

El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

**3769 B San Pablo Dam Road, ES, 94803 - Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the Month
7:00 P.M. El Sobrante Library 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante**

Chair, Barbara Pendergrass, Vice Chair, Tom Owens, Secretary, Sharon Thygesen, Treasurer, George Cleveland, Members: James Hermann, Joseph Camacho, and Mark Porter

Year End Report for 2013

Activities

Speakers Presenting Reports Monthly

- Lt. Jon Moreland Bay Station Commander – crime report
- Officer John Pruitt, California Highway Patrol- speeding on San Pablo Dam Road
- Michelle Blackwell, Representative for East Bay Municipal Utility District-projects in El Sobrante
- Lon Goetsch, Contra Costa County Fire Battalion Chief-Stations activity
- Terrance Cheung, Chief of Staff, Supervisor John Gioia-monthly report
- Eleanor Loynd, Chair of the El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee-Planning Projects in the El Sobrante Valley; includes valley projects in the City of Richmond and unincorporated El Sobrante

Other Speakers and Topics

- Charles Ramsey, Esq. and West Contra Costa Unified School District Board Member on the requested waiver to the state on the Statutory Bonding Capacity to sell bonds already approved by voters
- Chris Lewis, Community Energy Services Corporation, CESC, a non- profit organization that provides home improvement resources to lower income families in West County. Funding comes from the County's CDBG grants.
- CCC Librarian Barbara Flynn regarding an update on the plans for the Library's Strategic Plan, information on the "Year of the Library" in Contra Costa County, and the Library's 100th Birthday celebration
- Sharon Korotkin, a member of "Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante", presenting a vision for a future vibrant downtown El Sobrante
- CCC Public Works on the budget for the El Sobrante San Pablo Dam Road side walk and landscaping project
- update on the PI by David Brockbank, Senior Planner, CCC Conservation and Development Department
- Mary Halle, Associate Civil Engineer, CCC Public Works Department, discussing the replacement of the trees, tree gates, street benches, garbage cans, and historical markers to be funded from the RSS funds of \$50,000. The majority of the trees and tree gates will be funded from the TLC Grant 10% landscaping restriction limit

- MAC hosted an El Sobrante Chamber Mixer; (members of the Chamber, other business owners and the general public attended). Mixer held prior to the regular meeting
- Other speakers not named here

Major Accomplishments

- Conducted Election of Officers
- Attended Semi-Monthly Code Enforcement meetings with Supervisor Gioia's Office and Code Enforcement Representative
- Council staffed a booth at the El Sobrante Stroll and passed out information on Council meetings, also coordinated CPR instruction by the County Fire District for the Stroll
- Supervisor John Gioia, El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council, and Boys and Girls Club of El Sobrante held an El Sobrante Cleanup Day filling one dumpster with metal, one with green items and 3 large dumpsters with trash
- Two members participate in the El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee on a monthly basis
- Through law enforcement attendance we are able to identify problem areas and citizens problems
- Addressing the homeless problem in El Sobrante with county staff and the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce ; this is an ongoing situation where many are drunk in Public. Lot of break-ins to businesses that may or may not be caused by homeless
- Participating in the "El Sobrante Renew Project" started by the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce president, Jennifer Arrouzet, to assist business owners on San Pablo Dam Road to their buildings more attractive to shoppers
- Participated in a Parks study for the El Sobrante Library
- Participated in the planning of the Side Walk Project that includes, side walk replacement for parts of San Pablo Dam road, tree replacement, planters, etc.
- Held an ESMAC mixer for the Chamber of Commerce and the business community
- Successfully filled all seven positions on the Council

Attendance

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

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Tom Owens		^	^			^	^		^	^	^	^	^	^
James Hermann				^		^	^				^		^	
George Cleveland		^	^	^					^	^	^		^	^
Sharon Thygesen		^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	^
Joseph Camacho						^	^	^		^				
Mark Porter												^	^	^
Summary Monthly				4/5	5/5	3/5	5/6	5/6	5/6	4/6	6/6	4/7	6/7	5/7

attending /appointed (Special meeting held in August on the stabbing of an Oliver's Hardware store employee. A combined meeting of August and September held in September)
 No Quorum in March.

Resignations: None- New members appointed. Joseph Camacho In time for April meeting and Mark Porter in time for the October meeting

Goals for 2014

- Develop ways to increase attendance at Council meetings

- Participate in the annual El Sobrante Cleanup Day at the Boys and Girls Club
- Participate in the annual El Sobrante Stroll for awareness of the ESMAC and its activities
- Continue to address the homeless issue in El Sobrante, and the affect on merchants and the creek
- Continue to address Disaster Preparedness
- Explore Grants and revitalize San Pablo Dam Road and Appian Way
- Redo the ESMAC Bylaws
- Set up CPR classes with the County Health Department to assist in El Sobrante becoming a Heart Healthy Community Designation
- Hold another Mixer for the El Sobrante Chamber and El Sobrante Business Community on October 8, 2014
- Address the number of absences of individuals
- Activate Sub-Committees, Land Use, Safety, Education and Out Reach(including scheduling speakers on subjects of interest for the Community), and By-Laws