



Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
6:30 PM Online

Minutes

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1. Call to order @ _6:31pm ____
2. Roll Call

Region	Present	Name	Present	Name
I	ab	Andrew Chambers (Secretary)	X	Jessica Chambers (President)
II	X	Abigail DeSesa		Vacant
III	X	David Boyer	ab	Eric Larson
IV	X 6:35p	Jeff Preach	X	Bob Lewis (Vice President)
V	X	Jim D’Addario (Treasurer)	X 6:51p	Chris Dittes

3. Motion to approve Slate of Executive Board Officers:



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- a. President: Bob Lewis
 - b. Vice President: Chris Dittes
 - c. Treasurer: Jim D'Addario
 - d. Secretary: David Boyer
- First: DeSesa Second: Lewis Vote: 6/0/0

4. Approval of appointment of Land Use Members:

Region I: Rod Shreckengost

Region II: Steve Lee

Region III: Lloyd Carder III

Region IV: Robert Kelly (Temporary) Thru end of May

Region V: VACANT

- 6/0/0 Approved by Consensus

B. Approval of Agenda

First: JC Second: DB Motion: 6/0/0

5. Hearing Session

A. Questions and comments.

(Note: if a question/comment form is sent regarding a matter that is on the agenda, the question or comment will be read when the agenda item is brought up. Questions or comments on non-agenda items will be discussed during the item #11 open discussion section.)

- H.S. Question Received
- Land Use Question Received

6. Special Reports:

A. Report form 5th District; Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office of Kathryn Barger – Stephanie English

1. Homeless Person in front of Bank of America – MD from Henry Mayo and Sheriff's MET team for this discussion.

- Sgt Klumpp/Sgt. Martinez/Captain Diez/Elizabeth Cope/Kimberley Barnett LAHSA
- Public: Right of Way being negatively impacted. Property impacted.
- Stephanie English: 1964 State Law limits forcible movement of Homeless. Supv. Barger working with State Legislators to advance definition of 'Gravelly III'.
- Mobile Psychiatric Teams, MET Team from Sheriff's Department, etc.. continuing to work with her.
- Elizabeth Cope: Dept. of Mental Health. Many barriers to pursuing removal of person from public space. Utilizing New assessment process to be able to conduct assessments on the Streets to gather information needed to take away someone's civil liberties. Must relate to mental health condition. Timeline is in terms of months.
- Cpt. Diez/Sgt. Klumpp (Mental Evaluation Team (MET) Lead Deputy): Team in place 20 Hr./Day to address mental health issues in SCV. Deputy Shackelford/Deputy



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Rooney leads. Ralph's person does not meet definition of 5150 hold criteria.

Criminal complaint has been filed with DA. IF DA files criminal charges they can arrest. IF DA drops, then will proceed as mental health focus. Person relocated from Henry Mayo to Castaic. Been 5150 several months ago and was released.

