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CITY CLERK

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 19, 1999

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, meeting in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on the above date, in the Library/City Hall Conference Center was called to order by Mayor Duane Picanco.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Tom Baron
Councilmember Macklin
Councilmember Frank Mecham
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Swanson
Mayor Duane Picanco

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Shaffner, 222 Via Promesa, presented a letter regarding Union Road noise abatement (Attachment A). Mr. Shaffner requested a date as to when this item would be heard before Council. Jim App, City Manager, stated a meeting is scheduled for Thursday with the Ad Hoc Committee concerning this matter.

Chuck Miller, 3005 San Fernando Road in Atascadero, announced the Air Show this year will be entitled Sentimental Journey and is planning to have a parade before the Air Show.

Pat Mackie, 2940 Union Road, spoke of the Task Force Workshop held January 13th. He stated the City should search the private sector for an Economic Development Manager and then pay the Manager a percentage of what is brought into the City.

Dale Gustin, 246 12th Street also commented on the workshop and indicated we need an Economic Development Director coordinated with the private sector.

PRESENTATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

1. **Recognize Exchange Teachers from China**
This item was not heard due to the Chinese teachers failure to obtain VISA's.

NOTICED HEARINGS

RIMC Code:
Date: 01/19/99
File Plan/GE Cat.:
Subject: Agenda
Location: City Clerk
Retention: 5 years
Other:

NOISE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN

Apparently, Union Rd. was designated to be a 4 lane arterial as early as 1991 or before.

Thus, according to para. 1.3.1.a, a solid wall should have been built to mitigate expected truck noise.

1) The City should not have allowed the Developers to install the existing "fence."

2) Thus, it is the City's responsibility to rebuild the "fence" into a solid wall—not the Developers, because the City did not follow its General Plan.

1.3.1.b. REDUCE NOISE FROM VEHICULAR SOURCES:

Improve Road Surfaces—

Not done since 1994 (when I Moved here). In fact, trucks break down road edges, which now makes safety an issue.

Reduce Speed Limits—

45 MPH is too high! Several accidents have occurred. Going 50 around 2 curves the driver has to break/slow down rapidly.

Some people have to cross Union Rd. to get to their rural mailbox @ one tight curve. (visability for eastbound driver is approximately 30 feet—an extremely dangerous situation)

Mitigation No. 4 must be adhered to.

Prohibit Large Truck Traffic—

___At 222 via Promesa noise receiver, there were 29 trucks recorded at a sound level over 75 dB between 4 AM & 7AM on a Monday morning. To preserve quiet living conditions, noise level policies must be adopted to prevent degradation of the noise environment. The early morning noise is in violation of the GENERAL PLAN! Mitigation # 2 must be adopted by CITY ORDINANCE.

From this, we are confident that a Council Subcommittee can only find that the Union Rd. Corridor is in violation of the Paso Robles General Plan Noise Element.

dated October 6, 1998 by

W. J. Shaffner

SOAP BOX--WILL THE CITY COUNCIL EVER HELP THE PEOPLE?

To the Editor:

Once again the Paso Robles City Council has disregarded their General Plan; this time not following their "Noise Element" adopted April 1994. In July 1997, the homeowners along the North River Rd/Union Rd corridor complained of road noise along Union Road that exceeds the noise level threshold called out in the General Plan. Most of this noise is caused by heavy trucks, starting about 5:00 AM. When the occupants along that corridor complained to the Council, they were told that the Council would not conduct a new Noise Study and that we homeowners could do it ourselves, but the Mayor would write a letter to each of the large commercial companies requesting that they route their trucks from River Road to 13th St. and on to 101 Freeway to Highway 46, a less populated route. Guess what, folks -- few of those disappeared from Union Rd. In fact, we see and hear more and more.

