

# Alamo Municipal Advisory Council



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## Record of Actions

**Meeting start time: 7:00PM**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

Members Present: David Bowlby, Janet Miller Evans, Nancy Dommes, Steve Mick, David Barclay, Ed Best, Michael McDonald

- 1.) Meeting called to order by Jennifer Quallick at 7:00PM
- 2.) **Accept public comment on any issue not included on the agenda:**
  - a.) SRVFPD Chief Price introduced himself
  - b.) Alicia Watson requested December meeting Record of Action reflect vote on saying the pledge of allegiance at the start of each meeting.
  - c.) CHP Officer Eric Brewer of the Martinez office introduced himself and team regarding traffic issues, etc.
    - d.) Nancy Dommes asked that two names be added to the November 11, 2009 agenda; Joanne Hirsch and Vicki Koc. It was decided by the group to not include all public names present at future meetings; unless provided under public comment.
- 3.) **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:**
  - a.) First vote resulted in a tie for Chair between David Bowlby and Michael McDonald. Second vote resulted in election of David Bowlby as new Alamo MAC Chair
  - b.) First vote resulted in a tie for Vice-Chair between Michael McDonald and Nancy Dommes. Second vote resulted in election of Nancy Dommes new Alamo MAC Vice-Chair.
- 3.) **Agency Introduction/Reports:**
  - a.) Contra Costa County Clerk of the Recorder, Steve Weir, provided swearing-in of appointed members.
  - b.) Steve Weir also provided comment on Form 700; members to file with Clerk of the Board. Contact Rosa Mena, 925-335-7800. This is an annual filing due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
  - c.) **Department of Conservation and Development:** John Osborne, Planner, discussed DCD issues:

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1.) Kinder Morgan tree permit – County in final stages of permit. They are getting ready to send out notice to remove tree in the Alamo Creek area. Kinder-Morgan is being asked to mitigate the removal of tree. Mitigation is suggested as 12 trees/15 gallon in size. MAC could provide input on location of replacement trees. The other option is for Kinder-Morgan to pay an “in-lieu fee” instead of planting with Public Works providing estimated costs to plant and maintain 12 trees for a 2 year period. Fees are paid for by applicant (i.e. Kinder-Morgan). MAC agrees to either scenario.

**Public Comments:** Supervisor Piepho – Q: has tree been stabilized? Mitigated public exposure? Permit needs to be moved on expeditiously and not delayed to address safety measures. A: Per John Osborne said tree was recently trimmed to address immediate safety concerns.

**Mike Gibson** – Encouraged MAC to support and assist in mitigation of tree removal. Would like portion of Iron Horse Trail near Alamo Plaza to receive the trees as it's a bit barren.

**Dave Davis** – Q: Why are we requiring company to put up money when they are removing tree to be safe. He recommends zero trees to be supplied by company. Or perhaps one for one. Feels it is taking advantage of the business. Consider the water source as well. Trees are a long term investment. How about tree that requires no supplemental water usage?

**Vicki Koc** – there is a listing of water meter locations and account names available for referral. There are approx. 12 water meter locations in Alamo. Can get list of locations from DCD.

2.) John Osborne to provide clarification of Alamo MAC boundaries.

## **b.) Office of Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho:**

1.) Jen Quallick reported on requesting that MAC consider placing a Community Reports Section on the agenda after Public Comment; the last two ACC meetings have only had two members of the public/organizations present.

## **6. Items for Action and/or Discussion**

a.) John Osborne outlined planning process. Application goes to Jennifer Quallick and is distributed to the MAC for review and comment. Typically there is 30 days to provide comment. Do not let 30 day window limit your comment. Once comments are received they are processed and then considered by a hearing body or zoning administrator. At that point it can be appealed: 3 level appeal: Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors.

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David Barclay: Process of reviewing and asking questions?

Ed Best: Q: Can planning provide some background that gives MAC “playing field” to provide comment? A: Initially, no, what DCD wants is how you feel about project, not necessarily “law” of project.

Michael McDonald: Would like things reviewed by MAC v. individually.

Steve Mick: Q: Interactive process and provide massaging of plans and provide recommendations

**a.) Discussed the initial Alamo MAC survey results on areas of interest/sub-committees**

- 1.) Parks and Recreation (4) \*\* Nancy/Steve
  - a. MAC moved to motion that members Mick and Dommes remain as representatives on the Park and Recreation (R-7A) Committee; motion was seconded and passed unanimously
- 2.) Land-use Planning (3) put code enforcement here. \*\*
- 3.) Public Safety (4)/Transportation \*\* Janet Miller Evans
- 4.) Lighting and Landscape (2)
- 5.) Transportation
- 6.) Code Enforcement (1)

Does group like committees? Member Mick stated too many sub-committees; must consolidate. Member Best recommended combining Parks and Recreation and Lighting and Landscaping.

Member Miller Evans asked about current status of Roads Advisory Committee? Where did they leave off? Work needs to be done. Jen Quallick to request that Public Works be present at January 19, 2009 meeting to provide update.

Public Comment – Alicia Watson: wants to see public at sub-committee meetings. It would be in MAC’s best interest. Mike Gibson: whole idea of MAC was to be transparent. Sub-committee’s need to be made public. Public safety connects with Land use, etc. Sharon Burke: The Roads Advisory Committee has been advising on the Area of Benefit fund, so it’s not just transportation. Her opinion Public Safety & Traffic are too much to have together. Dave Davis: All sub-committees need to be open to the public. Smitty Schmidt: Needs more than 2 people on sub-committee. Vicki Koc: requests separate committees for P-District and Transportation. The purpose of these subcommittees is to get ourselves informed.

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**7. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. R-7A Report out
- b. Zone 36 Report out
- c. CERTS (Community Emergency Response Teams)

**9. Adjourned at 9:46PM to next meeting: January 5, 2010**