



**LOS OSOS COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2020

Sea Pines Golf Resort
1945 Solano Street, Los Osos, CA 93402

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<p>Call to order/roll call @ 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Roll Call - P = present A = absent E = excused</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="643 516 862 638"> <p>District One Yael Korin - P Lynette Tornatzky, <i>Secretary</i> - P</p> </td> <td data-bbox="932 516 1154 638"> <p>District Two Jan Harper - P Christine Womack, <i>Treasurer</i> - P .</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1240 516 1463 604"> <p>District Three Larry Bender - P Sandra Sarrouf - P</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="643 695 862 816"> <p>District Four Tim Carstairs Vice <i>Chairperson</i> - P One Seat Open</p> </td> <td data-bbox="932 695 1154 816"> <p>Appointed Trish Bartel - P Sue Morgenthaler - P Jim Stanfill - P</p> </td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<p>District One Yael Korin - P Lynette Tornatzky, <i>Secretary</i> - P</p>	<p>District Two Jan Harper - P Christine Womack, <i>Treasurer</i> - P .</p>	<p>District Three Larry Bender - P Sandra Sarrouf - P</p>	<p>District Four Tim Carstairs Vice <i>Chairperson</i> - P One Seat Open</p>	<p>Appointed Trish Bartel - P Sue Morgenthaler - P Jim Stanfill - P</p>	
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<p><u>Chairperson's Announcements</u></p>	<p>Vice Chairperson Tim Carstairs announces that Chairperson David Harris from District 4 has stepped down so there is a vacancy, and this will be talked about on the Regular Agenda items, and we'll make a decision at the next meeting.</p>						
<p><u>County and Local Agency Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff's Report • Highway Patrol Report 	<p>Sergeant Dave Menghrajani gives the report for the month of December 2019. There were 582 calls for service (CFS), reports made 87; 617 for the same month in 2018 with 73 reports. Assault and Battery, two CFS, one report. Disturbances, 31 CFS, four reports; one was a family disturbance with an arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia and a probation violation. Burglaries, six CFS, five reports; of note - a residential burglary in the 200 block of Lilac, miscellaneous items and firearms stolen. That case was sent to our Detective Bureau for investigation. Thefts, four CFS, three reports. Vandalism, six CFS, five reports. Mail Theft, two CFS, one report. Phone Scams, four calls, no reports. Suspicious Circumstance, six CFS, no reports.</p> <p>Perry Hydebrink from the San Luis Obispo CHP office reports. December 2019 for the Los Osos area: five property damage collisions, one injury collision, one hit-and-run collision, two DUI arrests that were non-collision related. Phone numbers for traffic complaints: The regular business hours number, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., is (805) 594-8700; after hours, call (805) 593-3333 to the Dispatch Center. Call if you want the CHP to come out and pay more attention to areas that are of concern to you in a neighborhood or a particular area not in your neighborhood—an area where you are concerned with traffic. They will fill out a Traffic Complaint. They will send officers out on different occasions if you give them a time frame, for instance a school area where cars are speeding. You can identify a car you are interested in them stopping. The more information you can give them the better it is for them to go out and take care of it. At the</p>						