- Sgt. Ron Klumpp: Deputy Sheriff and Dept of Mental Health clinician team. Assess people to see if meet criteria for a 5150 hold. Individual being contacted at minimum weekly. She has been in SCV for approximately 5 years. Moved to Ralphs because she thought it was a safe place to be. She has financial means for food and needs. Multiple agencies involved, including DPW to remove trash. Danger to herself, Danger to others, or gravely disabled is criteria for 5150 Hold.
 - Kim Barnett LAHSA: Assoc. Director, Los Angeles Housing Services Authority.
 - Council Comments: Email from Public. 'Individual is on public sidewalk. Her things are on private property. What can be done regarding person putting belongings on a private property?' Response: Would require property owner/victim to file complaint. If arrested would be Cited and released.
 - Council Comment: 'Is public enabling her by providing care/comfort?' Response: Capt. Diez; yes, community is enabling her. Question raised about indecent exposure. Answer given was Indecent exposure is removed against homeless individuals. Capt. Diez: Intent behind indecent exposure must be gratification from exposure. Doesn't apply to person going to bathroom on the sidewalk. Must have a victim complaint or they must observe themselves. Is a ticket level offense.
2. Sloan Canyon - Julian Garcia – Division of Public Works (David Lee/Ron Matsuoka, Traffic Safety & Mobility Section). Reviewed Traffic Studies done. Proposing 40 mph on Sloan Canyon Road from Old Road until High School. Quail Valley intersection does not meet multi-way stop control criteria. Recommending "Side Road" Warning signs and Install "Cross traffic does not stop" under existing stop sign on Quail Valley. Sloan Canyon Road @ Parker Road met criteria and has multiple stop signs. Traffic signal control warrants not met. No further recommendations for this intersection.
- Council Discussion: Morning traffic is bumper-to-bumper. Is not all day, but is critical at specific time(s). Stephanie asked if critical infrastructure affects DPW proposals, i.e. hospital, school, etc.. DPW: yes, can be considered. Working with school to address access issues. Question: Crosswalk was requested for Church with a Daycare/School. DPW: did evaluate this and flashing beacon criteria wasn't met. Evaluated for unmarked crosswalk and criteria was not met. Council: why no speed limit when going away from High School? Is "Watch Downhill Speed" sign possible?



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DPW: Speed limit sign WAS recommended couple of hundred feet down from school, will *follow up* on this. Will review and reply regarding downhill speed sign.
Council: Could we get stop sign at Oak Horn before curve? DPW: Will require completed study. Ron says will increase chances of a crash. Council: how is fatality and crashes considered? DPW: They review collisions and factor into analysis. Speed signs have been installed last week. Council: We requested 2 signs. Reviewed historical conversations and Council requests i.e. Hillcrest downhill speed. Average speed criteria conflicts with community requests/opinion. DPW: Have to follow engineering standards and must justify installation of speed, stop, etc.. signs. Legal restrictions guide is their only determining source of criteria.

- County: Where are the grey areas, the discretionary areas, etc..? Asking DPW to step outside engineer only mindset and advise how to consideration community requests. DPW: Is an appeals process. Petitioner is who requested study, fill out forms, online meeting, DPW would present, Petitioner can speak, Highway safety Commission (County Staff independent of DPW) makes determination. Council: discussed AB43 regarding pedestrian safety. DPW: not all portions of law are in force yet, existing ones that were made in effect do not apply yet. DPW has not considered until know exactly what rules will be adopted.
- Stephanie: recommends not resolving now and regroup on stop signs at future date. DPW: Traffic study is good for 2 years. Because of school growth traffic is changing. Under current conditions/assessment stop signs did not meet these conditions. What other tools are available to address the community concerns to slow down traffic? Stephanie will lead this discussion and advise back to Council.

B. Report from 38th Assembly District; Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares –

- Update next month. New Office Representative, Patsy Ayala, will coordinate going forward.

C. Report from 21st Senate District – Senator Scott Wilk – Kris Hough – Email update

1. Caltrans update of Highway 126 traffic light intersection of Chiquito Canyon Rd. & Hwy 126

- Tentative Project Schedule sent to Council. Jan 24, material arriving to site. February construction. Intended to finalize signal installation by March week 1.

D. Report from 25th Congressional District – Congressman Mike Garcia – Tami Stevens. – Email update

- Read out email. 1/26 meeting with LA County Sheriff.

