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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 19, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m. ZOOM CONFERENCE**

**1. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum**

Present: Brian Glusovich, Gwen Kellas, Jeff Bloom, Ted Key, Kristine Fox, Kermit Johansson, Greg Aitkens, Jamie McLeod, Beth Kendall, Daniel De La Rosa, and Karen Chrisman.

Absent: Lourdes Nilon, Cecilia Montalvo, Valarie Carr, Jeff Kwasny, Mike Broadhurst, and Lorie Schwenk.

**2. Consent Agenda**

- a. Agenda Approval
- b. Minutes Approval
- c. Treasurer's Report (Item 6i on the agenda) - Approval of items a and b above was considered in one motion due to their routine and non-controversial nature. McLeod moved to approve, Johansson seconded, Council approved. There was no financial activity since the June meeting.

**3. Public/Council Comment: None**

**4. Regular Public Agency Reports:**

- a. **Public Safety:** Sgt. Coyes of the SLO Sheriff's Department was present and summarized his written incident report for June, which was appended to the agenda. Sgt. Coyes agreed to remain at the meeting through the SLO County Supervisor's report in order to hear the discussion regarding residents' concerns about traffic issues. Cambria Fire Department Chief Justin Vincent provided an oral report. Topics covered included numbers and types of calls and activities for the Fire Department in June; the July 14<sup>th</sup> deadline for voluntary compliance with the fire fuel reduction program (weed abatement) has passed; a list of failed inspections (vacant lots not already abated) has been compiled by the Fire Department and will be presented to the CCSD Board of Directors at the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, after which the abatements for lots on the list should be completed by a contractor hired by the Fire Department within approximately one month; and the fire danger in Cambria continues to be low due to weather conditions. In response to an audience member's question about whether a specific lot is on the list of failed inspections, Chief Vincent requested that he should be contacted directly. An audience member expressed concern about an abatement at the "Spaghetti Bowl" that damaged a

sapling; Chief Vincent suggested the County should be contacted about this issue because the Fire Department has not yet abated any lots.

- b. **SLO County Supervisor:** In the absence of Supervisor Bruce Gibson, his Legislative Assistant, Blake Fixler, reported that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) was on summer break for a few weeks; therefore, no business related specifically to Cambria was conducted. Regarding the damaged sapling at the “Spaghetti Bowl,” Mr. Fixler requested the concerned audience member should contact him directly. Chair Glusovich introduced the topic of traffic concerns recently expressed by residents, including scarcity of parking, accidents and near-misses at intersections with no signage and limited visibility, speeding/reckless driving, and the need for additional signage on one-way streets. Mr. Fixler pointed out that some concerns appeared to be enforcement issues for the Sheriff’s Department and others, e.g., additional signage, are improvements for which the County Public Works Department has responsibility. Mr. Fixler will introduce Chair Glusovich to Public Works personnel who can address issues for which they have responsibility, perhaps at future NCAC meetings. In response to an audience member’s concern that the County is insufficiently responsive to Cambria’s road and traffic issues, Mr. Fixler will contact personnel at the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department to re-establish a connection. Regarding scarcity of parking in Cambria’s East and West Villages, an audience member said the issue is exacerbated by increased tourism. There was discussion about the Tourism Board’s mission and whether its funding allows for infrastructure projects which could help to alleviate issues other than parking which result from increased tourism. Mr. Fixler agreed with an audience member that if future NCAC meetings include personnel from the Public Works Department, they should be prepared to discuss capital improvements projects.
- c. **Cambria Community Services District:** CCSD Liaison Michael Thomas summarized his written report, which was appended to the agenda. He also reviewed a few agenda items for the upcoming CCSD meeting on July 20 and reported that interviews were ongoing for the open position of Facilities and Resources Department Manager. There was discussion about possible effects if the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Commission’s status is changed to a standing committee.
- d. **San Simeon Community Services District:** Currently, the NCAC has no SSCSD Liaison, and Chair Glusovich has not received replies to his requests for information about the SSCSD’s activities.
- e. **Cambria Fire Safe Focus Group:** David Pierson gave an oral report. Topics included upcoming “chipping days;” and State Farm Insurance is no longer writing new policies in California as of May, exacerbating the fire insurance issue in Cambria and throughout California. An audience member commented that other large insurance companies are not writing fire insurance policies in California unless auto insurance is also included, which is a detriment to affordable home ownership. In response to an audience member who asked whether the state legislature of California is acting to ease this issue, Mr. Pierson suggested contacting representatives to the state legislature to encourage action.
- f. **SLO County Planning:** Kip Morais, Long Range Planner 2 at the County Planning and Building Department, reported the Planning Department recently denied 3 single-family projects in Cambria. He provided an update on the property at Nottingham and Leighton that was discussed at the NCAC June meeting; the property is still being reviewed by the Code Enforcement Section. Chair Glusovich asked whether the stairs at Lampton Cliffs Park could be repaired quickly if they were used as part of an evacuation route; Mr. Morais will research this subject and report his findings. In response to Chair Glusovich’s question about progress on seawall repairs in Cambria, Mr. Morais will forward the process for such repairs to Chair Glusovich for inclusion on the NCAC website. An audience member commented that the property at Nottingham and Leighton is sufficiently completed so that a determination could be made about whether it violates code regulations.
- g. **Cambria Community Healthcare District:** No report.

