

City of Santa Rosa
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)
October 27, 2010 – Minutes

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Narath at 5:33 p.m. at the Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa, California.
2. Roll Call
Present: Buonaccorsi, Carrieri, Chang, Cohn, Combs, Dibble, Handy, Lee, Narath, Richardson, Topper, Wang
Absent: Barragan, Escobar, Johnson, Mai
3. Public Comments
David Walrat shared information concerning Operation E.L.F. (Everyone Loves Families), a program that helps families in need. Staff will make other departments aware of this program.
4. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the September 22, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.
5. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
6. Scheduled Items
 - 6.1 City Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Concerns
Police Chief Tom Schwedhelm provided information on parks and neighborhood safety, police protocol and policies in responding to calls, what the community can do and the shared responsibility of the public and police. He also noted that Blanca Benitez, Community Outreach Specialist, can arrange Neighborhood Watch meetings. Staff will notify Ms. Benitez of future CAB meetings. It is hoped that the CAB and police can work together in a shared partnership.

A suggestion was made to form a committee to address and prevent long term issues regarding Southwest Community Park.

6.2 Parks Picnic Policies
This item will appear on a future agenda.

6.3 Proposed Revisions to the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan
Lisa Kranz, Senior Planner in Community Development, gave a brief background and overview of the draft plan revisions for the area on Santa Rosa Avenue between Sonoma Avenue and Highway 12.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

M.J. Murphy: Thanked staff for their efforts and stressed the neighborhood desire that Alternative A, which includes a strong pedestrian representation, be recommended to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

Judy Kennedy, Neighborhood Alliance: Expressed support for Alternative A and recommended this option be recommended to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

Elizabeth: Expressed concern for those utilizing bike lanes as well as the requirement for public parking.

Board comments and concerns included having all information available as projects move forward, a need for community vision and community building, and the need for transit, fire and grant details in order to address concerns.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to draft a memo from the Board to City Council, the Planning Commission and Ms. Kranz, identifying Board concerns regarding the proposed revisions.

7. CHAIRPERSON’S AND BOARDMEMBERS’ REPORTS

A. Neighborhood Updates

Board members were reminded their monthly reports are due to the Chair no later than Friday, Oct. 29.

B. CAB Goals Updates and/or Reports

Board members gave brief updates on the progress of CAB goals.

C. Joint CAB/BPU Meeting of October 21, 2010

It was noted there was an openness and interest in neighborhoods as well as future considerations and opportunities.

D. Call A CAB

Board members were reminded of this event to be held on Wednesday, November 3 at Mary’s Pizza on Marlow Road.

E. Merit Awards Program

Invitations to this event were distributed to CAB members. This event will be held on Monday, November 8 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

F. Neighbors Summit Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16 at the Finley Center from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Flyers will be distributed on November 2nd.

8. Written Communications

None.

9. Future Items

9.1 Review of CIP issues and process

9.2 Neighborhood Services & Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force – Ellen Bailey – Dec.

9.3 Review of CAB Goals

9.4 CIG preparations for 2011

9.5 Neighbors Summit updates

9.6 Youth Summit update from Ivan and Jessica

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Finley Community Center in Santa Rosa, California.

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Tanya Narath, Chairperson

Kimberly Copperberg, Recreation Specialist