E. Public Works Road maintenance/repair/paving update.



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1. Hasley Hills South Phase Road Reconstruction Project – Gino Gloriani, P.E. Los Angeles County

Division of Public Works

- Gino Gioriani/ Kirk Torossian LA County Public Works made presentation. Gino is the project manager. 5.8 miles residential roads. Doing full road reconstruction. Road base is failing. Construction start date Early Spring 2023. Complete Fall 2023 (projected). Will be conducting 2-3 public outreach meetings.
- Council Discussion: has there been any construction happening now specific to Live Oak area? DPW: no. Hasley Canyon is in design phase right now. Live Oak Storm Water improvement project is in planning stage. DPW is coordinating with Live Oak construction projects/minimization. Live Oak School project anticipated to be completed prior to DPW beginning with pavement project. Project was pushed from Summer 2022 to Spring 2023. Storm project Summer 2024 anticipated start. Council: Phasing, Timing with storm water project and school projects questions. Asked about likelihood of delay and whether funding has been fully secured? DPW: Yes, is secured. Funding is SB1 funds. Council: Regarding type of pavement planned, is it the same as used at top of Hillcrest Pkwy? DPW: will check and advise back. Stephanie: asked for Park contact, they will email to her. Council: Is Castaic pavement plan still on track or does document exhibited need to be updated (showed Road Maintenance pavement timeline document)? DPW: committed to reviewing and updating if needed. Council: discussed wall damaged during sidewalk construction. DPW: will take a look and discuss with Road Maintenance group and report back to Council. Council: discussed Hasley Canyon plan for repavement, is it not happening in 2022 as shown? DPW: yes Hasley Canyon still happening, is on schedule, after Hasley Hills project is completed. Will be monitoring the Hasley Canyon Road stretch of pavement. Council: Who does public contact regarding Potholes? DPW: Castaic Yard of DPW. Council: is there any way to address current surface until repavement project is completed. Is the wash at Hasley and Del Valle to be addressed? DPW: resurface will fail with heavy traffic. anticipates summer/ fall 2023 will be fixed. Council: How can people report potholes? DPW Juvenal's #: 661-257-4441 to report, or can download the 'TheWorks' app which is monitored closely.

7. Committee Reports and presentation

A. Land-Use Committee – Chair Jim D'Addario

- a. 7-Eleven Demolition and construction – Ariel Gutierrez, CMSLA LLC.



Change of use of an existing restaurant (Foster Freeze) to convenience store with proposed off-sale of beer and wine (APN: 2865-008-037) and demolish existing fueling canopy and two existing fuel pumps for the proposed construction for six fuel pumps for the proposed construction for six fuel pumps and canopy (APN: 2865-003-028)

- Presentation by Ariel Gutierrez. Council Member Jeff Preach abstaining from participation due to conflict of interest as he is the property owner of this project. 27680 Lake Hughes Road. 31754 Castaic Road.
- Proposing 5'10" wall due to easement and approval requirements.
- Proposing 7 trees for residential screening on wash area
- Proposing 2 EV charging stations
- Council Discussion: 3 public concerns; a) Light Pollution, b) Traffic increase, c) Foster Freeze long term business going away. Trees and light pollution discussion. CMSLA: Open to adding trees further behind Foster's Freeze. Discussed wall height. Must be below 6', If can go 6' they recommend it. Council: Using downlit lighting to reduce light pollution? CMSLA: headlights in 7-Eleven lot will not stream across wash to condo's. Council: feels light pollution from canopy will be atrocious. Community feels too many gas stations already in this area. Issue with compact parking in plan. Feels community does not support this development because is larger and takes out a popular restaurant. CMSLA: Intent is for this to be a flagship 7-Eleven store with expanded product assortment/grocery for community.
- Public_Comment: Jeff Preach, re: Foster's Freeze. States Foster's Freeze is leaving regardless. Offered help to relocate. Business is leaving and building is in disrepair and building has been ran down. Suggested requiring downlit lighting on back of canopy as condition of approval. Raised wall 2'.
- Jim reviewed Land Use recommendations: approved on vote of 3/1/0. Discussion regarding flow of traffic. Abigail; concern regarding honking noise due to traffic with this plan/site. Jim; has huge concern with this project re: canopy lights. Bob also shares light pollution issue as well as ingress/egress concern.

i. Motion to table requesting petitioner to address; a) Light pollution, b) Ingress/Egress concern
First: D'Addario Second: J. Chambers Vote: 5/1/0

- Tabled public opposition comment since project was tabled until future date

B. William S. Hart School District: Castaic High School - Update – Principal Melanie Hagman

- Secondary Road Access Update from Michael Otafka (?) anticipate testing done by 4/2022, once completed geologist do report for 4 months, once completed Engineer



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can complete Grading plans around 1/2023. Bidding mid 2023. Construction complete approxiamently 2024. Enrollment trigger remains until school has minimum 1600 students due to previous lawsuit.

