42, and I have an outstanding check for rent. So the balance should be \$976.42. And I need to talk to you about paying for Sea Pines.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. LOCAC voted yes unanimously (9-0-0). Two members were absent.</p> <p><u>Linde Owen</u> - asks about thte price for Sea Pines.</p> <p><u>Member Mayfield</u> - it's very reasonable, \$20 a meeting.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes. LOCAC voted yes unanimously (9-0-0). Two members were absent.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m..</p>

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	<p>Next meeting April 26, 2018.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted.</p> <p><i>Lynette Tornatzky</i></p> <p>Lynette Tornatzky LOCAC Secretary</p>

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