

SSFL-Community Advisory Group

Bell Canyon Community Center

MARCH 19, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:11PM

Members present: Ross Berman, Richard Brandlin, Sam Cohen, Diana Dixon Davis, Sharon Ford, Poly Georgilas, Linda Hays, Michael Kuhn, John Luker, Tom Nachtrab, Brian Sujata, Alez Uzemeck, Kathy Weiner, Ron Ziman

Absent: David Karchem, Christian Kiillkkaa, Barry Seybert, Thom Slosson, Abe Weitzberg, Mary Wiesbrock.

A quorum was present.

- I. Today's meeting agenda was approved
- II. February meeting minutes were approved, with the exception of adding the dates of the 2 Democratic Club meetings that CAG members attended, by a vote of 11 with 2 abstentions.
- III. Archeology & the SSFL; Presentation by Barbara Tejada
Barbara's goal was to present the subject of archaeology, clarify the myriad of acronyms used in the process of determining Cultural/Historical Resources and to show how these apply to the SSFL.

On the Federal side: (NASA & DOE)

The Natural Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) :

Section 101: National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)

Section 106: Requires Federal Agencies to take into account the effects of an undertaking on the object, structure, site

Process: ID Historic property (etc); assess project effects; measures to avoid/minimize

Section 110: Defines the responsibility of the Federal Government to preserve historic properties

What is the National Register?: maintained under Secretary of the Interior

Districts, sites, buildings, structures & objects that are significant in American history.
Eligible if older than 50 years unless exceptional, associated with an important event, person or type.

Must have several of the 7 Aspects of Integrity

Programmatic Agreement-a record of terms & conditions agreed upon to resolve potential adverse effects of undertakings.

On the State Side: (Boeing via DTSC)

California Environmental Quality Act

Public Resources Code Sections: 5020, 5029 & 5097

Cultural Resources Challenges at SSFL:

NASA & DOE are subject to AOC except Native American Artifacts that are formally recognized as cultural resources.

Sacred sites by Executive Order 13007

Traditional Cultural Property per NHPA

California Native American Heritage Commission Sacred Land File Inventory

Are Rocket Test Stands historical?

Status of RP's progress toward SSFL Cleanup:

NASA: 106 completed, NEPA is concluded

DOE: 106 completed, NEPA commencing

Boeing: Inventory completed

DTSC: Site wide CEQA is commencing

A Q & A period followed the presentation

Full text of Barbara Tejada's presentation is available at:

<http://ssflcag.net/Resources/cultural%20Laws> Tejada CAG.pdf

IV: Chumash Tribe & the SSFL: Presentation by Sam Cohen

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians are very interested in the entire SSFL site for preservation as Sacred Land & Ceremonial Gathering Site. The Tribe thinks the only way to preserve and protect the land would be to own it. Hopefully, the Tribe will be able to work with NASA & DOE as part of the Section 106 process to get DTSC to define the Native American Artifacts exception under the 2010 AOC.

The Tribe has requested the Department of the Interior to request a **Fee Simple title** to the NASA property on behalf of the Tribe which will protect the Burro Flats Cave site and the world class pictographs that they contain. (Taking the land in Fee Simple title, as opposed to placing it in Federal Trust, would prevent it from ever being used for a casino). They envision an Interpretive Center within Area II for educational purposes.

Tribal ownership of the land would in no way adversely affect any entities clean-up efforts or responsibilities.

A Q & A period followed the presentation.

V: New Application for Membership: Ron Ziman, Membership Chair

Mary Wiesbrock has notified the CAG that she is resigning. Mary has recommended for CAG membership Mr. Tim Brehn.

Mr. Brehn has gone through the application process with the Membership Committee and they are recommending his membership.

Ross Berman then requested that the application be made available for the CAG to review prior to a vote by the CAG. Alec apologized for not distributing Mr. Brehn's application prior to the meeting. However, it was decided to have Mr. Brehn speak on his own behalf & answer questions from CAG members.

Following this, a vote was taken and Tim Brehn became a member of the SSFL- CAG on a 8:5 vote.

VI: John Luker Resolution: Presented by John Luker (Informational purposes only)

John stated that he has sent out a "Resolution" to the CAG on March 17th as an email. The intention was, after discussion at the meeting, to have the CAG vote & possibly agree on this Resolution which then would be distributed to Legislators, the public and other venues.

There was scant discussion about John's resolution primarily because there have been several resolutions put forth recently. The CAG will need a chance to make an informed decision about what verbage to use.

At this point several people were recognized to speak including Diana Dixon-Davis & Chris Rowe who each wanted to put forth resolutions.

Ron Ziman suggested that major position papers be distributed at least one week prior to our meeting if the intention is to take a vote on them.

? Was this issue tabled until next meeting?

It was then suggested that we create a small working group to develop the final draft of the resolution originated by John Luker.

Ron Ziman volunteered to chair this group. Ross Berman, Mike Kuhn, Kathy Weiner, Brian Sujata, Sharon Ford, John Luker & Diana Dixon-Davis volunteered as small group members.

Ron will be letting us know about meeting logistics.

It was clarified that we do have a rule regarding our ability to vote electronically.

John Luker then called for a meeting of the Communication Committee for this Saturday March 22nd. @2PM.

VII: DOE EIS Scoping-Joint Response: Abe Weitzberg via Alec Uzemeck

Alec distributed copies of Abe's response to DOE EIS Scoping which had been emailed to CAG members on March 3rd. Abe is proposing this response be voted on by the CAG & sent to DOE as a joint CAG response.

There was some discussion especially in regards to the section on the "No Action Alternative". Chris Rowe, a member of the community, objects to mentioning this. There was more discussion regarding this aspect of the response.

Alec requested everyone to take 7 days to look over the document and get back to him with comments.

VIII: Weitzberg Proposed Health Study Process: Abe Weitzberg via Alec Uzemeck

Alec distributed copies of Abe's emails from March 8th & 9th in which Abe describes his proposed method of organizing, analyzing & documenting the health studies to accomplish our goal of having this information available on our website as soon as possible.

Abe proposes breaking the studies into three groups: 1) Community Cancer Studies, 2) Worker Studies & 3) Off-Site Pathway Studies. Estimated time to begin this process is one month.

Ron & David will do peer review on Abe's work.

IX: Public Comment:

Tom will make our website easier for the public to leave comments.

Diana will generate a list of acronyms relevant to SSFL & Alec will post them on the website.

Chris Rowe stated that she relied on the Cohen Study & DOE website.

Bonnie Klea stated that she had studies from the Cancer Registry that she would share with the CAG. Also, Bonnie believes that Simi Valley/Ventura County has the highest rate of breast cancer in the state.

DTSC & USC Keck School of Medicine invite the community to a **Community Update** on Wednesday April 9th at Simi Valley High School. 5400 Cochran St, Time 6:00 to 9:30PM. DTSC Staff & Dr Thomas Mack, Professor of Preventative Medicine & Pathology will speak. For more info call: Marina Perez @ (818) 717-6569

X: Next meeting: Date TBD. Ron has been communicating with an epidemiologist who has something to say about coccyx (Valley fever) spores; Possible date May 7th.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:30PM

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