

Minutes of the Cayucos Citizens' Advisory Council August 7, 2024
Hybrid: Cayucos School Cafeteria and Via Zoom
[New CCAC Website Address](#)

Meeting called to order by President John Carsel at: 7:03 p.m.

Present: John Carsel, Rachel Wilson, Jim Dantona, Carol Kramer, Glenn Oelker, Thomas Sooter, Jan Meslin, Vicki Tamoush, Greg Bettencourt, Steve Beightner

Absent and Excused: Paul Choucalas, Eric Solum, Marie Jaqua, Francie Farinet, and Alice Tomasini

Minutes of July 10, 2024:

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- Motion to Approve as Corrected: Vicki Tamoush
 - Correction to number of floats in parade
- Second: Steve Beightner
- Motion Carried: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Marie Jaqua

- \$1,073.80 Current Balance in Mechanics Bank
- No expenditures this month

Announcements and Correspondence:

- Town Hall for Master Plan on Aging
 - Presented by the SLO County Health and Management Associates
 - Learn about the local plan on aging
 - First 400 people who fill out survey in person will receive a \$35 gift card
 - All meetings are on August 16th
 - 10 a.m. San Luis Obispo Library
 - 12 p.m. South Bay Community Center
 - 2 p.m. Atascadero Library

Public Comments:

- None

Council Member Comments:

- Jan Meslin
 - Introduced Jan Razzari who would like to be on the council
 - She is attending her first meeting
 - She lives in Precinct 5
- Vicki Tamoush
 - Update on Graffiti
 - Senior Deputy Lucas looked at the graffiti throughout town
 - None of the graffiti are gang markings
 - They are increasing
 - Removing all at once is more effective
 - Photograph any graffiti that you observe and send to Vicki Tamoush
- Rachel Wilson
 - The proposed Morro Bay BESS
 - [California Coastal Commission 8/2/24 Letter Re: BESS](#)
 - The California Coastal Commission issued a letter on 8/2/24
 - Proposed site
 - May be ESHA
 - It is in a Coastal Hazard Zone (sea level rise and tsunamis)
 - Cannot build revetments because it is new construction and not coastal dependent
 - Noted that it can be built inland
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 - Shark Sightings off of Studio Drive Beach
 - Call 911
 - They want to note sightings
 - They will contact State Parks
 - State Parks will only post a notice if a shark bumps a surfer
 - Need to get statements from the surfers
 - Los Osos and Cambria have had Evacuation Meetings
 - Would Cayucos like to have evacuation meetings?
 - Studio Drive Beach
 - Told that it was private up to where there was water
 - Welcome to walk in the water, but could not sit in the sand
 - Glenn Oelker
 - Original was high tide mark
 - Changed when State Beach was formed through eminent domain
 - Jim Dantona
 - Believes State Parks would enforce
 - Shawn Monk–County Planning

- Cannot prohibit public access
- Will contact code enforcement

Public Agency Reports:

Estero Bay Fire Department--Fire Captain Carillo

- 60 Calls
 - 38 medicals
 - 3 structure fires
 - 4 vegetation fires
- Back at Station 16
- New engine is at least a year out

Sheriff's Department-- Commander McDonald (Coast Station)--

July 2024 Sheriff's Report

Calls for Service July 2024: 42 Calls this Year; 44 Calls last Year

- Assault/Battery: 3
 - 2 Domestic violence
 - 1 Battery
- Disturbance: 28
 - 2 neighborhood
 - 1 loud music
 - 11 fireworks calls
 - July
 - Fireworks reported on 2nd-6th of July
 - Shots heard calls
 - Could be fireworks
 - July 9th, 19th, and 27th shots heard
 - August
 - No fireworks or shots heard calls
 - Comparing to
 - 2019--18 fireworks or shots heard calls
 - On 14 dates throughout the year
 - 2020--30 reports
 - 19 separate dates
 - 2021 -30 reports
 - 2022--10 reports
 - 2023-- 7 reports
 - 2024--45 reports
 - 4th of July

- Issued one citation at Dog Beach
 - Worked on 2nd citation when a high priority call interrupted them
 - Made after fireworks show had ended in Cayucos
- Supervisor Paulding and Supervisor Gibson have established a task force to deal with fireworks
 - Will meet in September to come up with a countywide enforcement strategy
- Burglary: 0
- Theft: 4
 - 3 petty thefts less than \$950
 - 1 grand theft over \$950
- Vandalism: 0
- Mail Theft: 0
- Phone Scam: 0
 - Seeing a trend with a rash of scams starting with a “pop up” window that your security has been compromised; They say they are Microsoft
 - Convince the victim to withdraw cash and send a courier to your home with a “code” word.
 - Call the Sheriff’s Office
 - They may be able to work with you so that they can take someone into custody
 - Always go to a published number
 - Be aware that scams can “spoof” real telephone numbers
- Suspicious Circumstances: 5
 - 4 suspicious circumstances
 - 1 suspicious vehicles
- Enforcement Stops: 20
- Preventative Patrol Activity: 20
 - 11 parked vehicle checks
 - 4 onsite activities
 - 4 foot patrols
- Graffiti is stylistic vs. gang graffiti
 - Sheriff’s Auxiliary Volunteer Coordinator will connect with Vicki Tamoush to remove the graffiti and/or train/equip local volunteers
 - Needs to be removed quickly to prevent new graffiti
- Private Ownership of Beach
 - Sheriff’s will work with Code Enforcement and State Parks
 - Some is State Parks and Some is County
 - Could work on getting signs at entries

