Knightsen Town Advisory Council



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

2020 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

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Submitted by: Kim Carone, Chairperson

Activities and Accomplishments

The primary goals of the Knightsen TAC in 2020 were to increase community awareness and participation at the monthly TAC meetings and to represent the community's interests, concerns and voice to the Board of Supervisors.

The TAC received informative presentations and provided thoughtful feedback on matters that impact the Knightsen community and look forward to receiving additional updates in 2021:

- Jan: Steve Ohmstede, Knightsen Ambassador for East Contra Costa County Fire Protection District regarding the District's Local Revenue Measure Feasibility Project.
- Aug: Abby Fateman, East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy and Mitch Avalon, County Public Works regarding the proposed Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project.

The TAC's activities and efforts have resulted in improvements and changes in 2020:

- A successful Community Clean-Up Day was held October 17, 2020. The Mount Diablo Resource and Recovery donated dumpster bins and staff time for the event. The community cleanup was free of charge to all rate paying residents of Knightsen.
- Downtown Knightsen Beautification Project which includes solar lighting for community welcome sign and portable landscaping.
- Continuing to work with the Sheriff's Department, East Contra Costa Fire Protection District and California Highway Patrol on safety concerns within the Knightsen community.

 The Knightsen TAC sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors on October 28, 2020 sharing the public comment received as it pertains to the proposed Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project. (Letter enclosed)

The TAC receives monthly reports from the following agencies:

- California Highway Patrol Officer Donnie Thomas
- Contra Costa Sheriff's Department Lt. Mark Johnson
- East Contra Costa Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Ross Macumber and Director Stephen Smith
- Knightsen Community Services District
- Office of Supervisor Diane Burgis Lea Castleberry, Deputy Chief of Staff

The TAC has become a place where Knightsen 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.

2020 Membership

Chair, Kim Carone Vice Chair, Andrew Steudle Councilmember, Debbie Allsup Councilmember, Maria Jehs Councilmember, Karen Reyna

Attendance in 2020

January – All Members Present
February – All Members Present
March – Meeting Cancelled
April – All Members Present
May – All Members Present
June – All Members Present
July – All Members Present
August – All Members Present
September – All Members Present
October – All Members Present
November – Meeting Cancelled
December – Meeting Cancelled

TAC Work Plan and Objectives for 2021

The Knightsen TAC priorities for 2021 will be to increase community awareness and participation at the monthly TAC meetings and to represent the community's interests, concerns and voice to the Board of Supervisors.

We will continue to work on items including:

- 1. Code Enforcement Priorities
- 2. Transportation Outreach
- 3. Public Safety Outreach
- 4. Downtown Beautification
- 5. Knightsen Community Events

The Knightsen TAC is scheduled to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30p.m. at the Knightsen Farm Bureau located at 3020 Second Street in Knightsen or virtually due to Covid-19.