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	<p>ing happens, and if it's below a 50% "No," answered "No," the Board would then vote on it at that time and the sewer rate would take effect July 25th. I did not write down the specifics, I absolutely should have, of what the percentages are, but I could easily get those for you, if LOCAC wanted to agendize that. We have some time in February and March, before the April hearing, if that would make sense, so I could take your feedback on that. I do have the contact information from Public Works on me right now. If anyone has any questions, I can get you their business cards. I'm also happy to take any questions and get you any information that I can and be the liaison there. I'll take questions at the very end.</p> <p>On other things I had a couple notes on the Board of Supervisor's items of interest. At their last supervisor's meeting was passed a ban on smoking in public areas, so not just certain public areas, all public areas, businesses, sidewalks, parks, etcetera. Related, but as a separate item, there was also a ban on vaping devices to be sold in unincorporated areas of the county. The main concern, was the pretty much epidemic of it growing in the youth population, and seeing a lot of the E devices in high schools and among youth, and the Board found it a nexus to have those devices banned.</p> <p>Upcoming, and next Tuesday, the Board will be voting to get the County Codes in line with the State mandates on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), or granny units. So, if you have interest on any of those topics, I'm happy to speak further, or take questions on anything I didn't talk about.</p> <p><u>Questions/Comments from the Council and Public:</u></p> <p>Q. Member Bartel asks about when the board will talk on Granny Units. A. Legislative Assistant Fixler replies, Tuesday, January 28th at the Board of Supervisor's meeting. There were a couple of State laws that took effect on January 1st and the Board will get County Codes in line with the State mandates.</p> <p>Q. Steve Vinson asks if State mandates override HOA rules? A. Legislative Assistant Fixler thinks they would, but can get Steve an answer on that. Vice Chairperson Carstairs says an HOA can't ban an ADU if the State says you can do it.</p> <p>Q. Member Sarrouf asks clarification on the sewer rate mailing. A. Legislative Assistant Fixler says it will follow the Prop 218 rule on increases with a ballot mailed out after the item is introduced in late February to all those affected with a 45-day window. He will be available during that window to facilitate questions LOCAC might have.</p> <p>Q. Dave Bowlus asks if the ballot goes to land owners, tenants or both. A. Legislative Assistant Fixler answers property owners which they might pass on to tenants, but he can't speak to that. The tenants don't vote.</p> <p>Q. Member Morgenthaler relates that someone said the sewer systems were under performing all over the County and asks which part of the</p>

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<p>• LOCSD Report</p>	<p>sewer costs needs the increase, is it the loan? A. Legislative Assistant Fixler explains that this is just for operating costs, parts that need to be replaced, electrical, etc., not the construction loan. Each plant is treated individually so any money raised here will go to our local plant.</p> <p><u>LOCSD Director (and LOCAC member) Chris Womack</u> - this CSD meeting was the shortest one I have ever, ever been to. I think it was—it was under an hour. We delayed—normally in January we have the elections for officers, for President and Vice President, and normally, Vice President moves up to President—but Chuck has personal issues, and he can't give his full attention to it, but he would like to be President and we're amenable to that. We're just going to keep it with Marshall Ochylski as President, Chuck as Vice President, and when Chuck's able to assume the duties, we'll do an election, probably in I think three months, he thought. So, I guess we'll see. We voted to receive and file our financials, our meeting minutes, our administrative, comma, committee reports. Our action items were two customer disputes on unusually high water rates, like, hugely high, like enough to fill swimming pools. One didn't, and is going to show up at the next meeting, but the other stated their case and I think we agreed to make adjustments. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 6th, and all are welcome to attend. That was pretty much it, any questions?</p> <p><u>Questions/Comments from the Council and the Public:</u> Q. Member Bender explains that some people don't know they have broken waterlines and that it can be a burden to pay and can there be a compromise. A. LOCSD Director Womack agrees that it is difficult. The LOCSD is responsible for the water line in the street to the meter, and that the property owner is responsible for the line for the meter to the house. The next time the meters are replaced, new technology will give phone alerts to usage spikes. If the LOCSD sees a usage spike now, it will give you an alert door hanger. One customer did not live on the property or see the spike until the next bill. The water may not surface, it sinks in the sand. But it's not fair for the other rate payers in the district to pay the bill either. The best answer can be technology to alert you. Q. Dave Bowlus wants to know the cost to fill a pool. A. LOCSD Director Womack does not know. Q. Paul Hershfield asks about the proposed dog park. He references the existing Cayucos dog park, it isn't fancy and what is the cost to us? A. LOCSD Director Womack says there is an estate that wants to fund it. The LOCSD will need a community group to upkeep the park. The hold up is the lack of our Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Q. Member Korin says the Cayucos dog park is a county park. Why did they get a park and we don't have one? A. Planner Brown replies that the county did approve that one, but did not have any funding to build the park. A community group offered the funding and they must maintain that park.</p>


