

The Regular Meeting of the Templeton Area Advisory Group (TAAG) was held in the Board Room of Templeton Community Service District (TCSD) located at 420 Crocker Street, Templeton, CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT Chris Cobey,
Chair Larry Fluer, Vice Chair Murray
Powell, Treasurer Bruce Jones,
Delegate Jon De Morales, Delegate
Rocky Spurgeon, Delegate Joel
Woodruff, Delegate Marie Roth,
Alternate Delegate No. 1

**MEMBERS
ABSENT** none

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Chair at 7:99 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

1. ROLL CALL Acting Secretary Marie Roth called the roll of names of the list of delegates at the start of the meeting. A minimum of four (4) delegates is required to achieve quorum. The required minimum number of delegates was met and a majority was declared with a total of 7 voting delegates & 1 alternate present.

1. AGENCY REPORTS & UPDATES

[Note to Secretary] reorder to agenda order . Frequent changes , also names of liaisons frequently change for SO

and CHP. For some reason there is no consistency to the order chosen

1. California Highway Patrol, Templeton area– (Liaison: Officer Rutter)

- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided. 1. Templeton Fire and Emergency Services - (Liaison: Chief Bill White)
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 - 319 calls from March 21 to April 15; Stand outs: 2 were vandalism, 4 were theft related. April 5th incident of inappropriate touching in Templeton park between a male suspect and female minor. One hour manhunt resulted in apprehension of offender in front of AJ' Spurs.
 - Marijuana Compliance Team is forming. Sheriff dept will have a dedicated deputy tasked to “aggressively” go after black market cannabis grows. 1. District 1 – Supervisor John Peschong (Legislative Assistant Vicki Janssen)
 - Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided. 1. County Planning Department – (Liaison: Kate Shea, Supervising Planner)
 - Annual Advisory training session is slated for early June, no specific date.

Kate asked for feed back concerning the effectiveness of last years training. Delegates Fluer and Powell gave feedback:

- Did not feel that CAC workshop was particularly helpful and that expectations should be outlines for the group
- needs to be more closely coordinated with county planning.
- guidelines for committee members
- level of substance does not match the level of expectation.

e; County says that TAAG is doing too much, but TAAG feels the county is not doing enough to (considering resident feedback)

- Specific info on cannabis. Senior delegates vs new delegates, what can TAAG do to be better (megaphone) for county planning.
- Murray to Kate - month ago presentation on additional modifications for cannabis ordinance. Feels there is a lack of public involvement. What's going on with it, where is the process at? (Later these questions were answered by D-5 Supervisor Arnold during her report)
 - public doesn't find out until too late
 - 2 yrs TAAG never heard one word about what was going on
 - Asked Kate to take this discuss back to Megan to get more specific cannabis modification info, BOS Agenda and date
 - Felt that Megan should be present at TAAG when discussing cannabis projects. Was disappointed she was not present
- More procedural discussion regarding:

- planning dept employee hierarchy,
- neighbor notification,
- turn around time on county notifications to TAAG,
- not enough time, 3 minutes at the podium during commission and BOS hearings is not enough time for a discussion regarding important and complex matters (cannabis)
- MUP and CUP application process, often times application is accepted and fees are paid, but the application is very incomplete at that time. State law requires CAC's are notified within 5 days of application fully complete or not.
- System is broken if public notification, advisory guidance and effective feedback is incomplete or insufficient.
- Jon DeMorlas wanted to know updates on Accessory Dwelling unit? • Kate later answered (had to contact county lead) Public review draft is on the county website and is on agenda for June 13 Planning Commission meeting.
- Planning Commission meeting May 23rd is the recommending body that will send recommendations to BOS for June 18th BOS meeting.

1. District 5 – Supervisor Debbie Arnold, (Legislative Assistant Jen Caffee):

- Updates from Supervisor Arnold:
 - Creston Area Advisory cannabis meeting previous night. Explained that Megan from planning was at that meeting that lasted late into the night.
 - acknowledged frustration with the process and there are improvements that can be made.
- But before we get into that.....Other updates:
 - Economic Development as Diablo Canyon Decommissions
 - Tourism
 - New businesses
 - airport added air service. 89 new destinations including South America. People are very happy.
 - Fire Safety Council
 - Season is upon us. A lot of money is going into fire prevention. \$3 million plus additional 4 million into the county.
 - Retired Cal Fire Chief is now the Executive Director of the Fire Safety Council.
 - 90% of fires start on the side of the road. There's a lot of hard work happening to abate the excess fuel this year due to the increased rainfall.

