

**LAKELAND VILLAGE / WILDOMAR PAC  
MINUTE ORDER**

Mission Trail Library  
34303 Mission Trail, Wildomar  
**Wednesday March 18, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Aurelio Aguirre	Riverside County – EDA
Erlan Gonzalez	Riverside County – EDA
Paloma Hernandez-Barker	Riverside County – EDA
Robert Caliva	1 <sup>st</sup> District Supervisor Buster
JoAnn McCracken	PAC
Barbara Dye	PAC
Deborah Zubak-Wolar	PAC
Barbara Harrison	PAC
George Cambero	PAC
John Garrett	PAC
Kami Sabetzadeh	PAC
Karl Nordgren	PAC
Harold Burgess	PAC
Jeff George	PAC
John Johnson	PAC

**Members Not Present**

Richard Heil            PAC

**I.     Welcome and Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance and verbal roll call.

**II.    Approval of Agenda**

Regional Trails and HOPE is moved up after the approval of the Minutes as the presenters need to leave early. Action Item A. Community Center is moved down to Discussion Items. The Agenda is unanimously approved as amended.

**III.   Approval of Minutes**

Barbara Dye inquires if the person speaking for EDA could be identified by their name instead of “EDA states”. Under Action Item B. Community Center in the fourth paragraph where it reads, “Kami states he told the city...” is corrected to “Kami states RDA PAC would...” In the sixth paragraph of Action Item B. Community Center, “EDA advices” is corrected to “EDA advises.” Under Action Item C. Transportation- Blackwell Recommended Funding in the third sentence of the third paragraph; “they” is corrected to “the.” Under Action Item F. Façade Improvement Project, in the first sentence of the third paragraph; “we” is taken out of the sentence. Under Public Comment, in the first sentence, “o” is corrected to “go.” Barbara Dye motions that the minutes are approved as corrected. Harold Burgess seconds the minutes. All are in favor and the minutes are approved.

**IV.    Action Items**

There are no Action Items at this time.

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. Fire Station**

Erlan Gonzalez reports EDA is still in search of a property. The Fire Department has changed the response area from Palomar to Baxter and Central due to a recent Response Study they conducted.

**B. Perret Park**

On February 25, 2009, EDA conducted a site visit with David Evans and Associates, and several of the PAC members. David Evans has taken notes of the PAC's comments and will have a proposal to EDA tomorrow for the cost of design. Once this is submitted and approved, DEA will begin to draft ideas.

Barbara Harrison, one of the PAC members who attended the site meeting, refers back to it and advises the group of the suggestions made. They suggested more shade areas with a few added BBQ's. Other items discussed were a volleyball court, cover over the playground, solar lighting, trees, more boulders on the rip-wrap, and additional trash cans.

Overall, they would like to enhance the park keeping the costs as low as possible.

**C. Regional Trails**

Gary Andre, a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Wildomar, is at the meeting to give a presentation on the Regional Trails. He created a map which includes the trails in an approximate 105 to 120 square miles. Referring to several areas on the map, he states he would like to discuss two staging areas; Perret Park and Marna O'Brien Park.

Beginning with Perret Park, Mr. Andre states that this particular park is not near a horse community. The regional trail in this area is for walking and biking and not for equestrian use. Thus, it is suggested that Perret Park should be made into a staging area in which it will only be used for walking and biking. With this, there would be no change required other than putting up a sign that states "Staging area: walking and biking, no equestrian use." Gary states that people cannot have the connection to the National Forest, in which people walk on a daily basis in Lakeland Village, unless there is a staging area.

The second staging area Mr. Andre would like to discuss is Marna O'Brien. It is suggested that Marna O'Brien be used as a staging area for a multi-use trail, which would include equestrians. Thus, it would be required to have a few parking spaces added for equestrians along with a crosswalk.

Barbara Dye mentions the staging area at Hays is being used as a landing area by the hand gliders. She inquires if a staging area sign would be needed there as well. Referring to his map, Mr. Andre states that there will be no staging area at this location but at a different location.

Mr. Andre requests that the proposed staging areas for the Regional Trails become an Action Item for the next PAC meeting so that it may be further

discussed, possibly be approved and supported by the PAC. Mr. Andre adds the reason why Marna O'Brien cannot be a Regional Staging Area is because it is not a Regional Park. Therefore, he must go through RDA and discuss it with the PAC.

Barbara Harrison requests for Gary Andre to state exactly what he would like the PAC to motion. Mr. Andre is requesting the PAC to recommend to the commissioner for Perret Park and Marna O'Brien to become staging areas.

