Summary Action Minutes  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Time:  6:00 p.m.  
Place:  San Lorenzo Library  
        395 Paseo Grande  
        San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Tisa Dantzler, Committee Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call  
Councilmembers present: Donald Clowser, Tyler Dragoni, Jennifer Esteen, Michael Freed, Jennifer Ong, Eva Poon, Diane Wydler. All Councilmembers were present.

Welcome – Supervisor Chan and Miley

Supervisor Nate Miley stated that the Eden Area MAC represents all of the urban unincorporated areas. This body is in place as a culmination of a lot of work. Advisory to the Board of Supervisors. There have been disputes, and the MAC represent the needs and the interest of the public; Supervisor Miley and staff does not interfere with the deliberations of the MAC. He thanked the Councilmembers for their time to work on issues in the urban unincorporated area.

Jared Savas, Office of Supervisors Wilma Chan, District 3, welcomed the Eden Area MAC members on behalf of Supervisors Chan. Mr. Savas thanked the Councilmembers and community members and Supervisor Miley and Tona Henninger, Chief of Staff and other staff members who worked to create this body and he looks forward to a wonderful working relationship.

Public Announcements/Open Forum

Cheryl Hoffman, Friends of the Library, made several library announcements:  
- The library will be closed on, January 20, 2020, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday observance, February 12, 2020 for Abraham Lincoln Birthday observance and February 17, 2020 for George Washington Birthday  
- Lunar New Year Celebration at the Library on Saturday, January 25th 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
- Pi Day Contest on March 14, 2020 there will be a Pi Day (pie contest) at the library. Register by February 29, 2020.  
- Friends of the Library will host a book sale on March 14th and 15th 2020.
Kelly Abreu welcomed the Eden MAC members and stated that the Council should expect more, as in trails, sidewalks, enforcement and a consolidated political base.

Peter Rosen congratulated Eden MAC members and welcomed them.

Chris Higgins, member, Fairview MAC, welcomed Councilmembers and thanked Supervisors Chan and Miley and their staff for their work on creating and Eden Area Municipal Advisory Council.

Keith Barros thanked the Councilmembers and welcomed them. He hopes that this council will work to end division and forge unity in the unincorporated area.

David Gehrke, President, Board of Directors, Eden Area Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the new Councilmembers on behalf of the Eden Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber brings together businesses in the community to help it thrive by organizing, advocating and connecting resources.

Supervisor Nate Miley announced that there will be a mandatory Ethics and Land Use Workshop for all MAC members, including Castro Valley, Fairview and Eden Area on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

Approval of Minutes
None.
Consent Calendar
- There are no items for the Consent Calendar

Regular Calendar

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR – ACTION ITEM

A motion was made by Diane Wydler and seconded by Michael Freed to nominate Jennifer Ong as Chair of the Eden Area MAC.

Ayes: Clowser, Dragoni, Esteen, Freed, Ong, Poon, Wydler

Noes:

Motion passed 7/0

A motion was made by Jennifer Ong and seconded by Tyler Dragoni to nominate Michael Freed as Vice Chair of the Eden Area MAC.

Ayes: Clowser, Dragoni, Esteen, Freed, Ong, Poon, Wydler

Noes:

Motion passed 7/0

2. ADOPT 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE – ACTION ITEM

Attachment

A motion was made by Michael Freed and seconded by Eva Poon to adopt the 2020 Eden Area Municipal Advisory Council meeting schedule.

Speaker
Penny Peck, member of the San Lorenzo School Board commented that she supports the proposed meeting schedule of the Eden Area MAC to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and it does not conflict with the San Lorenzo School Board meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.
Ayes: Clowser, Dragoni, Esteen, Freed, Ong, Poon, Wydler
Noes:
Motion passed 7/0

3. **PUBLIC ART PROJECTS FOR STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON EAST 14TH STREET IN ASHLAND AND HESPERIAN BLVD. IN SAN LORENZO ART PROPOSALS ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 30, 2020 – INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

Rachel Osajima, Director, Alameda County Arts Commission, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Art Projects for East 14th Street in Ashland and Hesperian Boulevard in San Lorenzo.

The presentation included an overview of the Alameda County Arts Commission. The Arts Commission was established in 1965 by the Board of Supervisors to improve the quality of life in Alameda County and encourage public participation in the arts and actively advocating to support all art forms.

The Corridor Improvement Project along East 14th Street in Ashland and Hesperian Blvd. in San Lorenzo includes art for the streetscape, which will include unique designs for street medians, sidewalk seating utility boxes and street banners. Proposals are on display for community members to view in-person and on-line and give feedback through January 26, 2020.

The Arts Commission will return to the Eden Area MAC with recommendations for the final designs in March and then to the Board of Supervisors for approval in April 2020.

**Speaker**

Estrella Benavides requested that the art designs for the sidewalk not impede persons who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices.

This item was informational only and required no Council action.

4. **INTRODUCTION TO THE ECONOMIC AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – AN INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN THE URBAN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES – INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**Attachment**

Eileen Dalton, Director, Economic & Civic Development Department, Susan McCue, Economic Development Manager, Jaime Orfano, Redevelopment Manager and Kristen Perrault, Economic & Civic Development Department presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Economic and Civic Development Department and their projects and programs.

The Economic & Civic Development Department answered questions from the Council and community members.

**Speakers**

Celeste, community member, asked if there is asbestos in the Lorenzo Theater and if it is open to the public. (There is asbestos in the ducts associated with the heating system and it is not harmful as long as it is not disturbed.)

Barisha Spriggs requested additional economic and civic development services for Ashland, Cherryland and Hayward Acres because there is a lot of business turnover. Ms. Spriggs would like to see a mini-economic development department in the Ashland/Cherryland area to do outreach in the area.
Chairs Report
Jennifer Ong stated that possible future topics for the meeting include
  • Presentation from the Public Works Agency
  • Presentation on affordable housing in the unincorporated area
  • Food entrepreneurship

Council Announcements, Comments and Reports
Councilmembers made the following announcements/comments
  • Visit your Local Women's March on Saturday, January 18, 2020
  • Challenge the Eden MAC to make Alameda County Unincorporated Area a great example
  • Remember to vote in the Primary Election, March 3, 2020
  • Get involved in the 2020 Census

Staff Announcements, Comments and Reports
The community has requested that translation services be provided for this meeting however, staff announced that the County will not provide translation services for the meetings at this time.

Supervisor Miley made the following announcements:
  • Congratulated the Eden Area MAC on their inaugural meeting. The meetings are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  • The Food Hub Grand Opening at Dig Deep Farms will be on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 12 noon.
  • Every 3rd Saturday Supervisor Miley hosts a mattress collection at Mission and Hampton. Bring mattresses to be disposed of properly.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned to February 11, 2020.

Next Hearing Date: February 11, 2020
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