

# **Contra Costa County**

# <u>2015 Annual Board Report – Alamo Municipal Advisory Council</u>

**Advisory Body Name:** Alamo Municipal Advisory Council

**Meeting time/location:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Steve Mick, Susan Rock, Jill Winspear, Aron DeFerrari, Alternate (voting member only when another member is absent), and Rachel Etherington,

Youth Member

#### **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 (Winspear will come off the Land Use Subcommittee and be appointed to the Police Services Committee)

Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee – Anne Struthers (resigned in October) Hap Magee Dog Park – Mike McDonald

**Staff Support:** Jennifer Quallick

**Budget:** \$3,000/year. The entire #3k budget is used for meeting location rental space at Alamo Women's Club.

### **Activities and Accomplishments for 2015**

- Reviewed and provided recommendations for 21 land use applications in Alamo.
  - Provide forum for public comment
  - Barclay and McDonald conducted field reviews

- 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 program offerings, user fees, and financial subsidy using R7-A funds, if necessary.
- During 2014, the MAC 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:
  - The signalized intersection at Livorna Road and Wilson was completed and operational during the year.
  - Continued to provide input to Public Works regarding the design 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, scheduled to occur in 2016.
- Conducted public outreach over a 6-month period, which resulted in design recommendations for the new Hemme Station Park located at the corner of Hemme Way and Danville Boulevard adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail. Public Works has scheduled the project for construction during the summer of 2016. This property was successfully acquired from the San Ramon Valley Fire District in July 2014.
- Reviewed and recommended the construction of a memorial labyrinth located at Hap Magee Park. The labyrinth was completed during 2015 and was a privately funded project within the park.
- Continued relationship development with the Alamo Improvement Association.

### Work Plan and Objectives for 2016

- 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 design and implementation of the Downtown Round-a-bout.
- Continue working with Public Works in the design and implementation of Hemme Station Park.
- Work with the Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee, as needed.
- Continue working with Public Works to complete the design and proceed with the construction of two bocce ball courts at Livorna Park.

- Continue to provide recreation programming in the form of movie night at Livorna Park and the Summer Concert Series at Livorna Park.
- 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.

#### **Attendance**

- January Barclay, Winspear absent
- February McDonald Absent
- March All present
- April All present
- May McDonald, DeFarrari absent
- June All present
- July Best. McDonald absent
- August Summer Recess, no meeting
- September Best absent
- October Mick absent,
- November All present
- December All present

## **Meeting Summary**

 11 Regular MAC Meetings, 3 Parks and Recreation Subcommittee Meetings, 2 Downtown Subcommittee Meetings