

MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council and
Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors

Date: February 16, 2005

POSTING:

The agenda was posted on 2-11-05
at City Hall by the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL Present:

Mayor Marigonda	City Manager Comstock
Vice Mayor Aguilar	City Attorney Powell
Council member Barrett	Police Captain Bidleman
Council member Bustichi	Public Wks Director Anderson
Council member Johnson	Community Dev Director Kuhn
	Finance Director Ando
	City Clerk Ferrara

COMMITTEE REPORTS VM Aguilar reported that AMBAG had met and received a presentation from a non-profit organization in Monterey that assists citizens with housing assistance programs such as silent second mortgages, security deposits, etc., very much like we do in Scotts Valley. She stated that Monterey Bay area cities contribute to this non-profit organization.

CM Bustichi reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD), had met and discussed the bus service on Vine Hill School Road. The SCMTD sent a recommendation back to the City approving the reinstatement request without the afternoon bus service on the half day. The SCMTD has requested some additional assurances from the City, and this issue will be reviewed by the City Council at their March 2, 2005 City Council meeting.

CM Barrett reported that the County Integrated Waste Management Task Force met and appointed new officers.

CM Barrett reported that the Cultural Council just held its Hearts for the Arts event this last weekend in downtown Santa Cruz to raise money, and a good time was had by all.

CM Johnson reported that the Skypark Subcommittee had met and discussed a proposed mixed use project at the corner of Mt. Hermon and Skypark Drive, among other items. He reported that affordable housing issues were also discussed in relation to new developments. CM Johnson reported that the Subcommittee is continuing to dialogue with propane companies to keep this

item moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Tuma, spoke in favor of reinstating the bus service on Vine Hill School Road and requested that the City Council support this service. She is concerned that the bus is not being reinstated for the half day schedule and that the re-route may not be implemented until June of 2005.

CM Bustichi announced that the 35th Annual Crab Cioppino Feed, hosted by the Scotts Valley Lions Club, will be held on March 5 at Harvey West Park Hall, and encouraged everyone to attend.

CM Barrett announced that a Skypark Linear Park planting day is scheduled on February 26 from 9:00 to 4:00. He stated that 350 native plants have been donated by AVIZA Technology, and invited everyone interested in helping to please attend.

Mayor Marigonda reported that he had just come from a meeting of the Student Legislative Action Committee, which is made up mostly of 5th graders at Vine Hill School. He stated that this is an opportunity to get young people involved in government at a young age, and they had a lot of enthusiasm and great ideas. Mayor Marigonda stated that this Committee may be coming to see one of the City Council meetings soon.

**ALTERATIONS TO
CONSENT AGENDA**

M/S: Barrett/Aguilar
To approve the Consent Agenda.
Carried 5/0

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Joint City Council/RDA meeting minutes of 2-2-05
- B. Approve check register – 1-31-05
- C. Approve lot line adjustment numbers LLA03-003 (552-97 Bean Creek Road/APN 022-271-33), LLA04-005 (552-98 Bean Creek Road/APN 022-271-34), and LLA04-008 (552-105 Bean Creek Road/APN 022-271-41) at Montevalle
- D. Approve reappointment of Scott Hamby to the County Hazardous Materials Advisor Commission for a term to expire on April 1, 2009
- E. Approve appointment of members to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board – Ellen Campos, Steve Horlock, and Karen Renbarger

**ALTERATIONS TO
REGULAR AGENDA**

M/S: Aguilar/Barrett
To approve the Regular Agenda.
Carried 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Presentation of poster contest winner for Art Under the Oaks

Bonnie Bernardi, Scotts Valley Arts Commission, and Clyde Vaughn, Executive Director of the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce, presented the poster contest winner for Art Under the Oaks. Ms. Bernardi stated that this

year, in an attempt to increase the number of submissions, they were able to offer a cash prize for the winner that was donated by the owners of Surf City Coffee.

Marina Ward, a Skypark resident, was announced as the winner of this year's Art Under the Oaks poster contest.

2. **Discussion: Budget Committee recommendations**

CM Comstock and FD Ando presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

VM Aguilar stated that she would like to see City staff look into each department budget separately and look at possibilities for making money such as renting the pool out as we have done in the past.

