



**Los Osos Community Advisory Council
November 18, 2021
Zoom, 7pm
Minutes**

The LOCAC meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** shortly after 7pm and **ROLL CALL** was taken. Present were Trish Bartel Chairperson, Co-host Sandra Sarrouf Vice Chairperson, Sue Morgenthaler Secretary, Lynette Tornatzky Communications Officer, Deborah Howe Treasurer, Larry Bender, Jan Harper, and Yael Korin.

Absent are Tim Carstairs, Jim Stanfill, and James Bishop.

After everyone was **WELCOMED BY THE CHAIRPERSON**, the only **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT** was made by Deborah Howe to acknowledge the postings of all the past business from the Tree and Landscape Committee. Minutes, actions, and information from the Committee is now posted online.

5. COUNTY AND LOCAL AGENCY REPORTS

- B. California Highway Patrol** report for October was given by Captain Greg Klingenberg. Los Osos saw 7 collisions last month from South Bay Blvd to Los Osos Valley Road to Pecho Valley Rd and Seawind Way.

The Captain was not able to bring the statistics for traffic incidents around 7th and El Moro because of the way the CHP sorts their information. There is not enough traffic at 7th and El Moro to warrant a specific beat as there is at Los Osos Valley Road for example. They have asked their new motorcycle patrols to do some proactive enforcement in the area of 7th and El Moro.

- C. County Staff report** was given by Kerry Brown of the SLO County Planning and Building Department.

There has been no action yet by the Coastal Commission regarding the Los Osos Vacation Rental Ordinance. The County Staff has reached out to the Coastal Staff and are looking to schedule a meeting to answer any questions they may have.

The County has hired a consultant and have the funding to hopefully start next month recalculating the Title 19 water offset requirements.

- D. Supervisor Bruce Gibson** acknowledged the Coastal Commission and County staff meetings and has pledged to be involved in that discussion, he is positive things can be worked through. The Coastal Commission is overworked, but they are working on resolving their concerns with the ordinance.

At this point all but one RV has been relocated to Kansas Ave while 2 folks are still camping in tents. Dealing with the homeless is a process, this is only the beginning as the County looks to expand services. A manger has been hired to oversee the county's actions to combat homelessness. The staff for this organization is being expanded, and the supervisor has asked the Board to talk about a vision for getting more things done.

The next Board of Supervisor's Redistricting meeting is Friday the 19th. There have been many letters sent in from the North Coast, from residents and the Advisory Councils to the CSDs. Final action will be taken on Tuesday November 30th when the final map will be approved.

Questions centered around Kansas Ave: should a site be found that is more urban, closer to services and markets? There are complaints that the hygiene facilities are still inadequate and residents are not being consulted in regard to the problems of the site. Yael Korin feels the site is run poorly, there are no services, and more sites should be opened.

Bruce responded with understanding, and yes, he has always said the site is far from perfect. It is not an accurate statement though that there are no services. Folks are being offered services, a food bank is in operation there, sanitation is being addressed and a better and larger shower trailer has been ordered.

He asks continuously about more sites and will continue to keep pushing. The new manager just started on Monday. There is a lot of work to do, in the coming weeks he hopes to see progress.

Nick, one of the residents of Kansas Ave, thanked the supervisor for everything that has been done out there, but the residents have heard many promises and are still waiting for results to their concerns. The Supervisor takes his comments seriously and will ask the service providers what they are doing. Kansas is not intended to be a permanent home; work is being done to find one. Nick has even offered to build a light pole outside the bathrooms if the county would kindly put in a light near the bathrooms for nighttime safety. The supervisor said he and Blake will follow through and see this is discussed.

Linde Owen feels there is a disconnect between the needs and what the county is trying to provide. She knew a local well qualified person was being considered for the manager position but was not selected. She appreciates him, Supervisor Gibson, he is the only one on the Board showing concern and trying to get things done. Linde was thanked for her comments. Technically it is a priority of the board, but they need to commit their efforts to this cause.

The tent campers are yet another group that also needs to be addressed, even perhaps before choosing another safe parking site. Their personal needs are greater than those in cars and RVs.