We conducted that Noise Study and found that early morning noise was 10 dB higher than the 1994 Revision to the General Plan, and 15 dB higher than the 1991 Noise Element, its predecessor. The Plan mandates in paragraph 1.3.1: "*--for the City to arrange, develop, operate, and maintain land uses with the goal of protecting citizens and property from --noise--*" The Plan further states (mandates) "*incorporate the following noise mitigation measures:*

- a. Where feasible, require installation of noise barriers along arterial rights-of-way. To be effective, such barriers should have a solid continuous surface without any holes....*
- b. To reduce noise from vehicular sources, wherever feasible, the City should improve road surfaces, reduce speed limits, prohibit large truck traffic, reduce traffic volumes and enforce regulations.*

As to (a) above, the City's original plan was to build a wall along Union Road, long enough to extend through three housing development sites going east from North River Rd. Somehow, the City allowed the Developers to simply put up an iron fence with stone pillars every 15 feet, which is absolutely no help in blocking road noise!

Those mandates in (b) above have been totally disregarded, even though the large trucks have broken down the shoulders and that several of the neighbors have witnessed accidents and are quite concerned about the safety of their children in the area. Drivers reaching speeds of 50 MPH have to brake/slow down very quickly around at least two curves along the Union Road corridor. When we queried the Council about the trucks last year, we were handed a letter from one of the old time commercial businesses that in essence said "We were here first!"

Is that the City's way of "*protecting citizens and property from damage from --noise--*"?? Does it appear that our City Council bends over backwards in favor

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of commercial property owners? (Reference the Soap Box article by Maisie Egger in the Aug. 14 issue about the Prospect Ave debacle)

At present, the road noise is excessive and ever-increasing; and as a result, the property owners and residents cannot enjoy the rights that go with ownership. We cannot enjoy the usefulness of our back yards. We must keep our windows shut at night and cannot enjoy the fresh air lest we become awakened in the very early morning hours by truck noise.

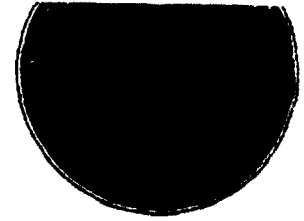
The City of Paso Robles promotes new growth through housing developments that mean an increase in its tax base. At the same time, the City owes a responsibility to its citizens not to interfere with the use and enjoyment of their property. The ownership or rightful possession of land necessarily involves the right not only to the unimpaired condition of the property itself, but also to some reasonable comfort and convenience in its occupation.

Bill Shaffner (Published in Country-News Press as "COMMENT" 9-4-98)

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OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DATE: JULY 7, 1998
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AND "THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY"

Summary

On April 14, 1998, the Board approved a Community Project Agreement between the County and "The Habitat for Humanity." Based on advice from their legal counsel, the group now wishes to change the project description for use of the funds from "payment of building permit fees" to "soils testing and infrastructure development."

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the grant agreement between the County of San Luis Obispo and "The Habitat for Humanity."

Discussion

On April 14, 1998, the Board approved a Community Project Agreement in the amount of \$1,000 between the County and "The Habitat for Humanity." The group works with economically disadvantaged persons to help them build homes. Based on advice from their legal counsel, the group requested that the allocation of funds be delayed. They now wish to change the project description for use of the funds from "payment of building permit fees" to "soils testing and infrastructure development." To do this, the grant agreement will need to be amended. A copy of the revised project description for the grant agreement is attached as Exhibit "A".

Other Agency Involvement

"The Habitat for Humanity", a non-profit group, is the grant recipient.

Financial Considerations

Funding in the amount of \$1,000 was approved by the Board on April 14, 1998. The funds were not disbursed at the request of the group pending this amendment. The funds are budgeted in BU 2080 - Community Projects.

Sincerely,


DAVID EDGE
County Administrator

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An ecumenical, international board of directors determines policy and monitors operations in conjunction with a board of advisors. Board members are dedicated volunteers who are deeply concerned about the problems of poverty housing around the world. HFHI headquarters operates with an administrative staff, assisted by a core group of clerical and support employees and supplemented by long-term and short-term volunteers. Each Habitat for Humanity affiliate is managed by a local volunteer board.