Sue Black

- Mail stolen out of her mailbox
- Sue is in the bank in SLO as a person tried to cash her check

- San Luis Obispo Police Department said the theft happened in the county so that the Sheriff needed to be called
- Sheriff's Department responded

Greg Bettencourt (fireworks)

- Reduced resources this year
 - Do not have the same staffing levels as last year
 - Recruitment / retention issues
- Did not see a uniformed law enforcement person at the downtown beach
 - 1 cruiser on Front Street

Commander MacDonald

- Had foot patrols and bike patrols
- Fireworks would shut down as the patrols moved into the area

Greg Bettencourt

- Send a letter to all property owners on Studio Drive and Pacific Drive letting them know about rights to the beach.

CHP– Lt. Santoro

- 5 accidents
 - 2 non-injury
 - 2 minor injury
 - 1 person who fell off of a bicycle
 - 1 felony major collision with DUI
 - 3 vehicles

Parks-Tanya Richardson

- No Report

County Planning- Shawn Monk

- Available for Questions

County Public Works:

- No Report

Cayucos Sanitary District–Rick Koon

- No Report

Cayucos Chamber of Commerce–Carol Kramer

- Record summer for businesses
- Well-behaved crowd
- Lots of children and families

Cayucos School- Susan Brownell

- No Report

Supervisor Bruce Gibson–Blake Fixler

- Bruce Gibson is in Sacramento for CSAC
- Request for an Evacuation Plan
 - Contact the Office of Emergency Services if a group contacts them
 - Blake will help set it up
 - Evacuation site will be emergency dependent
 - Sign up for Reverse 911
- Update on Broken Sea Wall near Front Street
 - Deemed not reimbursable by FEMA
 - Parks and Public Works met
 - Preliminary work will be budgeted July, 2025
 - Construction will start in July 2026
 - Will resemble southern part of the sea wall
 - Grants could speed up the timeline
- Subcommittee on Fireworks
 - Will meet with admin, Sheriff's Department and Cal Fire
 - Will meet in September
- Driftwood Removal
 - Supervisor Gibson met with the California Coastal Commission regarding driftwood
 - Parks will get a long term permit that will allow them to use mechanized equipment to move the driftwood
 - Greg Bettencourt
 - Thank you Bruce Gibson for getting rid of the driftwood
- Greg Bettencourt
 - Regarding the Beach Wall
 - New repaired piece would look like the southern existing piece without any places for people to sit
 - That is not acceptable
 - Changes the nature of the wall
 - We would no longer have seats
 - We need to have the seats for families to sit on
 - We need to be involved in August, 2024
 - Bruce Gibson agrees with Greg Bettencourt
- Thomas Sooter
 - Neighbor wants to know about political signs
 - Are there regulations on sign size?
 - Blake Fixler will get the ordinance

- May not exceed 4 square feet
- Code Section 23.04.300
- https://library.municode.com/ca/san_luis_obispo_county/codes/county_code?nodeId=TIT23COZOLAUS_CH23.04SID_EST_23.04.300SIOR

Committee Reports:

Land Use– Jim Dantona

General Plan Amendment--Property Across from School

- General Plan Amendment to change from Commercial Service to Residential Multi-Family–Unanimous on this part
- Applicant showed potential projects, but this is not part of the amendment
 - Up to 8 units multi-family residential
 - How to measure the height
 - County wants to measure from midline of the Birch
 - Almost all are average natural grade
 - Land Use wants to continue using average natural grade
 - Since it is next to a school—look at line of sight from the apartments to protect from potential shooters
 - Two Units facing the Single family with ADU
 - Parking would be to code
- Motion: Steve Beightler
 - To support the land use change from Commercial Services to Multi-Family Residential from Ash to Birch. The Birch parcel shall be no more than 8 units and the height will be determined from average natural grade. When considering the minor use permit, line of sight to the school shall be considered.
- Second: Thomas Sooter
- Vote Carries: 5/2/1

Safety: Jim Dantona

- No Report

Recreational Planning: Greg Bettencourt

- No Report

Utilities:

- No Report

Community Design:

- No Report

Bylaws

- No Report

CSA 10A-Rachel Wilson

- No Report

Ad Hoc Norma Rose Park–Greg Bettencourt

- No Report

Old Business:

- Status of water pipes on Chaney and Gilbert (continued)
- County's new Advisory Council's Handbook - (continued)

New Business:**Good of the Order:**

Meeting was adjourned at P.M. by John Carsel at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Next Meeting: Hybrid, Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Next Land Use Committee Meeting, August 28, 2024, by way of Zoom at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Wilson