- Water
 - On schedule for groundwater sustainability
 - Atascadero basin - good
 - Templeton basin - good
 - Paso Robles - no status given except to notify of Wednesday April 24, PR City Council is meeting to write their sustainability plan.
 - Jennifer Caffee transferred to Planning Dept. Debbie's new legislative assistant is Micki Olinger.
 - Questions presented to Debbie during her report:
 - Murray Powell wanted to know why the “they” can’t just stop approvals until county can get its act together? (cannabis projects)
 - problem is getting info out to community
 - Kate Shea and Supervisor Arnold fielded questions on county planning application procedure for all discretionary use permits. Board members asked additional questions. Board members commented on how the county’s response falls short of TAAG expectations finally resulted in Supervisor Arnold inviting any of the delegates or audience members to please contact her office directly.

1. Templeton Community Services District (TCSD): Deborah Logan reported on behalf of TCSD as Pam Jardini was unavailable.

- Fire Dept # of calls has increased as population increases.
- need 24 hour coverage. Currently only 8 to 5.
- Community facilities district revenue won’t be realized ro the next 10 years.
- April 2nd financial plan to be approved
- Partial tax measure to be proposed of \$180/APN #/year. 2% CPI fluctuate
- Next meeting is May 7th - Workshop looking for community input
- May 21st TCSD board meeting will consider the ballot measure
- Weed Abatement must be cleared by May 1st. Website posts the timeframe.
- Questions posed by Rocky Spurgeon
 - Would FD lose volunteer FF? A - No
 - Is there housing on site? A- Yes
 - Firefighters are paid minimum wage.
- Joel Woodruff asked for clarification regarding realizing revenue in 10 years. Has District discussed when funds are “flush”? What’s the exit strategy? A - No plans for exit. The revenue would be infinite and shift to other staffing at that time. 1. Public Works and Transportation – (Liaison: Joshua Roberts, Transportation Division Manager)

- Mr. Roberts reported maintenance for:
 - Toad Creek culvert maintenance
 - El Pomar resurface
 - Paving on Santa Rita Creek, Las Tablas and Arbor Rd.
 - Vineyard corridor plan
- Long range plans
 - N. Main Interchange project
 - Interim plan for Main and 101 is in the works with Cal Trans
 - alternatives approved by cal trans
 - Note** later comment by public attending (Gwen Pelfry) advised Traffic Committee to follow up on what that “interim” plan may be as to not cause problems for Main & 101 while work is being done on 46w and 101.
 - SLOCOGS to work with county on 46 West / 101 interchange.
 - Main St Overlay is essentially complete. Some work still needing to be done has or will be released from contractor and taken over by TCSD, ends up saving money in the end.
 - Drainage at Feed Store revision
 - Widening by elementary school
 - Roads maintenance team has submitted report online
 - Revenue has been flat in past years
 - 3000 requests/yr to fix things - in addition to regularly scheduled maintenance
 - Good stewards of the environment
 - \$250k/yr is paid just in fees and staff time to stay in compliance with state requirements.
- Questions from delegates
 - Jon De Morales - Who heads up Toad Creek issues? Joshua will connect him with that person.
 - Joshua explained county fund allocation priorities
 - 1. Maintenance
 - 2. Safety
 - 3. Betterments - do not figure into budget, have to look to other resources for creek maintenance
 - Rocky Spurgeon wanted clarification on the interchange project.

1. Templeton Schools (liaison: Joe Koski, Superintendent)

- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided. 1. Templeton Chamber of Commerce (liaison: Kimberly Miramon)
- Agency or entity not represented – neither verbal nor written reports were provided.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments

1. CONSENT AGENDA

A copy of the draft minutes of the [Month] meeting was circulated by Secretary [Fluer] to

the Board for review in advance of the meeting. A copy of the treasurer's report was circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting by Treasurer [Powell]. A motion was made and seconded for approval of the consent agenda. Approval of Consent Agenda: Fluer motioned, Powell 2nd. Passed unanimously.