How does Habitat work with the government?

Habitat does not accept government funds for the construction of new houses or for the renovation or repair of existing houses. Habitat does accept government funds for the acquisition of land or houses in need of rehabilitation. Habitat also accepts government funds for "stage-setting" infrastructure needs (streets, sewers, etc.) so long as the funds have no strings attached that would violate Habitat's principles or limit its ability to proclaim its Christian witness.

How can I get more information?

For additional information, see the other sections of this website, e-mail your questions to public_info@habitat.org, or write or phone our international headquarters:

Habitat for Humanity International
121 Habitat Street
Americus, GA 31709-3498
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HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES

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PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA 93447

January 19, 1999

To: City Council, City Paso Robles
From: Gene Bergman, Paso Robles Housing Authority

Proposal for addition to George Stephens Community Center

The Housing Authority propose to install a 960 to 1200 sq. foot addition - estimated cost \$50,000-\$60,000 with the following conditions.

1. The City of Paso Robles gives a waiver of the PILOT commitment to the Housing Authority for the 1998-1999 Fiscal Year. Estimated \$30,000-\$35,000.
2. The City of Paso Robles designate the \$14,673 just paid for PILOT to cover cost of 1/2 salary for recreation staff for one year.

The Housing Authority will evaluate its method of distribution of PILOT. This could mean that \$30,000 - \$35,000 yearly would be available to pay toward programs taking place in Oak Park.

2. Street Name Change: Ronan Road to Dallons Drive

Mayor Picanco announced it was the time and place for the public hearing to consider changing a street name from Ronan Road to Dallons Drive located north of and parallel to Highway 46 East. The road extends/is planned to extend between Golden Hill Road on the east and North River Road on the west.

Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing.

Sandy McLaughlin, Cuesta College, spoke in favor of the street name change. Betty Cousins, 1351 Chestnut, also spoke in favor of the street name change and recommends Council approve the resolution.

There being no further comments either written or oral, the public hearing was closed. It was moved by Councilmember Swanson and seconded by Councilmember Mecham to adopt Resolution No. 99-08, changing the name of Ronan Road in the Borkey Area Specific Plan to Dallons Drive. Motion was passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

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**ADJOURN TO JOINT MEETING OF PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY,  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY & CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER** Agencymembers Tom Baron, Frank Mecham, Duane Picanco, Lee Swanson, and Chairman Walt Macklin

**DISCUSSION**

**3. Redevelopment Agency Annual Report**

Consider adopting a resolution approving the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report for fiscal year 1998. Mike Compton, Director of Administrative Services, presented an overall view of the annual report.

Dale Gustin referenced D-2, 32<sup>nd</sup> & Spring, to reconsider the fact that Peoples' Self Help Housing was also going to redevelop the same land and urges the City to reconsider this development.

It was moved by Agencymember Swanson and seconded by Agencymember Baron for the Redevelopment Agency to adopt Resolution No. RA99-01, adopting the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report for fiscal year 1998. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Mecham, Picanco, Swanson, and Macklin  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

It was moved by Councilmember Baron and seconded by Councilmember Macklin for the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 99-09, adopting the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report for fiscal year 1998. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**4. Habitat for Humanity Assistance**



Consider use of Redevelopment Low and Moderate Income Housing (LMIH) Funds to offset Building Permit and Development Fees for three single family homes for low income households to be built by Habitat for Humanity.

Joe Kelly distributed a letter from the County of SLO and a document on how the Habitat works with the government (Attachment B). Mr. Kelly then requested Council to:

1. Reconsider and rescind the \$35,000 allocation of tax money to Habitat for Humanity
2. Follow the Habitat for Humanity International stated policy of funds
3. State the Constitutional Authority for the record

Pat Mackie and Dale Gustin spoke in support of the Habitat for Humanity. Jerry Whinerey, President, indicated that the Habitat serves people in the community who earn an income of approximately \$23,000. Jan Clark of Via Promesa and a member of the Board for Habitat for Humanity, indicated that two families have been selected for the project and that they do not discriminate against religion.