One resident asked for the address of the site at Kansas Ave. It is 0 Oklahoma. She needed the information when calling to have the toilets pumped. Supervisor quickly told her to call his office, contacting either himself or Blake. When they know something has gone bad, they will work to fix it.

Yael wanted it stated for the record that she feels people are there because they were forced to move completely against their will. They feel like they are in prison, an internment camp.

Supervisor was very clear; he is aware of her opinions, and she is welcome to them, but she must know it to be true that no one has been forced to occupy Kansas Ave, it is not an internment camp.

- E. **CSD Report** was given by Matthew Fourcroy. The CSD is busy continuing to serve water to a part of Los Osos. A tank rehab project on 16th st is set to start soon as is work on an 8th St upper aquifer well and their program C well.

Emergency services will be getting their new fire engine soon, it will be a Los Osos owned engine.

Redistricting is a big topic for them. They are looking to go from one large district to several smaller ones, mandated by state law. They have narrowed their selection to 2 maps which can be seen on their website. The hearing to finalize which map will be used is on Thursday December 2nd.

In answer to a question for clarity, one map better preserves the neighborhoods and seems to make more sense, but it puts multiple sitting board members into the same district, leaving some districts with no representation. This could cause issues with future elections.

The Parks and Rec committee restarted work on the Los Osos Dog Park, they are looking for as much public input as possible. Next steps are to determine cost, grant finding, and how the park will be maintained and operated. Next meeting will be December 14th at 5:30.

A redistricting question was asked if this preferred map could be used with a delay for the start of the new maps to help accommodate the elections of the board members, but the law is they need to implement the new districts now. They face lawsuits if they don't. The CSD is concerned with the displacement of the board members as generally they run unopposed, so areas with no board members at all could pose a problem.

- F. **Chamber of Commerce Report** was given by Lynette Tornatzky. They have 3 events coming up.

Partnering with Estero Bay News, Light Up Los Osos will happen in December. Prizes will be given for the best decorated homes and businesses.

Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Friday December 10th on the patio of the Red Barn and the Christmas Parade will be on Saturday December 11th. This will be a "Parade of Thanks" to thank those essential workers who helped during the pandemic. The Chamber is asking for sponsorship, and it costs \$25 to participate in the parade. Questions? Call 805-528-4882.

6. There was no **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

7. **MINUTES** were unanimously approved from the meeting October 28,2021.

8. **LOCAC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer's Report**, Deborah Howe. We have a working bank account. Money has been transferred to a local and regional bank, American Riviera. They have gone out of their way to help us. After reimbursing Lynette Tornatzky for her expenses for internet security, Sandra for our zoom account and Deborah for her IRS payments and the Chamber dues, our balance is \$2099.83.

This was a hard-fought battle, thank you Deborah!

- B. Land Use**, Larry Bender. The Land Use Committee is swamped with many new projects to review, they have been divided up between the December and January LUC meetings.
- C. Traffic and Circulation**, Jan Harper had nothing come in from the county, so nothing to report. If you see an issue, call 805-781-5252.

Linde noticed 2 new streetlights going up on LOVR east of Pine.

- D. Trees and Landscaping**, Yael Korin is still looking for another LOCAC member to join her committee. Her present focus is to reach out to other agencies for help, perhaps cooperative work. She will present her plans at our next LOCAC meeting.

She has now posted everything regarding the work done by the committee up until now.

- E. Outreach, Sandra Sarrouf**. The committee will be meeting tomorrow and encourages members of the public to volunteer and get involved.
- F. Ad Hoc Water Committee**, Deborah Howe. The County has hired a new consultant who has been given his own department. Blaine Reely is the Hydrologist in charge of Ground Water Management. Unfortunately, because of a state's designation of Los Osos basin, we will not be involved in nor helped by the project focused on the Sustainability Ground Water Management Act. SIGMA. Deborah will continue to work to see we can get recognition and help.

The County is reanalyzing the metrics for the Title 19 offset program. The county has acknowledged their offset numbers are incorrect. This information was known over a year ago, yet they are still issuing permits with offset mitigation knowing that the numbers are wrong.