1. Approval of the Treasurer's Report: See the attachment to these minutes under item 6.2. [Click here for Treasurer report dated April 2019.](#)

1. OLD BUSINESS None 1. NEW BUSINESS Project Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations. Copies of the PRC Chair, and CPRC

Chair's reports of the monthly meetings as applicable were distributed to the delegates for reference and use. Copies of distributed reports are included as attachments to the minutes. 8.1TAAG board review of applications referred to TAAG by the County Planning

Department, and which have been previously reviewed by the Project Review Committee or the Cannabis Project Review Committee. 8.1.1. Application of Sarmiento (DRC 2019-00036): Proposed variance associated with major grading of driveway over existing ranch road, on grades in excess of 30%; driveway is for access to proposed single family residence at 6490 Rocky Canyon Road in Atascadero. (PRC; Delegates Jones/De Morales.)

- Bruce Jones read recommendation
- No presentation by applicant
- No public comment
- [PRC report available online](#)
- The Board unanimously recommended approval of the project.

8.1.2. Review of application of CB Farms (DRC2017-00123): Proposed Conditional Use Permit for Cannabis Activities to include indoor greenhouse cultivation (22,000 sf grow area; 30,000 sf building total), 3 acres outdoor cultivation, manufacturing (8,000 sf), and nursery outdoors (115,000 sf) on El Pomar Road in Templeton. (Delegate Fluer)

- CPRC committee meeting report on April 4th read by Larry Fluer, CPRC Chair.
- 4 hour meeting - [See CPRC memo dated April 17 report here](#) .

- Major issues are
 - Set backs in regards to outdoor & nursery
 - Visibility from offsite
 - odor control for outdoor, lack of performance standards
- At this time, Chris Cobey, Chair acknowledges the full and standing room only audience and requests public comment.. Public Comment: [Note: some last names were not audible in recording]

- Clint on Almond Dr. -

- COPD may be an issue
- area density of grow sites are a concern
- does not want criminal elements in their neighborhood

- Linda Jackson on S. El Pomar, immediate neighbor to North of proposed project

- Explained what she considers free space
- She is opposed
- Odor issues
- Security issues
- Valley Fever - Air quality concerns

- Dion Vaicius on S. El Pomar, immediate neighbor to North of proposed project.

- Valley Fever - Air Quality and odor mitigation system concerns
- Negative for neighborhood
- Feels odor would head straight for his property
- Crime, cash business he feels makes the project a target for cartels

- Haley Osran on Cook Ct.

- Not sure where project is
- moved out to this area for the nature of the area
- Industrial marijuana is not in keeping with the area
- probably reduces property values
- air quality
- crime

- John Louch - Eureka Lane

- Concerned about criminal activity
- mitigation for safety

- Tom Ferrell - Eureka Lane

- Concerned of the nature of the project
- fermentation of wine can smell, cannabis might be a longer season
- Daughter in Ft. Collins, CO says their downtown of Ft. Collins has significant changes and they don't frequent the area anymore.
- Drug influx since legalization
- Son in law is fire dept and has seen a change

- Scott Silveria - Lills Place, property borders road easement that borders projects Western property line.

- Speaks for Pat Jonson and her family who are against the project.
- Visibility from his property is a problem.
- Traffic
- Night time security will compromise his own security system

(watchdogs) causing barking throughout the night. ◦ Feels that if this thing goes bad, it would be on TAAG if approved. ◦ Delegate Powell commented that 1000 set back would envelope

Mr. Silverias clientele of sensitive receptors (young children taking riding lessons) ◦ “TAAG is dropping this project right in the middle of their

neighborhood” ◦ Delegate Powell asked if this would financially effect his business. ◦ Delegate Fluer comments that youth center is not addressed the the county ordinance

- Leslie Josyln concerns:

- Appropriate locations ◦ nuisance to community ◦ compatibility ◦ visibility ◦ odor control ◦ obvious outcry this is not what this neighborhood wants. ◦ concentration of projects in one area ◦ Delegate Cobey asked her what her description of the nature of the community is like? A - Rural, wholesome, grapes, almonds, olives, veggies, ag animals