It was moved by Agencymember Swanson, seconded by Agencymember Baron passed unanimously to **note and receive and file Mr. Kelly's inquiry.**

**5. City Council Action Regarding Budget ~ Habitat for Humanity Assistance**

Consider amending the Redevelopment Budget for Fiscal Year 1998/99 in conjunction with an allocation of Redevelopment Low and Moderate Income Housing (LMIH) Funds to offset Building Permit and Development Fees for three single family homes for low income households to be build by Habitat for Humanity. Bob Lata, Director of Community Development, suggests this item be considered by Council and item 6 by considered by the Redevelopment Agency.

Mayor Picanco opened for public comment. Joe Kelly spoke of securing funds.

It was moved by Councilmember Swanson and seconded by Councilmember Mecham to **introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 3.40 Revenue & Finance of the municipal code to modify the fiscal year 1998/99 budget for the Redevelopment Agency and set February 2, 1999 for final adoption.** Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**6. Owner Participation Agreement/Affordability Covenant ~ Habitat for Humanity Assistance**

Consider approving an Owner Participation Agreement (OPA) and Affordability Covenant in conjunction with an allocation of Redevelopment Low & Moderate Income Housing (LMIH) Funds to offset Building Permit and Development Fees for three single family homes for low income households to be built by Habitat for Humanity.

It was moved by Agencymember Baron and seconded by Agencymember Picanco to **adopt Resolution No. RA99-02, Approving an Owner Participation Agreement and Affordability Covenant in conjunction with a grant of Redevelopment low and moderate income housing funds to assist the construction of three single family homes by Habitat for Humanity.** Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Mecham, Picanco, Swanson, and Macklin  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**ADJOURN TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The **Consent Calendar** was approved upon motion by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Mecham, together with the recommendations and findings as set forth therein, waiving the reading of resolutions and ordinances in full, with the exception of Items 8 and 12 which were pulled for discussion. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Those items approved are as follows:

7. **Approve Warrant Register** (M. Compton, Dir. Of Admin. Svcs.)
9. **Adopt Resolution No. 99-11, ratifying the joint powers agreement for SLOCOG and SLORTA** (J. McCarthy, Dir. of Public Works)
10. **Adopt Resolution No. 99-12, approving a lease agreement amendment with the County of San Luis Obispo, Dept. Of Social Services** (M. Compton, Dir. of Admin. Svcs.)
11. **Adopt Resolution No. 99-13, accepting an Offer of Dedication from Cuesta College for a proposed Well Site** (J. McCarthy, Dir. of Public Works)

Those items pulled for discussion are as follows:

8. **Adopt Resolution No. 99-10, authorizing the Police Dept. To release a direct grant award to San Luis Obispo County as part of the Regional Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition** (D. Cassidy, Chief of Police)

Frank Mecham pulled item for clarification on the grant and Dale Gustin spoke in support of this item.

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin and seconded by Councilmember Swanson to approve the above resolution. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

12. **Adopt Resolution No. 99-14, authorizing the Chief of Police to execute the Weapons Firing Range Agreement with the State of California, Dept. Of Highway Patrol** (D. Cassidy, Chief of Police)

This item was pulled by Pat Mackie who questioned the problem regarding bullets from the firing range.

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin and seconded by Councilmember Swanson to approve the above resolution. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

13. **Larkfield Place Connection Between Tract 1632-6 (Priske-Jones) & Tract 1832 (Erskine)**  
Consider request to limit vehicular access between Tract 1632-6 and Tract 1832 with the construction of Larkfield Place.

Tom Erskine spoke in support of bollards. Joe Priske recommends a change in the language in option a, to keep the barriers in place until the start of Phase 7 construction. Doug Hamp, Chief of Emergency Services, prefers bollards in lieu of barriers as they can drive over bollards for easy access in case of emergency.