C. Public Safety – Chair – Bob Lewis

1. Pitchess Detention Center – Commander Paula Tokar

- Report emailed and reviewed

2. Los Angeles County Sheriff's - Deputy Rooney

- Emailed report re: Type I crimes compared to 2020/2021
- Some increases attributed to catch & release policies of current DA

3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Park Bureau – Sgt. Bohnert

- No update

4. California Highway Patrol – Officer Wilson

- Reviewed emailed report. Bob Will forward report to Stephanie's office regarding accidents.

5. Los Angeles County Fire Department – Community Services Liaison Maria Grycan

- Reviewed emailed report

D. Parks and Recreation – Chair Bob Lewis

1. Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Report – Hector Inzuna –

2. Castaic Sports Complex/Val Verde Park – Daniel Lopez/ Domonick Washington-

3. Aquatic Center – Luis Torres

8. Old/Unfinished Business

A. Parks project list.

- Nothing new.

B. Town Council priorities list. –

9. Jim has sent out the list. Asked Council to review and will table to next months meeting. Take a look and provide comments/concerns with cc to full Council and review at next Agenda Planning Meeting.

10. Treasurer's Update Report – Jim D'Addario –

- Sent final 2021 Budget. Movie Night added to projected budget position.
- Needs Audit Committee to review. Chris/Jessica will be Audit Committee. Jim will send to them to review and report back.

11. New Business

Bulletin Board Protocol –

Panel 1: (Far Left) - Town Council Announcements, Non-profits / Lost & Found if space permits

Panel 2: (Middle) – Town Council Announcements, Non-profits and community announcements



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Panel 3: (Far Right) – Town Council Agendas, meetings

Bulletin board is specifically for Town Council, non-profit and community announcements. To request to have item posted in bulletin board, must be emailed to castaictowncouncil@gmail.com; if it falls under the approved stipulations, it will be posted if space and time permits.

12. Open Discussion

- a. To ensure that the public's business is conducted openly, State Law – Section 54954.2 prevents any action or discussion on items not listed on the Agenda. (Note: Council members may briefly respond to comments made or questions posed.)

13. Announcement of Region 2 position vacant.

14. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion to approve minutes from Town Hall Meeting October 20, 2021

First: Second: Vote:

- b. Motion to approve minutes from Town Hall Meeting November 17, 2021

First: Second: Vote:

- Tabled to February Council Meeting

15. Correspondence/Council Information/Discussion

A. Notice of Projects from Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and other correspondence and/or Council Information.

B. Discussion of any items of the Notices that may require action prior to the next Town Council meeting. –

- Notice Received re: Travel Village LLC for renewal of CUP for sale of Beer/Wine. Bob recommends advising County Town Council is not opposed to renewal. Council agreed to proceed as recommendation.
- Paradise Ranch Expansion of 28 units and concerns with regards to water availability. Requires CUP approval by Town Council and will advise County should come before the Board. Chris will forward email about issues in Paradise Ranch area.

16. Consent Calendar

Next CATC Agenda Planning meeting; 1st Wednesday of each month – February 2, 2022

Next CATC Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month – February 7, 2021

- Continuation of fencing on Old Road and Valencia Commerce Center and Entrada North

Next CATC Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month – February 16, 2021

17. Adjournment @

First: Boyer Second: J.Chambers Vote: 7/0/0