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## **Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting**

**November 7, 2024 – 4:00 PM**

**In Person at Montecito Community Hall and Via Zoom**

### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Albertson, Babbitt, Black, Lee Johnson, Macfadyen, Overall, Pennino, Robertson, Serrani

**Absent:** Gottsdanker, Gray, Slaff

**I. Call to Order** –Dorinne Lee Johnson, Chair, 4:00 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Pennino/Albertson  
Motion approved

**III. Public Comment for Items NOT on Agenda:** None

#### **IV. Conference Agenda:**

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##### **A. YMCA Master Plan**

i. Margo Byrne (CEO) Presentation given-Montecito Family YMCA Masterplan. Ryan Power is Executive Director of Channel Islan YMCA. Montecito YMCA is 136 years old and at current site since 1966 with little renovation done in that time. Developed a master plan in 2008 after asking the community what they wanted to see change; many features are outside the facility and are not ADA compliant and are undersized for the membership. There is no air conditioning or heat, desire for more green facility, improved light and acoustics, better traffic flow and indoor multi-purpose space. In 2010, initial architectural concept was created. In 2012, first applicant submission, in 2013, re-submission of application with staff support, in 2014 single issue submission -11<sup>th</sup> hour parking, in 2017, design reset, reducing square feet and lowering height of main building and multi-purpose center and all parking onsite. In 2024, roadside improvements were addressed. Many community entities are in support of the master plan including MBAR, MUS Board, Cold Spring School District, ongoing support from County Planning staff and many neighbors. Committee comments were favorable and would like oak trees and less generic design. There will be no employee housing. The LUC voted unanimously in support of the project.

##### **B. Hedgerow Paths-**

- Abe Powell (Santa Barbara Bucket Brigade (BB))

Gave update on progress of walking paths. In 2010, Montecito Trails Policy was established. The Montecito Association (MA), County of Santa Barbara, Cold Spring School, Montecito Trails Association, Montecito Union School, Montecito Fire Department and Coalition for Sustainable Transportation, worked together to create Walk to School Trail Program. The MA adopted guide in 2010. The Walk Montecito Campaign specifically asks for: 4-foot-wide clear path, in front of property, exclusively in the public road right-of-way. The MA conducted a member survey in 2018 with 91.4% in favor of trails. Won a statewide award in 2022. Neighborhood trail takes 4-6 weeks to complete. Each trail has its own maintenance agreement and trails

are currently being repaired ahead of winter storms. Everything that the Bucket Brigade did is permitted by the County of Santa Barbara. They have offset with tree planting of five hundred trees in the last 3 years. There was discussion of concern by the LUC regarding liability and safety. The Bucket Brigade is insured as a contractor in the public right of way with general contractor license to do work in public right of way and approved by the County.

- Peter Dealy (Resident on Santa Rosa Ln) Peter Dealy shared a four-page letter that he wrote with his reasons in opposition to the paths on Santa Rosa Lane. Funding should be to address flooding on Santa Rosa Lane first. Supervisor Williams wants sidewalks in front of properties in Montecito and Supervisor-Elect Lee informed him that the BB will present their plans to the MPC and address flood control. He stated that the Hedgerows are historic, and the BB wants to remove them to build the trails. He questioned whether the BB has insurance and if they are a contractor. Santa Rosa Lane floods when it rains and needs drainage, and the County told him that they do not have funds for it. The LUC remained to review following adjournment.

**V. Old Business** None

**VI. New Business** None

**VII. Adjourned** 6:11 p.m.