

Contra Costa County
Board of Supervisors

2022 Annual Advisory Body Report
Alamo Municipal Advisory Council

Advisory Body Name: Alamo Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting Time/Location: First Tuesday of the Month, 6:00pm

Alamo Women's Club, 1401 Danville Boulevard, Alamo, CA

Note: During 2022, one meeting was held at Stone Valley Middle School in person; three meetings were held at Alamo Women's Club, in person; all other meetings were held via Zoom teleconferencing software

Chair: Sharon Burke

Vice Chair: Heather Chaput

Members (at year end): Cecily Barclay, Robert Brannan, Robert Mowat, Michaela Straznicka, Anne Struthers, Michelle Parkinson (alternate) and Robert Kan, Youth Representative

Subcommittees (at year end):

Alamo Area of Benefit Committee: Barclay

Schools: Parkinson, Kan

Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee (CSA P-2, Zone B): Brannan, Chaput (alternate)

Land Use Planning: Barclay (Chair), Brannan, Mowat

Iron Horse Corridor: Struthers

Parks and Recreation: Struthers (Chair), Burke, Chaput

Trees and Landscape: Burke, Mowat

Staff Support: Cameron Collins

Budget: \$3,000 per year. The entire \$3,000 budget is used to defray meeting expenditures at the Alamo Women's Club.

Activities and Accomplishments for 2022:

Reviewed and provided recommendations for 18 planning applications in Alamo. Members Barclay, Brannan and Mowat reviewed and made recommendations prior to every MAC meeting, including site visits if necessary.

Provided forum for public comment on community concerns.

Reviewed quarterly financial statements and provided recommendations regarding proposed budgets for CSA R-7A and Landscape and Lighting Districts Zones 36, 45 and 54.

Provided oversight and recommendations for CSA R-7A recreational programming and special events. Sponsored two outdoor movies and three concerts at Livorna Park. Provided a contribution for the 2022 holiday tree lighting townwide event.

Provided oversight and recommendations on the Danville Boulevard/Orchard Court Improvements Project (Roundabout) in downtown Alamo.

Provided oversight, recommended funding and oversaw installation of the shade sail project at Hemme Station Park to provide much needed shade for the playground structure.

Provided input and represented Alamo residents on the Iron Horse Corridor Committee.

Took action on results of the 2021 recreation survey sent to Alamo residents by undertaking discussions with the Town of Danville and City of Walnut Creek about providing recreation programming for CSA R-7A. By end of year, the City of Walnut Creek made proposals to the MAC and negotiations were nearly concluded to start recreation programming at Alamo Women's Club in January 2023.

Instigated negotiations with the Alamo Women's Club for the regular leasing of two days per week at the Clubhouse facility to provide recreation programming for Alamo residents along with meeting space for Alamo's Board appointed advisory bodies.

Heard a preliminary work plan for needed renovations at twenty five year old Livorna Park.

Accepted the donation of a park bench handmade by PG&E employee Tom Guarino from an Alamo scarlet oak that PG&E needed to remove due to encroachment on a utility box. Recommended placement of the bench at Andrew H. Young Park and sponsored a gathering to dedicate the bench.

Recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the Board initiate a Contra Costa LAFCO process to enable CSA R-7A to exercise its latent powers to provide landscaping and beautification on Alamo's major roads, pay the expenditures of the MAC and operate community facilities. Worked with Public Works staff to write a Board order beginning this process which was adopted in October.

Work Plan and Objectives for 2023:

Work with City of Walnut Creek to provide recreation programming for Alamo residents with particular emphasis on preschoolers and seniors.

Oversee implementation of the Danville Boulevard/Orchard Court Improvements Project (Roundabout) and communicate with Alamo residents about the process.

Continue to look for other park locations in Alamo.

Sponsor two movie nights and four concerts at Livorna Park. Provide funding to the Alamo Rotary Club's Holiday Tree Lighting Festival.

Monitor the County's Envision 2040 process.

Evaluate and develop recommendations for land use applications that come before the MAC to ensure compliance with code requirements, to ensure consistency with the community of Alamo, and to listen to public concerns and opinions on such matters.

Work with County Counsel and Special Districts to monitor the LAFCO process to enable latent powers for CSA R-7A.

Work with Special Districts to implement the maintenance plan for public trees on Danville Boulevard using Zone 36 funds.

Work with Special Districts to undertake the renovation of Livorna Park using a public outreach process.

Attendance:

All meetings conducted virtually via Zoom software unless noted

January: Mowat, Lopez absent

February: Brannan

March: Chaput, Lopez absent

April: All present, one vacant seat

May: Youth Member Herron absent

June: Brannan, Youth Member Kan absent

July: Meeting cancelled

August: Brannan, Youth Member Kan absent

September: Struthers absent

October: Burke, Struthers absent

November: All present

December: Scheduled for December 6

Eleven meetings total