— Meeting break —

## 5. Guest Presentations

- a. **Discussion on proposed request for NCAC support for Cambria Historic District street signs.** Claudia Harmon Worthen of Beautify Cambria Association reviewed the proposed improvements to existing signs. Pictures of the new signs were appended to the agenda. Ms. Worthen will apply to the Cambria Community Council for a grant to offset the cost of the project and asked for a letter from the NCAC expressing support for it. In response to a question from the audience, Ms. Worthen provided an update on the mural project at the Cambria Post Office; unveiling and dedication of the mural is planned for a weekend in mid-August.

## 6. Reports from Standing Committees and Special Interest Representatives

- a. **Hispanic Report:** Hispanic Community Liaison Lourdes Nilon was absent but provided a written report, which was summarized by Chair Glusovich.
- b. **Agriculture Report:** Agricultural Liaison Beth Kendall gave an oral report. Topics covered included continuing repairs to ranches on Santa Rosa Creek Road and San Simeon Creek Road, weed control, and ranchers' continuing search for fire insurance.
- c. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** No correspondence.
- d. **Land Use Committee:** Land Use Committee Chair Jeff Kwasny was absent but provided a written summary of one referral received for July, which was appended to the agenda and summarized by Chair Glusovich; he also moved to approve the referral, Johansson seconded, Council approved.
- e. **Traffic/Transportation Committee:** Transportation Committee Member Kermit Johansson gave an oral report which described 2 projects he has proposed; links to the projects, with full descriptions, are on the NCAC website. Mr. Johansson plans to apply to the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) for grants to fund the projects and will report more fully on them at the August meeting. He also reported that the NCAC August meeting will include a presentation from SLOCOG on its Regional Transportation Plan for 2023-2045.
- f. **Outreach Committee:** Chair Glusovich reported on this morning's website issues, which have been resolved.
- g. **Environmental Report:** Environmental Representative Daniel De La Rosa summarized his written report, which was appended to the agenda. Audience members asked questions about 2 topics included in Mr. De La Rosa's report: marine mammal population surveys conducted by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and wind turbines for the proposed wind farm offshore from San Simeon. In response, Mr. De La Rosa confirmed that the NOAA surveys have not yet been conducted, and there are still outstanding issues and unanswered questions regarding the assembling of wind turbines. An audience member commented that solar energy should be compared with wind energy to determine which type should be developed.
- h. **Business Report:** No report.
- i. **Treasurer's Report:** There was no financial activity since the May meeting.

**7. New Business:** The August meeting will include a presentation by Transportation Committee Member Kermit Johansson on his proposed projects. Treasurer Ted Key, Chair Glusovich, and former Treasurer Jamie McLeod will meet regarding the duties of the Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Chrisman  
Recording Secretary