

**Fernwood-Cothrin Zone Of Benefits (ZOB) Road Advisory Committee
SPECIAL MEETING (Calif. Govt. Code §**

MINUTES (DRAFT)

Meeting: Fernwood-Cothrin ZOB Road Advisory Committee (ZOB AC)/SPECIAL MEETING
Facilitator: Christine Kudija (Key Volunteer Contact for EDC Dept. of Transportation)
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Ryan Ranch Road Fire Station #92

Volunteer Advisory Committee Members Present: Christine Kudija, Bob Colvin, Chris Couper, Rebecca Harnagel, Michelle Klaff.

AGENDA FOR 10/08/2019 (Posted at 5 mailbox locations in ZOB 114 Saturday, 10/5/2019; supplemental notice made available on social media): NextDoor.com (Cothrin Ranch and Sun Ridge Ranch Neighborhoods); Facebook.com (Cothrin Ranch Community Voices group) and voluntary email distribution list.

AGENDA	
Item No.	Subject
1.	Call to Order & Introductions
2.	Announcements
3.	Consideration of minutes of previous meeting
4.	Additions to Agenda – Items added to the agenda must be approved by the Advisory Committee pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2. Items requiring committee action must be continued to a subsequent noticed meeting.
5.	Old Business: a. Discuss and prioritize issues and concerns for meeting with EDC DOT and Supervisor Frentzen in December. <i>Alternative:</i> Assign task to subcommittee. <i>Draft list available on request from Christine Kudija at cmkudija@gmail.com</i>
6.	New Business: a. Form subcommittee to meet with EDC DOT. b. Discuss pros and cons of breaking up Zone per DOT presentation on 10/1/19. c. Approve ballot measure to increase road-taxes, to be placed on the March 3 rd General Election ballot. Set dollar amount for tax increase using available road-maintenance cost information. Measure to be submitted to EDC Board of Supervisors before 10/15. d. Form subcommittee to strategize and raise funds for election and to promote community awareness
7.	Public Comment: any person may address the Committee at this time upon any subject <i>within the jurisdiction</i> of the Zone of Benefit Advisory Committee (road maintenance, vegetation clearing); however, any matter that requires Advisory Committee action will be included on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Committee
8.	Adjournment: Optional: Set Next Regular Advisory Committee Meeting

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1)	Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. ZOB Key Contact Christine Kudija and Advisory Committee members introduced themselves, indicating generally where they live. Approximately 10 community members attended.	CK
2)	Announcements: C Kudija announced that comments during the public comment period be made one at a time, and directed toward the Committee so that Committee members could respond without background discussion, and to respect one another's time.	
3)	C Kudija stated that the minutes from 9/24 were not ready – consideration and approval were tabled for next meeting.	CK
4)	Additions to Agenda: None.	CK
5)	Old Business: Committee member Bob Colvin agreed to organize the 50+ items for DOT discussion into a comprehensive document for Committee review on December 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Ryan Ranch Fire Station. The Committee acknowledged that a number of these items had been addressed at the 10/1/19 Town Hall meeting conducted by DOT Director Rafael Martinez. C. Kudija asked attendees whether anyone was not familiar with the list and explained generally the issues identified (list developed by Chris Couper, reviewed by the Advisory Committee on 9/24 and discussion to continue to 12/3/19).	CK
6)	<p>New Business:</p> <p>a) Meeting with DOT Director Rafael Martinez was discussed. M. Klaff announced that the date was set for 12/12/19. Discussion ensued whether the entire Advisory Committee should attend, but because that would require public notice and potentially a larger meeting venue, the Committee decided that less than a quorum should attend. Attendees/subcommittee tbd.</p> <p>b) Discussed pros & cons of breaking up ZOB 114. No conclusions.</p> <p>c) Ballot measure: C Kudija explained that the Committee's role regarding the ballot measure is to <i>recommend</i> that the Board of Supervisors place such a measure on the ballot. Elizabeth Zangari informed C. Kudija that there was still opportunity to request that the Board of Supervisors place a measure on the March 3, 2020 ballot, but that the deadline to draft the measure and submit it for the upcoming BOS meeting agenda on 10/22 was extremely short. E. Zangari submitted the agenda item placeholder, and the Committee must decide whether to go forward with a specific dollar amount. E. Zangari would then draft the ballot measure language, which must conform to the California Elections Code, for BOS consideration and approval on 10/22/2019. Approval by this date would meet the EDC Elections Department's deadline of 10/30/19 for ballot measure submittals.</p> <p>Neal Klaff presented a comparative analysis of special taxes collected for road maintenance in the Fernwood-Cothrin ZOB, Ryan Ranch ZOB, the Brandon Ranch (sp?) Road Maintenance Association, using input from Matt Smeltzer at DOT. Dollar amounts discussed included \$424/year, \$500/year, and \$468/year. Discussion focused on whether to "go for" the ballot measure now or to postpone for the November election, particularly since there appeared to be substantial momentum developing from both the ongoing road condition issues and the Town Hall meeting.</p> <p>C. Kudija opened the floor to public comment to contribute to the discussion. Speakers opined that (1) there was a "passion" of support now, that it would be a mistake to not put the measure on the March 3rd ballot; (2) prices for such things as transportation, food, etc., have increased around 57% since the \$150/year road maintenance tax was enacted in 1998; (3) if \$450/year was not enough to continue repairs, then a subsequent ballot measure could be drafted. Explanation can be</p>	Committee

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	<p>added to the ballot pamphlet; (4) community should know where the increase would go, and a 5-year or 10-year plan should be developed.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the proposed dollar amount of an increase. The committee discussed the relative merits of \$400, \$450 and \$500/year. C Kudija called for a vote.</p> <p>Committee Action: the Committee voted 5/0 to propose a \$450.00/year road tax increase for BOS approval and placement on the 3/3/2020 ballot.</p> <p>Additional discussion: Should there be an escalator of some percentage per year, for a limited time period? Discussion ensued, including mention that such an escalator clause could work against the measure to increase the road tax, as the community needs to develop confidence that repairs will be allocated fairly – and would actually be accomplished. C. Kudija noted that DOT staff explained that the County did not encourage such clauses. After discussion, the Committee decided, <u>if feasible and permissible</u>, to request that the ballot measure include a 2%/year increase beginning in TY 2021, and ending after 10 years.</p> <p>Committee Action: the Committee voted 4/1 to request that a 2% annual increase, beginning in TY 2021 and ending after 10 years, be added to the ballot measure, subject to DOT staff concurrence.</p> <p>Additional action items: C. Kudija to inquire about (1) whether road maintenance funds could be used on road drainage improvements; and (2) deadlines for ballot pamphlet narrative.</p>	
7)	Public Comment: No additional public comment after Item 6(c).	Committee
8)	Adjournment: Next meeting scheduled on November 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Ryan Ranch Fire Station. M. Klaff to reserve room. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.	CK