

## CAB Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

- 1) Call to Order – Flag Salute 7:00 p.m.  
Members present: Tom Edel, Kurt Almond, Steve Almond, Sheila Lyons, Geraldine May, Jan Morris and Susan Souza.  
Members absent: Roy Barba
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting August 21, 2019 – no changes  
Motion to approve by Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve   Vote: Unanimous
- 3) Public and/or CAB Member Comments for Items NOT on the agenda  
Including Community events and other items of interest.
  - a) Geraldine May, CAB Member, has concerns about 5G Cell Towers and the impacts to people’s health. She mentioned that they have been known to cause fires to spontaneously combust. She lives on, and represents residents on, Huer Huero Rd. A new cell tower has appeared. It was not reviewed by CAB. She stated there are 34 towers between Monterey and Santa Barbara.  
Geraldine will investigate whether she can find someone “neutral” to come to CAB to inform us about 5G cell towers. Once we identify this person, Sheila will solicit the person in SLO Planning and Building who reviews these applications and ask them to attend our CAB meeting also.
- 4) Public Safety

CHP, Lieutenant Dan Hart, Commander Templeton Station

Dan Hart gave a report regarding the traffic along 41/46 and Shandon Valley

Activity: January year to date

- 672 traffic collisions
- 494 non injuries
- 168 injuries
- 10 fatalities, three unrestrained (no belt)
- 296 arrests: auto theft to felonies
- Sept 5 subject for attempted murder of a police officer, car jacking, PR police & SLO CHP tracked followed him all the way to the I-5 where he was apprehended.
- Collisions: 62 driving under the influence
- Two commercial inspections:  
375 big rigs (142 violations, 12 drivers out of service, (concealed weapons, narcotics
- Over the last 3 years - Traffic on 41 and 229 and Webster Rd-two traffic violations & Hywy 41, Creston and La Ponza: 5 traffic collisions (causes: not yielding)

Cal Fire - Captain Ryan of Creston Station #50

17 vegetation fires under 10 acres

3 vehicle fires

3 structural

13 medical aid

3 traffic collisions

New app: PULSE POINT for SLO county fires

- Click on it, can hear traffic

- No location given for privacy
- SLO city first to install
- CPR call like Amber alert on phones
- Significant saves in area

Command Channels responding giving pertinent factual information

No report from Sheriff's Dept.

- 5) Fifth District Supervisor Report – Supervisor Debbie Arnold not present but she sent a summary to Sheila which she read to those present

SLO airport has two new flights to San Diego and Portland

Credit Card Scanner inspections

Cannabis issue is legal and we will have to fight it through land use ordinances.

Examine the simple science between hemp and cannabis: air pollution, use, quality of life

County on hemp: Considered agricultural now. B of S has placed a moratorium on hemp for now.

- Audience member report: June/July meeting. A letter issued from ALAB (Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board) opposed any regulation on hemp
- Three more community meetings next three months because public was not involved for writing of cannabis ordinance originally to hear proposals for changes to cannabis ordinance.

- 6) New Business – no new business

- 7) Planning Department–Project Referrals/Other permits in our area and an update on what is happening in the department – ????, County Planner still unassigned-  
Supervisor Arnold sent us a list of the current cannabis projects and their status. Some concern was expressed about projects we've reviewed in the past...such as the Hansen/Hall on N Ryan Rd as the status now says "Initial Review", CAB had recommended denial. Also, Draeger on Rocky Canyon now says "Accepted". We were assured that before any project with changes gets approved it would come back to CAB for our final comments/recommendations.

Steve Almond update on any news for the following. These will NOT be reviewed tonight.

- a. **DRC2019-00054 RUMSEY NORTH COUNTY E-Referral, MINOR USE PERMIT, CRESTON  
APN: 043-271-061; 043-271-051; 043-271-052**

**And/or**

**DRC2019-00056 RUMSEY NORTH COUNTY E-Referral, MINOR USE PERMIT, CRESTON  
APN: 043-271-054; 043-271-053; 043-271-052**

Both in CAB Area #3, Rocky Canyon/Hwy 229 Steve Almond

These projects are on hold but still in the works. Project appears to have gone from 20K ft<sup>2</sup> to 60K ft<sup>2</sup> of grow (indoor). Gary Deeds who owns 80 acres south of the 11 parcels where the cannabis project would be located was present. He is opposed. Steve Peterson, a patent attorney, that lives on a nearby parcel has written the County a letter in opposition.

Sheila will ask Roy to follow up on Hansen/Hall cannabis project on N. Ryan as current list of projects in the County says this one is in "Initial Review". We aren't sure what that means.

8) Unfinished/ Continuing Business –

- a. Report back from CAC Training and Chairperson’s Meeting that followed July 19<sup>th</sup> by attendees and CAB Vice Chair Kurt Almond

All CAC’s want to see more complete applications when they come to us for review

7 or 8 Community Advisories were represented by their chairs or vice chairs

4 or 5 county staff

Airbnb’s was the most discussed topic. This pertains to the coastal districts primarily.

Suggestion by many that there should be a drop-dead deadline for any applicant to complete their application. No applications should be accepted if they are incomplete.

- b. CAB letter to supervisors regarding hemp – Steve Almond shared a draft & we had discussion of the topic. It was suggested that we need to focus on it being a land use problem rather than “not legal”. Discussion on cannabis and hemp being the same plant really. Has to be sent to a special lab for testing. Only difference is levels of THC in leaves. CACs need to weigh in on hemp now. Unfortunately, they did not get to do so on cannabis in a timely manner. We need to be more succinct in our letter on hemp with a focus on 5 main items of concern.

Should CAB prepare a separate letter to supervisors on cannabis? Specifically, to ask that that residences be included in “sensitive sites” and ask for a larger set back than 1000 ft? No. Not at this time. Wait for ordinance is getting revised.

- c. Paso Basin Cooperative Committee – Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Discussion, Final comments due on-line by Sept. 27  
View GSP chapters and water information in general at <http://www.slocountywater.org/sgma>

9) Committee Reports/Next Steps (5-10 min each as needed) –

- a. By-Laws – Sheila L., & Jan M. – Next month is annual review. Any suggested changes? Next month we will discuss any proposed changes, finalize wording if changes are needed – Changes must be read at the Oct. meeting and again in Nov before becoming final. Potential change might be eliminating our requirement for following the Brown Act. This is a topic Roy brought to our attention last month. Elimination of the requirement could stave off any future questions regarding meetings of CAB members.

- b. Elections – Sheila L. & Susan S. Judy Blankenship (public)

Two areas of CAB are missing reps – Town of Creston (9 sq blocks) & Creston East (Eddy Ranch). We could do a by-law change to roll Town of Creston into the O’Donovan area of CAB.

- c. Public Information – Roy B., Tom E. & Mike Aarons w/ Website update – Kurt A.

Concern by a member of the public that all CAB documents are not yet present on our website. Kurt is still working on that. By laws are accessible on website.

10) Treasurer's Report – (5 min) County annual funding received?

Bank statement (town funding not in yet) but paperwork has been filed.  
\$667.97 Balance

Suggestions for future topics at CAB:

Phillips 66 pipe line: LaPonza under Post Office. Is this safe for the community?

County Pipe line: Invite county to come to CAB to describe pipe line safety

Tom Edel will follow up on the above.

Cell Towers: Geraldine May various schools have them to make money. Twelve people came down with cancer. Also, cognitive issues in adults, early Alzheimers.

11) Adjournment by approximately 9:30 p.m. Adjournment 9:05 So moved Kurt and Tom.  
Unanimous approval.