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	<p><u>Land Use Chairperson Larry Bender</u> - we have a meeting coming up on February 3rd. And there's a couple of things we're going to look at. In January we didn't have anything.</p> <p><u>Traffic & Circulation Chairperson Jan Harper</u> - we didn't have a January meeting, Martin Luther King's Day. February, on the 17th, or next meeting. It's also a holiday, I think it's Washington's Birthday or President's Day. We will have a meeting. I don't know that we'll have a county rep, but we can still get input from citizenry and go forward. We don't have anything pressing, we finished our big priority list, so we'll just see what comes up.</p> <p><u>Trees & Landscape Chairperson Yael Korin</u> - so we did have a meeting, it was a small meeting. We're working on finalizing our first project. The tree planting in the Community Center. It's gonna—it has sized down from 21 trees to now 15. Well, we're working with the County Parks & Rec, and you know, they have their priorities and stuff, but they are open to more. The new person that's replaced (noise interruption) she's really good. What's her name? (From audience, "Alaska.") Alaska?—Whatever. She's really good and really nice but she wants to get it right so that we can do more projects because we have more projects for her—for us. It's gonna happen, we—we're working today, a non-profit group that we also put together, it's called Los Osos Bare Roots. And Los Osos Bare Roots has done a GoFundMe to get the funding for the trees, and also we approached the County, our Supervisor, and Blake helped me get the application going for a project-specific grant money, which is the easier way to go as Blake explained to me. It was not difficult, and we got from the County \$1,000, thank you. And we are—inofficially—inviting you for the planting. We'll send you a nice invitation when we know all the details. It's going to happen February—Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th. So it depends on the volunteers, that we've—they promised, we have some less than what we promised—whatever, we are still working that out. But we have the trees, we have the money for the trees, we have the location for the trees, and all the good stuff. And we have Botanica Nova, that's going to help in there too. I mean there's rules that the County has, which is great, and we're going to be working with them.</p> <p><u>Questions/Comments from the Public:</u> Q/C - Paul Hershfield - Botanica Nova is volunteering their service to supervise the volunteers, and we are paying them for gopher cages and stakes.</p> <p><u>Trees & Landscape Chairperson Korin</u> - and we are going to put a banner there, hopefully on the fence and we are going to have some flyers asking for volunteers for Friday. So if you are guys or girls that have strong back, make sure you come (crosstalk) or, you can just cheer the others that are having strong backs! (Laughter.)</p> <p><u>Outreach Chairperson Sandra Sarrouf</u> - no updates. I mean with David</p>

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<p><u>Consent Agenda Items:</u></p> <p><u>Regular Agenda items, Including Public Comment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept application for District 4 and discuss seating applicant; 	<p>leaving, we have the website and its management to fill. So that something we have to figure out or talk about (noise) or outsource it, or that at some point. So I'm doing the newsletters that go out at least once a month before this meeting, sometimes twice a month. And that's it.</p> <p><u>Questions/Comments from the Public:</u> Paul Hershfield relates that there are many pretty easy to use, inexpensive platforms, like \$5 a month for hosting that have a web-based editor.</p> <p><u>Outreach Chairperson Sarrouf</u> - we have the platform, and David is willing to do it. He set it all up. It's just the issue of who is going to take the time. (Paul Hershfield - it's not really the design issue?) It's not design, that's all set up, it's more just the management. Who's going to put in the agendas, whose going to make updates, whose gonna put in the flyers. And it's not a ton of time, but it's a lot of little sporadic time. So, as a group, we need to think about that, unless there's anyone on the group that's willing to step up. The platform's Wordpress.</p> <p><u>Questions/Comments from the Council:</u> Secretary Lynette Tornatzky volunteers if she were not the secretary. She asks if anybody else wants to be secretary (laughter). Member Korin mentions something about taking notes.</p> <p><u>Outreach Chairperson Sarrouf</u> - I can connect with the Outreach Committee and talk about it a little bit, and then reach out to all of us via email.</p> <p><u>Questions/Comments from the Public/Council:</u> Jeff Kreps - explains that when someone send a question off the website "Contact" page to LOCAC, that the comment just disappears with no feedback that it went anywhere. Member Sarrouf says that she will ask David about that and that if an acknowledgement can be there. Member Korin says that you can send us emails directly, our email addresses are on the site. An unidentified man from the public says he gets responses within hours. Member Sarrouf mentions that the platform has been changing. Member Stanfill commends Member Sarrouf on the Outreach program. She gives a rundown on the open rate for the newsletters. She might get as much as a 50% open rate or higher, and she has not had any un-subscriptions. She asks the County if they have any announcements that they want to get out, send them to her.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Acting Chairperson Carstairs announces a District 4 vacancy and two applications so far. Member Stanfill remarks that we just got the applications and that he would like more time to look at the applications and come back and vote next month. Member Sarrouf would like to put the vacancy out again in the newsletter with a deadline to apply. There is a</p>

