

AGENDA
City of Santa Rosa Community Advisory Board
February 25, 2009
415 STEELE LANE – Room 2
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there will be a Community Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 415 Steele Lane, Room 2.

- I. Call to Order
Public Appearances
- II. Neighborhood Leaders – 30 Minutes
This is a time for Neighborhood Leaders to address the CAB to share issues and concerns they would like the CAB assistance.
- III. Minutes – January 28, 2009 meeting
- IV. Action Items:
 - Neighborhood budget conversations: Russ, Tanya, Lee, Julie, and Marv all held a meeting. Lee reminded members about the inclusive workforce training.
 - Review potential changes to the CIG application
 - Choose a couple of applications to include on the webpage for examples of grant proposals.
 - Send a list of other standing City Council committees to the CAB
 - Pat will draft a letter for CAB review in February stating they wanted to continue to be involved in Strategic Planning Committees
 - Bring current CIP's for new CAB members
 - Continue to discuss goals of the CAB at future meetings.
- V. Introductions – 45 minutes
- VI. Chair Report- 30 minutes
- VII. Discussion: Changes to Grant Process
- VIII. Emerging Topics - 10 minutes
- IX. Election of Vice Chair and Appointment of Executive Committee Members.
- X. Discussion: This year's goals. 25 minutes
- XI. Strategic Plan Committee Reports: See attached - 10 minutes

Creating a Vital Downtown:
Marvin Mai, Tanya Narath

Thriving, Diverse, Health and Safe Neighborhoods:
Chris Carrieri, Lois Hopkins

Open Space and Recreational Activities:
Lois Hopkins

Creating Additional Transportation Alternatives:
Tanya Narath

Inclusive Community:
Nancy Wang

Develop Regional Gang Prevention and Intervention:

Environmental Initiatives:
Chris Carrieri

Promote a Healthy and Growing Economic Base:
June Michaels

Resources for Seniors and Youth:
Don Taylor

Organizational:
Lee Dibble

XII. Adjournment

Dated: February 19, 2009

Contact Stephanie Acuna at (707) 543-3011 with any questions regarding the agenda.
For accessible meeting information, please call (707) 543-3037.



Any writing or documents provided to a majority of the Community Advisory Board regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the City Manager's Office located at 100 Santa Rosa Ave., Room 10, during normal business hours.

GROUND RULES:

Honor person talking (no side conversations, answering cell phones, etc.)

Arrive on time and stay for entire meeting.

If you have to leave early, announce it to the group at the beginning of the meeting.

Be prepared to participate in the discussion.

CAB Strategic Planning Committee Reports – January 2009

Creating a Vital Downtown:

Marvin Mai, Tanya Narath

1. The tour of California bike race is on Sunday Feb 15. There will be road closures during the day and info is available at www.tourofcalifornia.com or srcity.org/TOC.
2. Potential Quiet Zones for Rail Service was briefed. There are several different ways to make RR crossing quiet zones. One involves putting up crossing gates at all four corners of the RR crossing intersection. Another is to put up median barriers. Both are to prevent drivers from zigzagging through the barriers. The train horn is 110 decibels so definite impact on neighborhoods and gates are expensive. Currently Guerneville Rd., Piner Rd meet standards and plans are included in some of the road upgrades in the works. 7th and 8th street are problems. NCRA is planning up to 3 trains a week by summer. SMART will be upgrading the track to welded joints which will minimize the noise but not until SMART begins in couple of years.
3. White House site. Still negotiating with developer on final plans. Currently plan on 545 space parking garage adjoining the 4 1/2 star hotel, with retail shops and possibly spa on the first floor. Currently at least 4 hotel chains showing interest and also some interest in the AT&T building.
4. Pay and display parking stations being installed. Have plans to convert some of the meter poles to bike parking and remove the rest. 4th street almost complete and then going to 5th. 5th St will also be converted to 2 hour parking from current 1 hour. During the test 33% of patrons used credit card or debit cards and accounted for 48% of the revenue. Saving money as don't have to empty the meters as often and credit/debit card money in added to account almost instantly.
5. Nothing worthwhile new on the Mervyn's site. Still hoping to attract a major retailer but in current economy uncertain and owner not to willing to spend money on reorienting the site to allow a pedestrian walkway through the mall.
6. Economic Development and Housing department reported that there are plans to increase the number of recycling cans in the downtown core.

Thriving, Diverse, Health and Safe Neighborhoods:

Chris Carrieri, Lois Hopkins

Did Not Meet

Open Space and Recreational Activities:

Lois Hopkins

Did Not Meet

Creating Additional Transportation Alternatives:

Tanya Narath

Did Not Meet

Inclusive Community:

Nancy Wang

Was unable to attend.

Develop Regional Gang Prevention and Intervention:

Did Not Meet

Environmental Initiatives:

Chris Carrieri

Summary for January and February Environmental Committee

Council has convened a staff committee chaired by Chuck Regalia and co-chaired by Dell Tredinnick to manage the city's implementation of green building strategies. Of particular emphasis are renewable energies, the city's response and focus to related legislation, and Santa Rosa's role and performance in the countywide mandate for GHG reduction goals. Michael Whitaker in Building is heading up a committee to examine options regarding the controversial energy audit retrofits on the residential side at the time of a real estate transfer of title.

Applications are being accepted for a So Co Transportation Authority staff position to coordinate cohesively all the cities and the county on the Climate Protection Campaign.

Santa Rosa staff is poised to respond to certain elements of federal stimulus funding-an example might be buildable projects related to creeks- rather than NRCS money not spent on the Prince Greenway being lost, it may be possible to resecure funds for creeks in need such as Colgan and Paulin.

On the water conservation front, the situation with federal money is different as only loans are available now. Since we are in the rainy season now one way or another, it will likely be mid March before the So Co Water Agency Board makes any declaration of supply shortage and the corresponding rationing stage to the

customers, including the City of SR. Three major interests are stakeholders: fish, recreation, and water supply to the customer entities.

Five solar arrays are now generating energy on city facilities or properties. Pending projects are proposed for Brown Farm and an interesting installation of a floating pontoon of PV panels on a pond on the biosolids side of the Laguna Treatment Plant. Cool roofs are slated for the Central Library DT (a city owned building) and Steele Lane Recreation Center.

The contractor bid packet is out now for the installation of the digester at the treatment plant for the algae to biofuels project ongoing research.

It appears there's movement at the state level to examine and relax certain building and plumbing codes pertaining to gray water systems. On a related note, it was acknowledged there is increasing interest in residential rainwater catchment or harvesting.

Facilities continue to do lighting conversions to the new generation T8 CFL's. These lamps each have double the output compared to previous generation.

Parks is doing some work on quantifying the role Santa Rosa's tree canopy performs in carbon sequestration.

Economic Development department Downtown Committee continues to work on several ongoing efforts: quantifying the parking garages use relating to concept of parking being an undervalued commodity; additional street furniture including more investment in recycling containers; and parking meter pole conversions to bike rack parking.

Promote a Healthy and Growing Economic Base:

June Michaels, Marvin Mai

Did not Meet

Resources for Seniors and Youth:

Did Not Meet

Organizational:

Lee Dibble

Did Not Meet