# Byron Municipal Advisory Council



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The Byron Municipal Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.

# **2017 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors**

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## **Activities and Accomplishments**

The primary goals of the Byron MAC in 2017 were to increase community awareness and participation at the monthly MAC meetings and to represent the community's interests, concerns and voice for the Board of Supervisors.

The MAC received informative presentations and provided thoughtful feedback on matters that impact Byron and look forward to receiving additional updates in 2018:

- Apr: County Public Works and California Highway Patrol regarding Camino Diablo Road
- May: County Public Works regarding Sidewalk Improvements on Main Street
- May: County Public Works, Steve Kowalewski regarding Airport Connector Update
- Aug: Stanley Muraoka, Department of Conservation and Development regarding the proposed Urban Farm Ordinance

The MAC's activities and efforts have resulted in improvements and changes in 2017:

- A successful Community Clean-Up Day was held October 7, 2017. The Brentwood Disposal Company donated dumpster bins and staff time for the event. The community cleanup was free of charge to all Bethel Island residents.
- Implementation of the Camino Diablo/Byron Highway Intersection Improvement Project

- New sidewalks in downtown Byron on Main Street
- Implementation of No Truck signs on Camino Diablo
- Continuing to promote and expand the Heart Safe Communities program.
- Continuing to work with the Sheriff's Department, East Contra Costa Fire Protection District and California Highway Patrol on safety concerns within the Byron community.
- Participating in the guarterly East County Community Disaster Committee.

The MAC receives monthly reports from the following agencies:

- California Highway Patrol Officer Donnie Thomas
- Contra Costa Sheriff's Department Tony Fontenot, Crime Prevention Specialist
- East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Battalion Chief, Ross Macumber
- Office of Supervisor Diane Burgis Lea Castleberry, Deputy Chief of Staff

The MAC has become a place where Byron residents can receive updated information on services provided by Contra Costa County and/or other local agencies such as public health, safety, welfare, public works and planning.

# 2017 Membership

Chair, Father Ron Schmit Vice Chair, Timothy Maggiore Councilmember, Dennis Lopez Councilmember, Mike Nisen Councilmember, Linda Thuman

#### Attendance in 2017

January - Meeting Cancelled

February – Meeting Cancelled

March – No Absences

April – Vice Chair Maggiore Absent

May – No Absences

June – Chair Schmit and Vice Chair Maggiore Absent

July - Meeting Cancelled

August – Councilmembers Thuman and Nisen Absent

September – Meeting Cancelled

October - Vice Chair Maggiore Absent

November – Vice Chair Maggiore Absent

December - Meeting Cancelled

#### **MAC Work Plan and Objectives for 2018**

The Byron MAC priorities for 2018 will continue to provide the community with the opportunity to communicate with the various County Departments.

We will work to schedule pertinent and informative speak presentations at the monthly meetings.

We will continue to work on items including:

- 1. Code Enforcement Priorities
- 2. Heart Safe Communities Program
- 3. Transportation Outreach
- 4. Public Safety Outreach
- 5. Annual Community Clean Up
- 6. Emergency Operation Plan

The Byron MAC is scheduled to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00p.m. at the Byron unified School District Board Room.