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<p>• Deletion of Language in Community Plan Regarding extension of South Bay Boulevard;</p>	<p>discussion as to what the date should be.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to accept all applications until Wednesday, February 19th and that LOCAC will vote on Thursday, February 27 to fill the District 4 position. LOCAC voted in favor - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0. (10-0-0)</p> <p>Acting Chairperson Carstairs introduces the issue of the South Bay Boulevard extension that exists in the Community Plan to continue through the south of town through to Cabrillo Estates. He asks the author of the proposal, Member Morgenthaler, to explain it.</p> <p>Member Morgenthaler gives the history and the current uses which prevent it from ever becoming a road. It was proposed as a second circulation point for traffic. This road came about from a Cal Poly student's community questionnaire in 1991 and then voted on. Since then, that land has been purchased by private property owners and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, where it is dedicated to habitat conservation in perpetuity (the Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve). It is also part of the sewer mitigation and potential mitigation and habitat conservation. The road extension was abandoned by the County years ago, and is no longer recognized as a potential street. Trails are the only use possible now.</p> <p>Member Morgenthaler had a discussion with Planner Brown who suggested that LOCAC vote to remove the outdated language from the final draft of the Community Plan. Doing this will avoid potential confusion on property ownership and what one can do with the property. The Planning and Zoning condition as it stands now allows the development of a resort if a fee was paid to build the road. The land where the resort was possible to be built is now part of Montaña de Oro. To delete the language would avoid any future confusion.</p> <p>Planner Brown clarifies that the statements appear in the Vision Statement appendix, written in the early 90s. In the Circulation part of the Community Plan it is not there. Public Works and Planning do not want this to go through. She suggests a letter to delete this language.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to delete the language in A-6 and A-8 and for Member Morgenthaler to write a letter to the County on this decision. LOCAC voted in favor - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0. (10-0-0)</p> <p><u>Questions/Comments from the Public/Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Korin suggests the letter could be posted on the website. • An unidentified man asks how people are to get to the new area to be given up by the PG&E power plant. There was short discussion on the road going to Avila Beach and how hard that could be and that the park has all the cars it can manage coming off of Pecho Road. Planner Brown says PG& E will have a road, but only for emergency access.

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<p>• LOCAC Chair to formally respond to Process concerns raised in 10/2019 meeting;</p> <p>• Nominating New Chair and Vice Chair;</p> <p>• Elections committee.</p> <p><u>Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda:</u></p>	<p>Member Womack says there is a road, but that it is very rocky. Suggestions were made to plan for what might happen to that property, and to do this at a Traffic & Circulation meeting.</p> <p>Acting Chairperson Carstairs introduces the next item brought by Jeff Kreps, how the bylaws are not being adhered to where two LOCAC members should be on each sub-committee. Jeff Kreps elaborated his concern that the community input gathered at those subcommittees without enough members, is it really getting back to LOCAC as a whole. Acting Chairperson Carstairs said that we should look through the bylaws to see if we are following them correctly. The question was raised, should we update the bylaws? Jeff Kreps says with the Community Plan coming up, the information on trails, safe walking and biking was not practical and that we need a wider knowledge of the community; what do we really want? The County’s (Transportation Planning and Traffic Operations Supervisor) Michael Britton must be at the meetings, it cannot be done without him. Member Bender mentions going door to door to get more interest. Jeff Kreps counters that one might not need to be at the meetings and that our outreach mailing is phenomenal. How to get the input back from the reactions to the mailings is the tough job. We agree to form a bylaws committee: Members Korin, Bartel, Carstairs, Morgenthaler and Tornatzky, and report back to LOCAC for discussion.</p> <p>Acting Chairperson Carstairs introduces the item.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to nominate Vice Chair Carstairs as Chairperson. LOCAC voted in favor - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0. (10-0-0)</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to nominate Trish Bartel as Vice Chairperson. LOCAC voted in favor - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0. (10-0-0)</p> <p>Member Morgenthaler asks if Member Tornatzky is willing to do the website if someone would be the secretary: answer: yes. Member Morgenthaler volunteers with the understanding that the minutes will look different.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to nominate Sue Morgenthaler as Secretary. LOCAC voted in favor - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0. (10-0-0)</p> <p>We agreed to blend the two committees, Bylaws and Elections together. Half of LOCAC is up for election. We need to report which seats those are at the next meeting.</p> <p>Paul Hershfield comments that the meeting minutes are very detailed and a lot to get through. He has seen that some things that are said are not in the minutes. He has researched Robert’s Rules of Order and some other things, that meeting minutes are not meant to be a transcript, or to</p>