Barbara Dye shows a map of the Lakeland Village Trails to Aurelio Aguirre of EDA. The map shows which side of Grand Avenue the trails are on and the crossing of the trails on Fairmont. EDA requests a copy of the map. Barbara Dye states she will email a copy to EDA.

#### **D. HOPE Presentation**

Kami introduces Ron Howitson who will be giving a brief overview of HOPE. Ron begins by defining HOPE as Helping Our People in Elsinore, which covers the areas of Horse Thief Canyon to Clinton Keith across to Meadowbrook and across to Lakeland Village. Although the organization is called Helping Our People in Elsinore, it is actually serving 140 square miles, helping 100,000 people. Elsinore has about 48,000 at the moment. For this reason, Ron has been speaking with Elsinore City Counsel, Wildomar City Counsel, and Canyon Lake City Counsel and tonight will be updating the PAC on their status.

He states that HOPE is an all volunteer group that was created in 1990. In 1992, HOPE became operational by ten or twelve churches who decided to create a central distribution point.

Ron makes the PAC aware there is a perception that HOPE only helps the homeless and those who may be illegal. The fact is, yes they do feed them because HOPE feels that all people who need food should get food, but not everyone they help falls in these categories. The homeless program accounts for approximately 1% of what HOPE does. Truth is, HOPE helps low income people.

HOPE develops many programs through the CDBG Program with the County of Riverside. CDBG has a requirement that 51% of those that they assist are in the low income bracket. HOPE is so strict that 100% of the people they assist are low income. Ron reports they have finished their CDBG funding for this year but they still exercise the same controls for the last half of the year as they did for the first half. Over the years they have developed specific defined programs in which they all have the same residency and income requirements which are all CDBG and HUD driven. HUD has recommended income levels for the city, for low income is 41%. HOPE is actually stricter than HUD in the sense that they enforce, again, 100% low income.

There are a few food programs that HOPE consists of. One program is called "The Pantry," which covers residency and income for seniors that are 60 years or older. Currently there are 232 seniors a month. Of those 232, between fifty-five to sixty are shut-ins and are delivered to. There are about thirty-five families in

which the grandparents are raising their grandchildren. There are single parents raising teens, this is believed to be the result of imprisonment or divorce. HOPE's objective is to be proactive towards preventing homelessness rather than respond to the people once they are homeless. Also, there are those who are fifty plus years old and are on SSI. They are not going to get full Social Security for another ten to twelve years.

HOPE continues to work with churches. Most days, they get church referrals. At every school site, there is a primary and secondary HOPE liaison. They now don't have to refer to the school district office. The school sites now have HOPE referrals and if they see a child or family in need, they can send the child directly to HOPE to get what they need.

HOPE has worked with DPSS for many years. When people come in to sign up for food stamps, it takes some time. On the day the family applies, and while they wait on either approval or denial, DPSS gives the family a referral and sends them to HOPE. Each family member gets twelve days of food, which is thought to be a balanced nutritional menu. All together, HOPE is helping about 950 people per month through "The Pantry" and distributing about 28,000 meals per month.

Ron states that they have seen significant growth. In 2005-2006, HOPE distributed 62,000 meals in the community. The following year, it increased to 104,000. Last year, 225,000 meals were distributed. This year so far, there have already been over 200,000 meals. Of the 950 plus people a month, 15% to 20% are Wildomar. Since Lakeland Village and Lake Elsinore both have the same zip code, 92530, Ron cannot break out the percentage for Lakeland Village.

Each month, HOPE does the commodities of USDA funded programs. HOPE is one of the commodities distributor for the area. The government gives HOPE food such as rice, beans, and corn, which they distribute every second Saturday of the month. He states last Saturday they fed about 1,800 people.

HOPE's newest program is called Fresh Rescue. In this program, Albertsons donates their bread and dairy products instead of throwing them away. Sixty Wildomar families are registered for this program and receive their food on every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

There is a clothing program in which they clothe about fifty school kids a month. The primary helper of this area is School Bell of Temecula but many of the families cannot get there for their kids to get sized. Many of the families do miss the sign up time. The school district now sends in referrals stating the age and size of the child so that HOPE can put the clothing together for them.

HOPE gets a CDBG Grant, in which PNL is produced off the grant. By the time it is produced, the cash PNL is approximately five times the amount. By the time the cash PNL is turned into the tax return, it's fifteen times the amount.

Due to the continuous growth in need of these services, they are definitely in a building which is becoming too small for the organization. It is suggested they

continue to be where they are, but work with other pantries and have a central location with supplies. They will need a bigger building which will give them more room with parking, storage, and freezers.

Barbara Harrison inquires how many square feet Ron thinks HOPE will need in a building. Ron responds that they will need about 6,000 sq. ft. Barbara Dye inquires if the 6,000 sq. ft. would be for a bigger facility or for a satellite facility. Ron responds that satellite facilities would only be a couple thousand square feet and the 6,000 sq. ft. would be for a central location.

