



Contra Costa County

2014 Annual Board Report – Alamo Municipal Advisory Council

Advisory Body Name: Alamo Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting time/location: 1st Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Boulevard, Alamo, CA (Alternate Location: Hap Magee Ranch Park, 1025 La Gonda, Danville, CA)

Chair: David Barclay

Vice Chair: Anne Struthers

Members: Mike McDonald, Ed Best, David Bowlby (January – March), Steve Mick, Susan Rock, Jill Winspear (July – December), Aron DeFerrari (Alternate, voting member only when another member is absent, September – December)

Subcommittees:

- Parks and Recreation – David Barclay, Ed Best, Steve Mick
- AOB Subcommittee for downtown – David Barclay, Mike McDonald, Susan Rock, Anne Struthers
- AOB Subcommittee for Schools – Ed Best, Steve Mick, Susan Rock
- Land Use – David Barclay, Jill Winspear, Michael McDonald
- Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee – Anne Struthers
- Hap Magee Dog Park – Mike McDonald

Staff Support: Gayle Israel and Donna Maxwell (Jennifer Quallick starting in December)

Activities and Accomplishments

- Reviewed and provided recommendations for 31 land use applications in Alamo.
 - Provide forum for public comments
- Reviewed and provided recommendations regarding proposed budgets for CSA R-7A, and Landscape and Lighting Zones 36, 45, and 54.
- Provided oversight and recommendations regarding CSA R-7A recreational programming (4 concerts in the park, and movie nights).
- Reviewed and provided recommendations for a YMCA Recreation Program that will serve Alamo residents. This included several meetings with YMCA and Public Works

representatives including the discussion and recommendation for contract terms, user fees, and financial subsidy using R7-A funds, if necessary.

- Provided recommendations based upon public input regarding projects to be included in the County AOB/CRIPP list for the Alamo area. The projects focused on pedestrian safety and included the following:
 - A signalized intersection at Livorna Road and Wilson to improve pedestrian safety for the Alamo Elementary School. (project currently under construction)
 - Striping improvements for the intersection of Jackson Way and Danville Boulevard in the downtown area. (project completed over the summer)
 - Final design and cost estimate for a downtown roundabout at the intersection of Orchard Court, Danville Boulevard, and the main entrance to the shopping plaza.
- Continued to follow up and monitor Public Works progress regarding the approved Bocce Ball Court project at Livorna Park. The East Bay Regional Park District approved funding for the project using Measure WW funds. The project is fully funded and waiting for final plans and implementation.
- Worked with Public Works regarding the preservation of the downtown Boulevard of Trees.
- Recommended to Supervisor Andersen the acquisition of .70 acres at the corner of Danville Boulevard and Hemme Way for the purpose of developing a Iron Horse Trail side park. This property was successfully acquired from the San Ramon Valley Fire District in July 2014.
 - Currently working with Public Works in the park planning and community outreach efforts.
- Reviewed and recommended the construction of a memorial labyrinth located at Hap Magee Park. The Alamo Methodist Church sponsored this effort.
- Relocated meeting location from Hap Magee Park to the Alamo Women's Club, which is more centrally located.
- Continued relationship development with the Alamo Improvement Association.

Work Plan and Objectives for 2015

- Monitor and make recommendations regarding proposed expenditures by CSA R-7A and the lighting and landscaping districts.
- Proceed with a phased sidewalk improvement and tree protection program on Danville Boulevard with Zone 36 funds as available.
- Continue working with Public Works in the implementation of the AOB projects identified above.
- Work with the Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee to complete the installation of traffic speed feedback signs on both ends of downtown on Danville Boulevard.
- Continue working with Public Works to complete the design and proceed with the construction of two bocce ball courts in Livorna Park.
- Continue to provide recreation programming in the form of movie night at Livorna Park and the Summer Concert Series at Livorna Park.

- Through the Parks and Recreation subcommittee, continue the search for additional park sites for Alamo.
- Monitor and evaluate the results of the new YMCA Recreational Programming for Alamo. Make recommendations for adjustments, as necessary.
- Evaluate and develop recommendations for land-use applications that come before the MAC to ensure compliance with code requirements, consistency with the community of Alamo, and listen to public concerns and opinions on such matters.
- Continue the planning and community outreach efforts for the new Hemme Park. Recommend a final site plan and start the CEQA approval process.

Attendance

- January – Struthers absent
- February – All present
- March – All present
- March Special Meeting – Bowlby & Mick absent
- April – Mick absent
- May – All present (Bowlby resigned on April 24, 2014)
- June – All present (Jill Winspear appointed as new member)
- July – Barclay & Winspear absent
- August – Summer Recess, no meeting
- September – All present (Aron DeFerrari appointed as an alternate member)
- October – Struthers absent, DeFerrari as a voting member
- November – All present
- December – All present

Meeting Summary

- 12 Regular MAC Meetings, 4 Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Meetings, 2 AOB Downtown Subcommittee Meeting