El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Location: El Sobrante Library 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante **Mailing address**: 3769-B San Pablo Dam Road, ES, 94803 Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. The ESMAC is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors

Chair: vacant Vice Chair: Thomas Lang Secretary: Tom Owens

Members at-large: Jim Hermann, Dr. Melinda V. McLain, Joe Sarapochillo, Mikki Norris,

George Cleveland

Alternates: Shirley Rosenthal-Winston, vacancy

Minutes for Wednesday, January 08, 2020

Call to Order: 7:00 PM Pledge of Allegiance: No flag

Roll Call

Present: Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland, Joe

Sarapochillo(late), Shirley Rosenthal-Winston

Absent: Jim Hermann, Dr. Melinda V. McLain

Election of Officers:

- Chair: Tom Lang (Nominated by Tom Owens, seconded) 5,0,0: Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston
- Vice Chair: Tom Owens (Nominated by Thomas Lang, seconded) 5,0,0 Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland, Shirley Rosenthal-Winston
- Secretary (Tabled, filled by James Lyons next month)
- Treasurer James Lyons by consensus

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for December 11, 2019 ESMAC meeting tabled till next month **Treasurer's Report** – \$3,000

- **P.1** Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford, Deputy Sakai 737 calls, major increase in number of car burglaries
- **P.2** Presentation by California Highway Patrol, Officer Sean Wilkenfeld San Pablo Dam Road (SPDR) speeding, Trailer near Castro Ranch road and SPDR being tended to.
- P.3 Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. No representative present
- **P.4** Presentation by representatives of The Artist Tree on their proposed application to obtain land use approval to open a retail cannabis facility and art gallery at 4100 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante (informational) by Avi Kahan and Lauren Fontein
- **P.5** Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, monthly report

Public Comment: invite to public to attend BAAQMD meeting.

Discussions Items

- **DI.1** County File# VR19-1053. Applicant requests approval of a variance for a 1-foot front yard (where 20' feet is required) and a 5' side yard (where 10' feet is required) in order to construct an equipment, shelter for a new Verizon cell site approved through County File #LP18-2023. The subject property is located at 90 Tavaszi Terrace, El Sobrante.
 - Chair to write letter indicating that the ESMAC had concerns about approving variances when there where no reasons presented and enough room at application site to comply with regulations. (by consensus)

DI.2 – Discuss the formation of an Illegal dumping subcommittee.

Motion (Tom Owens, seconded) to form Illegal dumping subcommittee consisting of Thomas Lang, Mikki Norris, Dr. Melinda V. McLain and coordinating with James Lyons to conform with ESMAC bylaws and Brown Act. **Passed** 6,0,0: Thomas Lang, Tom Owens, Mikki Norris, George Cleveland, Joe Sarapochillo(late), Shirley Rosenthal-Winston

Announcements:

- The ESMAC has (1) Alternate vacancy.
- The ESMAC brochure is due to be revised. Members of the ESMAC are encouraged to submit ideas to James Lyons.

Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings:

- Deep Dredging of San Pablo Bay
- Replacement Shade tent for ESMAC for ES Stroll
- Representative from CCC Conservation and Development Department

Adjournment: 9:15pm