Kami encourages the PAC to discuss this further in future meetings and try to get more information so PAC can help them. Aurelio states if PAC is going to assist HOPE in funding and PAC is going to look for a facility, HOPE will move their whole operation over here. Barbara Harrison inquires if the County is in favor of PAC helping this organization. Aurelio explains that this concept has not been brought forth to anyone. Aurelio adds it would need to be brought forth to the Supervisor. The question is, will he agree and approve the recommendation.

Barbara Harrison states the PAC would like to ask him to consider funding for a building for HOPE and make that an Action Item at some point. Barbara adds that the PAC needs to discuss whether they are going to fund the whole central building or just donate some money, or are they going to look for a satellite office.

Barbara Dye states the reason why Jim Trimmer, a member of the audience, is present tonight is because he has 2,500 square feet of empty storage space. He is interested in what the organization does, and came to hear Ron's presentation. His building is in Lakeland Village along Grand Avenue. Ron and Jim have already spoken regarding this.

Kami requests that Aurelio looks into other funds available through the County that can help HOPE.

It is asked that Ron specifically states what the organization is requesting for the PAC to do and what type of building they need.

JoAnn McCracken inquires if PAC can fund the construction of a building that HOPE can run. Several PAC members answer yes.

Barbara Dye inquires what needs to be done next. Barbara Harrison states that as a group, PAC needs to discuss this for the next few months and decide what they want to do. Then, they need to formulate this into a plan and present it to HOPE. If HOPE approves, they will then need to submit it to Supervisor Buster for approval.

George Cambero suggests that the PAC work with Ron more in detail outside the PAC meetings so they can obtain a better idea of what Ron wants. George also suggests looking at the situation from different views. He mentions from the school district view, Wildomar has about 38% of the school population, however, this area is centrally located.

Aurelio Aguirre recommends for the County to seek other groups that can also be a part of funding this and together decide the location of the facility.

Barbara Harrison states that this should be kept as a Discussion Item for next month. Kami has the most contact with Ron so he should keep working with him so the PAC has some direction on this subject for the next meeting.

**E. Community Center- Survey**

Kami reports the council approved the survey at the last Wildomar City Council meeting. Harold, Richard, JoAnn, and Kami will need to meet with the City Manager of Wildomar to discuss what the PAC's and the City's plans are regarding the community center.

It was decided that this topic does not need to be an Action Item for the time being and will be placed under Discussion Items.

Erlan Gonzalez states that EDA has met with the City Manager who is very interested in working with RDA to contract with a firm who will do the survey. However, the City Manager does need to take it before the council for approval. So long as there is approval by the council, the City of Wildomar will pay for Wildomar costs and the County will pay for the Lakeland Village costs. Kami requests that in the future, the committee is invited to the meetings between EDA and the City of Wildomar.

After further conversation, it is decided that for now this subject would best fit under Committee Reports.

**F. Membership Issues**

Erlan Gonzalez states that EDA received an email questioning whether Kami Sabetzadeh lived within the project area. Kami is on the PAC as a community organization. For clarification purposes, it was stated that Kami is a part of a nonprofit organization which serves the project area. Hence, he is able to be on the PAC. It was found, however, after Karl Nordgren purchased a home in Wildomar, his new address is outside the project area.

A member of the public inquires if anyone who represents a non-profit organization can be eligible for the PAC even if they live outside the PAC area. It is restated the organization does not have to be in the project area as long as it provides a service to the Lakeland Village/Wildomar project area. There are only two community organization positions required on the PAC; one currently filled and one vacant. The organization that Kami serves on is the Wildomar Community Council.

After determining that Karl Nordgren no longer lives within the project area, it is decided "Membership" needs to be an Action Item for the next PAC meeting.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**A. Flood**

Barbara Dye requests the status for the Palomar Street and Sewer Improvement Project. Erlan reports they had to work out some engineering issues and new submittals. The issues have been addressed and the PAC should see movement on the project beginning Monday. Erlan adds the contractor will be pouring a 200 feet concrete blanket over a shallow water line.

**B. Graffiti**

Deborah reports the graffiti is being cleaned up a little more from the last time they got hit.

Barbara Harrison inquires if there are still enough funds left for Graffiti or if there needs to be an action taken sometime in the future. Deborah reports there are still enough funds. Barbara Harrison requests that once the funds start running out, to please make the PAC aware so they can take an action on it.