Carolyn Bliss-Isberg, Director of Cabrillo Stroke Center and representative of the Human Care Alliance, spoke against reducing the human care funding by 50%. She stated that she understands that this is a time of trickle down budgets; however, she is concerned about funding cuts and feels the services provided in Scotts Valley are critical to the community. Ms. Bliss-Isberg stated that every local dollar creates \$19 in services, and provided a hand-out to the Council on weighing the impact of funding cuts on human care alliance clients.

Michael Bradshaw, Program Manager for the Central Coast Center for Independent Living, spoke against reducing the human care funding by 50%. He stated that his organization does not receive funding from Scotts Valley, but last year they provided extensive services to ten citizens of Scotts Valley with disabilities. They also provided information and referral, advocacy efforts, training in the schools, and worked with the City of Scotts Valley to ensure accessibility for local buildings. He stated that his organization uses the services of every agency that is funded by the City of Scotts Valley.

Kathleen Johnson, Executive Director of the Ombudsman Advocates, stated that Scotts Valley residents benefit from the contributions, not the Agency itself. She stated that they provide many services in Scotts Valley and she is opposed to reducing the human care funding by 50%.

Rick Zinman, Second Harvest Food Bank, representing the Human Care Alliance, spoke against reducing the human care funding by 50%. He stated that the City's donation of \$3,000 to the Food Bank last year allowed his organization to turn that donation into \$150,000 worth of food that fed 900 people every month on average in Scotts Valley.

Steve Mendez, resident of Scotts Valley, stated that he appreciates everything that the City has done in the past. He spoke against reducing the human care funding by 50% and stated that 10% would be more appropriate, if anything at all. He is a four-year student at the Cabrillo Stroke Center, and he has been helped tremendously by the services provided by the Stroke Center.

Terry Hancock, Director and Attorney of Senior Citizens Legal Services, spoke against reducing the human care funding by 50%.

Michelle McCarthy, Director of Crisis Services at Suicide Prevention, spoke against reducing the human care funding by 50%.

John Hirsch, Scotts Valley resident, spoke on behalf of the Stroke Center and his wife who is unable to speak for herself. He is opposed to reducing the human care funding by 50%.

Jennifer O'Brien, from the Walnut Avenue Women's Center and resident of Scotts Valley, spoke against reducing the human care funding by 50%. She offered her personal assistance and the assistance of the Women's Center in finding a different solution. She encouraged the Council to engage the residents and business of Scotts Valley.

CM Johnson stated that he would like to see the City explore other options than reducing the human care funding by 50%. He stated that the City has always been fiscally conservative and concerned about maintaining services. He wants to be sure that the City, citizens, and businesses work together to get through these difficult times.

VM Aguilar spoke in favor of item 4, the PERS 20-year fresh start for public safety only. She stated that she is opposed to reducing the human care funding by 50%. The most she would like to cut is 10% and would prefer 5%.

CM Bustichi stated that he is in favor of items 1, 3, and 4. He is opposed to 50% reductions for human care funding, but he does not feel 5% or 10% will be enough. He stated that he would like to see a list of City-owned property.

CM Barrett stated that he was on the Budget Committee and they had looked long and hard at this initial proposal. He stated that he agrees with items 1, 3, and 4. He stated that there may be some way to compromise on item 2; however, we either cut services that the City has to offer or we cut services outside. He stated that he is concerned with maintaining public safety.

CM Johnson stated that he agrees with items 1, 3, and 4. He also stated that he would like to look into maximizing private contributions to make up the difference in the City's contribution.

CM Bustichi recommended looking into using the Community Center for fundraising events.

CM Comstock stated that he will bring back the items requested by Council for further discussion at the March 2 City Council meeting.

3. Discussion: Conflicts of Interest, the Brown Act, and Due Process

CA Powell presented the written staff report, reviewed the summaries on Conflicts of Interest, the Ralph M. Brown Act, and Due Process, and responded to questions from Council.

VM Aguilar stated that the League of California Cities has a branch that assists council members regarding ethics laws, called the Institute for Local Self Governance. She stated that additional information is available on the Institute for Local Self Governance website at www.ilsg.org. She also stated that also stated that the League of California Cities holds training seminars on these issues that are very informational.

4. Future Council/RDA agenda items

CM Barrett requested an item be placed on the agenda regarding skate park parameters for closure.

VM Aguilar requested a proclamation be prepared for the young man who was recently recognized by the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District for saving a woman's life in Vista Del Lago Mobile Home Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Approved: _____

Paul Marigonda
Mayor / Chair

Attest: _____

Tracy A. Ferrara
City Clerk / Secretary