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin and seconded by Councilmember Swanson to approve physical connection of Tract 1632-6 and 1832 but install removable bollards to the satisfaction of the Dept. Of Emergency Services to allow access during an emergency. Motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

For the record, Councilmember Baron wanted to note that he had an exparte meeting with Tom Erskine this morning.

**14. 1999 Community Development Block Grant Program**

Consider programs/projects that the City should sponsor or co-sponsor for funding with the City's 1999 allotment of Federal Community Development Block Grand (CDBG) funds. There will be a public hearing on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Mackie commented on CAT, the Classic American Theatre and suggests City look at the downtown business area when considering the CDBG Program. Gene Bergman, Director of the Housing Authority, addressed the George Stephens Community Center and how to accomplish the addition. A letter was presented to City Council (Attachment C). He asks Council to waive the taxes commitment for this fiscal year. Jackie Sebros, Loaves & Fishes, stated they will be losing their building with the passage of Measure D and will be asking for funding to build a new building. Asked the City keep them in mind when allocating funds. They will need about \$350,000, (\$175,00 each from City and County). They will need about 1,000 sq. Feet for food, a total of about 3,000 sq. ft.. George Finigan, 1520 Experimental Station, commented that Main Street would like to continue the downtown on Pine and Park Street and requested Council support to install lighting on streets rather than parking lots.

*10:00 break*

Following a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Mecham and seconded by Councilmember Swanson to direct staff to file applications for 70% of low income benefit:

- acquisition of city-owned property at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Spring St. For a youth activities center (135,000) as a co-sponsor with Paso Robles Youth Arts Foundation;
- off-site improvements for a youth activities center at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Spring St. (25,000)
- two-additional modular buildings for George Stephan Center (32,000)

And 30% of blight elimination for historic street lights for downtown (including City parking lot at 12<sup>th</sup> & Railroad Streets) (\$126,560). Motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**15. Sphere of Influence and General Plan Up-Date Program**

Consider comments and direction regarding the process and content of a possible up-date to the City's Sphere of Influence, plus the Elements of the General Plan.

Pat Mackie commented that if borders are expanded, development will follow and suggested Council keep the Sphere of Influence compact. George Finigan, expressed concern with not moving forward with the General Plan at this time.

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin, seconded by Councilmember Mecham, and passed unanimously to direct staff to:

- Contact LAFCO staff to determine process for up-dating the City's Sphere of Influence;(check w/Bob)
- Report back to Council with regards to the steps, cost, and time-line for the process;
- Arrange for a workshop on a Council-specified date to discuss the policy options with regards to the update of the City's General Plan.

**16. Barney Schwartz Park ~ Final Design & Budget**

Consider a final design for Barney Schwartz Park.

Dale Gustin expressed disappointment with the elimination of the tennis courts and suggests the pond may be a liability. He suggest installing another well in lieu of the pond. Pat Mackie did not recall Council discussing putting in a septic system and is concerned with the sandy soil and the water tables around the system.

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin and seconded by Councilmember Swanson to **approve modified design, including a water reservoir and additional restroom building; direct preparation of final working drawings, and obtain bids for the revised project.** Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**17. No. County Transportation Center ~ Phase III**

Consider rejecting the bids received for Phase III of the North County Transportation Center and putting the project out to bid with modifications.

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin and seconded by Councilmember Mecham to **adopt Resolution No. 99-15, rejecting the bids received on December 18, 1998 and authorizing staff to modify the plans and specifications and re-advertise for construction bids.** Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin, Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**18. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility**

Consider authorizing an application for grant funding for a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection facility.

It was moved by Councilmember Baron and seconded by Councilmember Swanson to **dopt Resolution No. 99-16, authorizing the submittal of a household hazardous waste grant application to establish a permanent collection facility.** Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baron, Macklin Mecham, Swanson, and Picanco  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**CITY MANAGER**

The City Manager asked that Council schedule two interview dates.