**C. Façade**

Erlan updates the PAC that EDA has received an application from Wayne Williams Insurance/C&T Auto Sales, located right at the beginning of Lakeland Village. EDA is still waiting on the mini market that is next door to the one previously mentioned. Unfortunately, EDA has not heard from them yet. Barbara Harrison inquires if any other businesses have been applying. Erlan reports they are still looking but if the PAC has any suggestions, please let them know. Paloma Hernandez-Barker mentions they received a phone call from a business owner who was interested in the program, but they were outside the County, within the City of Lake Elsinore. She referred them to the right entity in their area.

Barbara Dye inquires on the meeting with Ly Gas Station regarding their sign. Paloma states that they did have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow, but the owner called her and said she would not be able to make it. Paloma advises she will set up a conference call with the owner and architect to sort out these issues.

Aurelio adds that when they met with the City Manager of Wildomar, the City was informed about the Façade Program so that if they have any suggestions, the City can inform EDA.

Barbara Dye refers to a previous PAC meeting in which EDA stated that the Lakeland Village/Wildomar PAC was the only formal PAC in the County of Riverside. She inquires if the other project areas such as Jurupa already had their thirty year time span for the PAC. Aurelio explains that at one point, some communities had PAC's and some didn't. The reason why a PAC is activated is for only one reason; eminent domain, part of Redevelopment. Aurelio refers to the lawsuit with the Lakeland Village/Wildomar PAC, in which the judges ruled on behalf of the community, where the settlement required the PAC to be effective for 30 years. By law, all that is needed for a PAC is three years, but the Lakeland Village/Wildomar PAC gets thirty years.

**D. Trails/Parks Committee**

Kami would like to put this as an Action Item. Barbara Harrison said it will be done during "Setting Items for Next Meeting."

**E. New Land Development**

There are no updates on this item at this time.

**F. Wildomar City Council Liaison**

There are no further updates on this item.

**G. Business Development / Promotion**

There are no updates on this item at this time.

**VII. Information Items**

Barbara Dye reports on April 4, 2009, there will be an Egg Extravaganza from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the ball fields on Gruwell. All proceeds will benefit the Wildomar Boy Scouts Group. Barbara also reports on an email she received from Gene Simmons on the LEAPS Project. The CPUC Commission has just issued a draft decision that would send a controversial power line proposed back to the starting point.

Barbara Dye reports that she attended a SAFE Presentation with Sergeant Smith at the Wildomar City Council. SAFE is a program that stands for Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement. Barbara hands out brochures that she received from them to the PAC. She also reports that in the last couple of weeks Elsinore Water District and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District were talking about consolidation of the two water districts. It has been decided that they are not going to consolidate.

Robert Caliva announces the 1<sup>st</sup> District office has opened in Wildomar. The phone number is 951-609-1326 and is located off of Clinton Keith on the left hand side at the second light, in Suite B. The office will be open Wednesday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Referring to the Financial Report, JoAnn McCracken inquires what the Surplus Property is in reference to. Aurelio explains that the team has been researching it but there have been major changes within EDA that have delayed further research. Once EDA receives the answer, Aurelio will email it to the PAC. Barbara Dye inquires on the Lakeland Village/Wildomar Trails project and the \$7,000 that has already been spent. Aurelio explains this money was an Agreement with Transportation.

Barbara Dye points out that Transportation is not on the Agenda. Transportation becomes Committee Report H.

**VIII. Setting Items for Next Meeting**

Perret Park, Marna O'Brien Staging Areas becomes Action Item A. Membership becomes Action Item B. HOPE stays as Discussion Item D. Transportation becomes Committee Report H. Community Center becomes Committee Report I.

**IX. Public Comment**

A member of the public expresses concern over the Perret Park and Marna O' Brien Staging Areas. Referring to the forest representative to the trails, she states they cannot move forward with Lakeland Village Trails without a designated area also known as a staging area. She inquires if they can separate these from Lakeland Village and Wildomar. Barbara Dye states that when she was on the Trails Committee, there was a staging area at Hays right at the base of the mountain. She asks if that has

disappeared. It is stated that it is not in writing and it has been taken off. Robert Caliva agrees and states the two should be separated because there are two different bodies involved; the City Council of Wildomar and the Board of Supervisors with the County of Riverside. He suggests that in the end, the recommendations should be made separately.

A general contractor, who identifies himself as Charlie Dominguez, is present and states he is very familiar with a program that the City of Riverside has in which land that is owned by the City is leased to a person that can develop it, and eventually sells it to them. This is something that Riverside City is doing. Charlie suggests for this idea to be adopted by Lakeland Village. Aurelio states that he will research this program as it can eliminate blighted conditioned buildings.

**X. Adjournment**

The Next PAC meeting will be held on April 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Barbara Dye motions to adjourn, JoAnn McCracken seconds, all in favor, motion passed.