- Jessica Ganes -

- Researched what’s going on putting this project forth by pot

advocates ◦ NORML is the organization ◦ wonders what kind of information he will teach others ◦ pot proponents are well publicized ◦ The new Emerald Coast ◦ Concerned about # of projects ◦ Named all the area cannabis projects ◦ concerned about people operating in our area ◦ threat of robbery

- Gwen Pelfry

- 12 years sitting in TAAG audience can recall 10 occasions that has drawn so much attention. ◦ TAAGs duty to report the wishes of the community

- Susan Mayer - Arroyo Grande

- Cannabis projects are next to them ◦ SLO Cannabis Watch group is for responsible ordinances ◦ industry is invited to their table ◦ wants to work with cannabis community ◦ \$800 for neighbors to file an appeal ◦ County Cannabis Working Group information was not posted for the public

- Deborah on LP Ranch

- Her and her mother in attendance are not opposed to this project

- Drew Danielson, son in law to Dr. Danielson, neighbor to the South of proposed project

- Security background with armed forces ◦ Security controls will create a negative impact ◦ Where will the weak point in the neighborhood?

- Scott Sherly - Rose Way

- Concerned about ground water issues.

- Chair closes public comment Delegate Fluer motions to send a list of recommendations from the Chair of the CRPC to the Planning Dept as part of the TAAG report. Discussion ensued about the motion vs the recommendations and how

it might be accepted (or not) by the planning department. [[Click here for 1st version](#) , [click here for amended version.](#)]

Chair calls for Ayes - all, Neys - none, motion passes

Delegate Fluer makes another motion to reject the project [[Click here to see motion](#)]. Delegate Woodruff suggests adding as d. Neighborhood Compatibility, suggestion is accepted. Motion carries 7-0.

8.2.Election Committee report and recommendations;

- Dorothy Jennings (audience member) had a question about why so many provisional votes were accepted? Also made suggestion to post the rules for voting more clearly on the TAAG webpage
- Delegate Powell provided explanation. [[See Elections report for details](#)]

1. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES To see Committee agendas & reports please click on the [Templeton Area Advisory Group Website.](#)

1. Project Review Committee (PRC) (permanent committee) – Bruce Jones, Chair. Murray Powell, Vice Chair. Committee will meet the first Thursday of each month at 4PM at the Templeton Community Board Room. 2. Cannabis Project Review Committee (CPRC) (not specified in bylaws) – Larry Fluer, chair, Murray Powell Vice Chair. Committee will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7PM at the Templeton community Board Room 3. Community Outreach and Public Relations Committee (permanent committee) –

Rocky Spurgeon, Chair, Marie Roth Vice Chair. Committee will post date of regular meetings when announced by Chair. Next meeting TBD Suggestion by Kate Shey from county to consider using the templetonaag@gmail.com

email as point of contact instead of the 10 e-mail addresses she's currently sending to. Committee to discuss and report to TAAG Chair. 1. Traffic Circulation Committee (permanent committee) – Joel Woodruff, Chair

Next meeting
TBD

Gwen Pelfry, made a suggestion to get clarification and details of what the county Public Works meant by "101 & Main Street interim plan" with Cal Trans. 1. Election Committee (permanent committee) – Murray Powell, Chair

Next meeting TBD 1. Bylaws Special Committee–
Murray Powell, Chair

Next meeting TBD. Consider amending "Election Procedures", TAAG ownership of e-mail distribution list and approved uses for said list, Notification of committee 1. Toad Creek Special Committee - Jon Demorales, Chair; Marie Roth Vice Chair

Committee Meetings scheduled 2nd Tuesdays 3 to 5PM at the TCSD Boardroom

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DELEGATES (not on the agenda)

1. Delegate Fluer announced his resignation from TAAG. 2. Delegate Cobey asked about the next CPRC meeting, this led into some discussion. Citizen member, Dorothy Jennings asked if the topic of introducing a cannabis permit moratorium to the BOS could be put on the CPRC agenda.

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Roth
Acting Secretary

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