- G. SLO County Bicycle Advisory Committee update**. Deborah Howe is heading a new committee with help from members of the public. They are the new Active Transportation Committee, active transportation being any self-propelled human powered mode of transportation.

The purpose of this committee is to discuss issues for active transportation, identify projects, and get feedback for priorities, safety and funding options. Their first meeting will be December 9th at 6:30.

The first project this committee will tackle is a project which has already been funded through SLOCOG's safe route to school program. This is a project to install a sidewalk, with curbs and gutters, on El Moro between 8th and 9th Streets. \$170,000 has been committed to this, but the project is not moving forward. Those working to establish the

Active Transportation Committee have been talking about a better use for these funds, this 1 block of sidewalk. Deborah has been talking to the county and SLOCOG about other options.

SLOCOG has suggested LOCAC write a letter to the County to have them consider a re-scope of this project. Deborah is asking that LOCAC send a letter to pause this project until we have had a chance to review it, as we could reposition the money if we came up with a better plan. Children walk to school on streets with no sidewalks, perhaps the El Moro trail that Tress and Landscape is working on could be expanded for this purpose.

A motion was made that Deborah write a letter to be approved and reviewed by LOCAC, a letter asking that this project be paused, explain why we would like to relook at the project and that we would like the opportunity to explore other options.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved. The letter will be written and sent by email to the Council for approval.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. DRC2021-00078 Proposed Minor Use Permit** to construct an approximately 278 sq ft storage shed on an approximately .48-acre parcel located in Los Osos. This shed had been previously built; they are now applying for permits.

There was no public comment, LOCAC recommended approval of this project.

10. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- A. C-DRC2021-00031 MUP/CDP** for the construction and operation of a municipal well to serve the LOCSD service area and implement Program C of the Los Osos Basin. The proposed pipeline alignment would include South Bay Blvd from the well site parcel north, turn west adjacent to the southern terminus of Mountain View Drive and continuing north on Mountain View Drive to Nipomo Avenue.

Ron Munds was forthcoming with answers to LUC and public questions, this project was unanimously approved. It is on the LOCAC regular agenda for the public to have another opportunity to make comments.

Discussion started with the question, considering the fact that a Golden State Well sits close by, would there be any sharing of pipes? The 2 companies agreed not to share pipes.

It was questioned as to whether the proximity of the two wells would cause enough interference to force a drop in the water levels resulting in pumping (sucking air) issues at the wells. The CSD employed a geologist to research this issue, and while there will be some influence, there won't be enough to matter.

Could we piggyback a bike path or trail on top of the pipes? Unfortunately, the pipes will be mostly going down a roadway, not conducive to bike path or trails.

This project was unanimously approved by LOCAC.

- B. Code Enforcement Officer Daniel Del Rio** changed his plans at the last minute to come. Chair will call his department to inquire.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. A meeting of the Committee Chairs** was held this past week and a summary was given to us by the Chair. They discussed what was working with their committees, what was not working, what expansion and/or combining committees is possible, and whether we need to conform to LOCAC Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.

It was voted on the following and reconfirmed that we must follow the Bylaws:

- a. LOCAC will continue to require there be 2 LOCAC members on each committee.
- b. Committee terms of public members are limited to 8 years, after which time the member must take at least a year off before deciding if they would like the option of reapplying for a position on the committee.
- c. Regarding the Policies and Procedures requirement that each committee meets monthly prior to a LOCAC meeting, we plan to ask the Bylaws committee to review these meeting occurrences, perhaps tailoring the number of times a committee meets to the needs of each specific committee.

Item c is now in the hands of the Bylaws Committee. After the Bylaws committee meets, they will bring their changes back to the Council for ratification.

- B. LOCAC elections** are coming up this May. Those Council members up for reelection are Jan Harper, Tim Carstairs, Sandra Sarrouf, and Lynette Tornatzky. In January we will be form the election committee. Residents are encouraged to participate.
- C. Because of the holidays, there will be no LOCAC meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 27th, the fourth Thursday in January of 2022.**

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