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	<p>include all the arguments. That is what an audio record is for. No human can possibly get everything in. This should be the proper meeting minute format: who was there, what things were discussed, what motions were passed. It's pretty clear cut. If somebody didn't go to the meeting, or wants some more information, you don't have to read through, you can see here's what happened, here's the vote. I don't think it's meant to be an analysis. They want to find out what happened and how it happened. A transcript audio would be the best, because it's the most complete as a back-up. Just like the Planning Commission, you can see the meetings, but the minutes are not the entire transcript.</p> <p>Member Tornatzky explains why she did the minutes as she did. She went through the sewer wars, and other contentious things. Few people hear what the sheriff says so she does a condensed version. Few people know what the Chamber does, so that is put down clearly. If people are not interested, they can skip those sections. She does it that way for the County Planning Department Staff, who won't listen to a recording, but will read minutes. Staff has appreciated this. Also, this way, Staff gets exactly what the community wants to convey to them, and the secretary cannot be accused of asserting bias into the text. Member Sue Morgenthaler can confer with Kerry how the County would like minutes. When she started on LOCAC, there were many contentious meetings that she felt needed the exact words of what the community said. When Supervisor Gibson speaks, what he has to say is important, so she writes those words verbatim for the community; she does not get to hear him at the Board of Supervisors very often. People can also listen to the recording if they are interested.</p> <p>Member Sarrouf appreciates the minutes done this way, she can read the sections that she is interested in and that she does not go back to the audio. She feels it is important to get what Supervisor Gibson says and the reports as people will read those.</p> <p>Paul Hershfield says it is near impossible to capture everything and objects to when "crosstalk" is written as things he has said were not captured. He feels the Supervisors talk could be fairly easy to listen to. He thinks there are pretty good audio to text programs these days that could work (crosstalk). He says that there could be a transcript and official meeting minutes.</p> <p>It is agreed that we will see how it goes with the new way of doing the minutes.</p> <p>Dave Bowlus describes how some years ago LOCAC would send letters to County Staff that gave LOCAC opinions and discussions specific to an issue. They are not sent anymore, so staff has become dependant on minutes in many cases. He feels a letter would be useful. Member Morgenthaler will take care of it in the future. She feels the County made decisions without our input as the information was late.</p>

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<p><u>Adjourn</u></p>	<p>Member Bartel explains the last three corporations she worked for had abridged minutes and because of legalities it was on disc, so you could refer to those</p> <p>Linde Owen appreciated the minutes and she knows how hard they are as she used to do them (laughter). She said it was an easy way to refresh from the prior meeting, and that she usually makes her own minutes and notes and that she appreciated the depth.</p> <p>Member Morgenthaler says that won't happen but that she will be accurate and complete.</p> <p>Jeff Kreps comments on the public that might not be here but in getting the public more engaged, that outreach was a really good deal, but that it was a combination of the two, the comprehensive meeting notes that helped him. He wasn't necessarily going to listen to the audio.</p> <p>Lou Tornatzky asks if his wife is free at last (laughter).</p> <p>Steve Vinson asks on the District 4 opening and if we are voting at the next meeting. Vice Chairperson Carstairs answers that is the plan. He asked if it was going to be candidates in a panel speaking before LOCAC and the public. There was a short discussion on how the candidates would be offering LOCAC their information, perhaps with a statement. Both candidates who applied were in attendance.</p> <p>Member Womack was asked how she got on the LOCSO after Jon-Erik Storm left the board.</p> <p>Discussion continued on whether or not candidates would be making a statement. The application does not ask for that now, but that it was on the website and the newsletter. The application will be updated.</p> <p>A formal motion to adjourn was made and seconded. LOCAC voted in favor - 10, opposed - 0, abstentions - 0. (10-0-0)</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 8:14 p.m..</p> <p>The next meeting is February 28, 2020.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>  <p>Lynette Tornatzky LOCAC Secretary</p>