

TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP (TAAG)

Minutes of the Board meeting

Thursday March 17, 2022

This meeting was held via Zoom.
Minutes of the meeting submitted by Sonja Bolle

2021-2022 TAAG BOARD MEMBERS

Bruce Jones, Delegate/Chair
Murray Powell, Delegate/Treasurer/Vice-Chair
Erik Gorham, Delegate/Secretary
Dede Davis, Delegate
Doris Diel, Delegate
John Donovan, Delegate
Scott Shirley, Delegate
Christine Nelson, First Alternate Delegate

1. CALL TO ORDER

TAAG Chair Bruce Jones called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Bruce Jones, Delegate/Chair	present
Murray Powell, Delegate/Treasurer/Vice-Chair	present
Erik Gorham, Delegate/Secretary	present
Dede Davis, Delegate	not present
Doris Diel, Delegate	present
John Donovan, Delegate	present
Scott Shirley, Delegate	present
Christine Nelson, First Alternate Delegate	not present

As a result of the March 12, 2022 TAAG election, delegates Scott Shirley, Murray Powell and Doris Diel were re-seated; new delegate Jerry Jones along with first alternate delegate Scott Silveira were seated.

Scott Shirley was installed as Chair of TAAG and assumed direction of the meeting.

3. AGENCY REPORTS AND UPDATES

3.1. Sheriff's Office

Report from Michael S. Manuele, Commander, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office, North Station: There was a 7% increase in station calls for service over Feb of 2021, with 242 reports, including:

Assault: 4 calls for service (3 reports)

Disturbance: 13 (4 mental health related)

Burglaries: 3 (1 report of cannabis stolen from grow site)

Trespassing: 3 calls (1 report)

Phone scam: 1

Suspicious circumstances: 14 calls (2 reports)

MURRAY POWELL: asked for location of cannabis theft.

MANUELE: outside of Templeton, to east of town, address not available,
Powell may phone later for specifics

3.2. California Highway Patrol

No report

3.3. Supervisorial District One

VICKI JANSSEN, legislative aide to Supervisor John Peschong.

On April 5 at 5 pm: There will be a special hearing at the County Board of Supervisors to discuss San Luis Obispo becoming a charter county; not to adopt all aspects of a charter county, but to have the ability to hold an election if there should be a mid-term opening in a county-wide office. The county has recently had two openings: supervisor and county clerk-recorder, which were filled by appointment of the Governor of California and SLO County Board of Supervisors, respectively, for the time remaining in the elected terms.

In case of such vacancies, a charter county may hold a local election instead of having the office filled by appointment.

Beginning April 1, the county will accept applications for small business grants (up to \$10,000) through the American Recovery Act. Qualifying businesses must have 25 or fewer employees.

MURRAY POWELL: requested information on rules for charter counties.

JENSSEN: Information will be available March 29.

ERIK GORHAM: : Will there be protection against becoming a full charter county? Assuming all charter rules would be a HORRIBLE idea.

JANSSEN: The plan is to not to adopt all aspects of charter county status.

CAROLYN LOCHHEAD, member of public: Asked JANSSEN to address concerns regarding a planned vineyard, off Vineyard Dr. owned by a Texas partnership. The 160-acre property was formerly in dryland farming. Plans call for developing a fully irrigated vineyard. There is fear it will affect wells in Hidden Valley, where oak trees are already dying. Hidden Valley is outside of Paso Robles and Atascadero sub-basin. Is there no regulation on well-drilling in this area? How does permitting work for a large vineyard?

JANSSEN: Answer is not readily available here; please send the question and any available information to the office, including the address and parcel number.

POWELL: We can't answer those questions here now, but send me that info as well. Is County Planning Dept rep here?

CHERYL KU from SLO Planning Dept: In general outside of Paso Robles basin, there are no water restrictions. The project may be subject to environmental review. I'd have to know details. Send me info as well.

JANSSEN: send me info, and I will get it to all the people who can answer these questions.

POWELL: explained that TAAG's Project Review Committee looks at various development projects, and will review a project by request, even if it is not referred by county. Water is the biggest concern for everyone now.

DOLCE MARIA GRAY (??), member of public, spoke in support of Carolyn Lochhead's question: Please investigate. We appreciate your concern and support.

3.4. Supervisorial District Five

No report.

3.5. County Planning Department

CHERYL KU, County Planning Dept, reported that the Planning Commissioners met in person for the first time since March of 2020.

Greg O'Sullivan, member of public, asked if the Planning Dept assesses an application for the requirements of Title 22 before it goes out for comment?

KU: Generally the 30-day review period for planners is concurrent with referrals to other agencies, unless there are obvious issues.

3.6. Templeton Community Services District

Geoff English, of TCSD Board: reported that Tuesday 15th March was the first in-person meeting in 2 years, although members may still attend virtually. Tech improvements now allow remote comment even when meetings are in person. TAAG may use the boardroom, and can be trained on the new equipment.

At the meeting, TCSD passed a new purchasing policy, initiated by state law SB 1383 regarding solid waste. The bill mandates procurement of recycled materials. This is reflected in the new purchasing policy and will result in increased cost of solid waste management and the need to educate the public in separating food waste.

Drought conditions are going to be severe, we encourage folks to incorporate water conservation in your daily practices now. If conditions don't improve, our local reservoirs may go to "dead pool."

3.7: County Public Works

RACHEL NACCARATI, COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, division of traffic operations, update on pavement management and surface treatment work to be completed in Templeton starting in spring of 2023 on Vineyard Dr. and Main st south of Vineyard. Perform ADA upgrades at intersections.