The interviews for Planning Commission and Airport Advisory were scheduled for February 10, 1999. The interviews for the Library Board and Project Area Committee will be scheduled for a Saturday.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION**

19. **Receive and File Minutes for the Following Advisory Meetings:**

- a. **Library Board of Trustees Minutes of December 10, 1998**

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin, seconded by Councilmember Mecham and passed unanimously to receive and file the above minutes.

20. **Parks & Recreation Advisory Bylaws** (B. Partridge, Dir. of Library/Recreation Svcs.)

Consider amending the bylaws of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to expand the number from seven regular members to 9 members by incorporating alternate members as regular members.

It was moved by Councilmember Macklin, seconded by Councilmember Mecham, and passed unanimously to amend the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee bylaws to include 9 regular members and no alternate members.

**AD HOC COUNCIL BUSINESS**

21. **Housing Authority Proposal** (T. Baron)

Consider Housing Authority proposal to expand Oak Park Recreation Center.

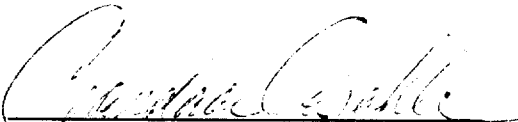
This item was continued.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm with no closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

to THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1999, 7:00 PM FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION & AIRPORT INTERVIEWS IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL; THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1999, 7:00 PM FOR THE NACIMIENTO WORKSHOP AT CENTENNIAL PARK; AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1999, 7:30 PM AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET.

Respectfully submitted,



Candace Aschle, Deputy City Clerk

(Minutes approved February 2, 1999)

**Paso Robles City Council  
Attention Subcommittee on  
Union Road Noise Abatement  
Councilmen: Tom Baron & Walt Macklin**

**1-17-99**

- Ref. 1) Letter of 8-18-98 to City Council  
Ref. 2) Published Comment in Country-  
News Press, 9-4-98  
Ref. 3) Memo from Bob Lata to James App  
Dated, 10-6-98, re Agenda Item 28**

**Reference 1 again brought attention to the City Council that vehicular noise within the Union Rd/North River Rd corridor exceeds the Noise Element of the General Plan of Paso Robles. Citizens of that corridor paid for a noise study taken at 206 Via Promesa and 222 Via Promesa, which was attached to Ref. 1. That Noise Study clearly showed that early morning noise was in violation of the Plan. Further, we submit that the City of Paso Robles should have ordered and paid for the Noise Study. Consequently, Messieurs R. Boyse and W. Shaffner need to be reimbursed in the amount of \$900.00 that we paid to Krause Engineering Services for conducting that Noise Study.**

**Reference 2 summarizes the problem and cites the areas of noise mitigation, set forth in the General Plan, that need to be corrected. Reference 3 suggested that a Subcommittee of the Council look into the problem.**

**Since the Council Meeting of 10-6, the Street Department placed slurry over the existing Union Rd. without making any effort to smooth existing bumps in the road. Trucks continue to make the same noise as before. The Street Dept. could have taken one more hour and bulldozed bumps & ridges which may have gone a long way toward smoothing Union Road rather than merely sealing it.**

**The attached sheet dated 10-6-98 states our position. The fence needs to be filled in solid throughout the three housing developments. That may be a substantial cost, but that should have been done, just as several other housing developments and subdivisions in Paso Robles did.**

**Second, the Speed Limit needs to be reduced from 45 MPH to 35 MPH, as we have stated before. This is due to a safety consideration since there are no sidewalks along Union Road and many pedestrians are walking about in this heavily populated area.**

**Third, a City Ordinance must be adopted to eliminate heavy trucks from using Union Road between River Road and Golden Hill Road.**

**The General Plan states that when violations above 65 dB exist, mitigation measures such as listed above are to be incorporated. Therefore, why is the City Council delaying what is an obvious decision? It has now been over 100 days since that October 6, 1998 Council Meeting. Do we need to take stronger measures to convince the Council that we are serious about this matter?**

**Sincerely,**

  
**W.J. Shaffner**