Part of the project affects midblock crossings in front of Templeton High School. History: School district moved the parking lot and created a new crosswalk, which will be brought up to ADA standards. There will be an official public notification of a hearing (May 17).

DORIS DIEL: Is there any downside to removing the old crosswalk?

NACCARATI: The preferred path of travel is at the new crosswalk. This is pretty much a technicality.

DIEL: as long as there isn't any safety issue, we will be fine with it.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public (GREG ??) asked whether TAAG had any rules restricting discussion outside of board meetings.

POWELL: Anybody can contact anybody on any issue, and talk privately. Our only restriction is that a gathering of more than 3 board members constitutes a board quorum, making it an official meeting, which should be announced.

GREG (??): If a delegate is contacted regarding an agenda item, that might be disclosed at the beginning of a meeting. Other boards have such rules regarding ex parte communication.

POWELL: good idea to add that to bylaws. Keeps everything on the up and up.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2022 TAAG Board meeting

Motion to approve minutes made, seconded. Voice vote: unanimously passed.

5.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report

MURRAY POWELL: No activity on bank account for period ended today. Feb 28 bank statement shows balance of \$1,199.

Motion made and seconded to reimburse Bruce Jones \$17.81 for supplies for TAAG election. Voice vote: unanimously passed.

Motion to approve treasurer's report made and seconded: Voice vote: carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Reporting of Election Results by Chairperson of the TAAG Election Committee and Acceptance of Results by the TAAG Board

Motion made and seconded to seat new board of delegates. Unanimously passed by voice vote.

7.2 ELECTION OF TAAG BOARD OFFICERS

Murray Powell nominated Scott Shirley as chair. Seconded by Doris Diel.

Roll call vote:

Jerry Jones	yes
Scott Silveira	(not present)
Murray Powell	yes

Doris Diel	yes
John Donovan	yes
Scott Shirley	yes

Murray Powell was nominated as vice chair.

Roll call vote:

Jerry Jones	yes
Scott Silveira	(not present)
Murray Powell	yes
Doris Diel	yes
John Donovan	yes
Scott Shirley	yes

Murray Powell was voted treasurer and Doris Diel secretary, by voice vote.

(Sonja Bolle was voted recording secretary, though not a board position)

7.3 Acceptance of TAAG Chair Bruce Jones's resignation, due to his candidacy for SLO County Supervisor, District 2. TAAG is grateful for his three years of commitment to the community and leadership as Chair of TAAG.

NOTE that redistricting divided Templeton and placed much of area west of Hwy 101 in District 2. The Templeton area will be represented by THREE county supervisors until 2024.

Certificate of appreciation presented to Bruce Jones.

7.4 Recognition of TAAG Board Delegates and Officers who did not seek re-election: Erik Gorham and Christine Nelson.

Certificates of appreciation presented.

to Erik Gorham for running tech for Zoom meetings and
to Christine Nelson for redesigning TAAG web site, which she will continue to maintain.

7.5 Appointment of First Alternate Delegate to Delegate in accordance with TAAG Bylaws.

Scott Silveira, newly elected alternate, was seated as delegate to replace Bruce Jones on the board.

TAAG calls for candidates to serve as alternate delegates 1 and 2, to be appointed by vote of the board at the April meeting.

7.6 N-SUB2021-00019--CARROLL

Already approved development underway on the subject property under DRC2019—00092. The subdivision application is to split one lot into two with no change in the approved document. Location of the project is 211 and 221 North Main Street in Templeton.

PRC recommendation: A motion was made for approval as presented which passed unanimously 3-0.

SCOTT SHIRLEY called for roll call vote:

SCOTT SHIRLEY	yes
MURRAY POWELL:	yes
JOHN DONOVAN:	yes
DORIS DIEL:	yes
SCOTT SILVEIRA:	yes

Motion passed unanimously.

7.7 N-SUB2021-00028/CO-00039 BLUE ROCK VENTURES

Request to subdivide a 6.53-acre remainder parcel [Track 3025] into three 10,000 sq ft parcels, one 2.34-acre parcel and one 3.5-acre remainder parcel. It is located adjacent to Bennett/Turkey Ranch intersection in Templeton.

PRC recommendation: A motion was made to defer action on this application until after there is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) completed on the project. Also the motion included recommending to the applicant that they send out mail notices to property owners within 1,000 feet before any future meetings on this project. This motion passed unanimously 3-0.

SCOTT SHIRLEY gave report from March 10 committee meeting.

GREG (???) and RON WISTAND (??), members of public, summarized issues raised at that meeting by members of the public:

TAAG should understand these are the same developers as at the other side of the creek.

Residents represented seem generally in favor of 1-acre lots, in the interest of retaining neighborhood character.

Pedestrian pathways (and a bridge), especially to the south, should be restored and/or incorporated into the circulation plan.

MURRAY POWELL: asked comments to be submitted to TAAG, to the Planning Department, and to project representative Pamela Jardini.

Powell noted that the project will likely require a mitigated negative declaration, with a 30-day comment period before TAAG makes a recommendation.

Motion made and seconded to accept Project Review Committee's recommendation to defer action until environmental review documents are in hand:

MURRAY POWELL	yes
DORIS DIEL	yes
JOHN DONOVAN	yes
SCOTT SILVEIRA	yes
SCOTT SHIRLEY	yes

Passed unanimously.

7.8 Report from Traffic Committee regarding Restriction of a Midblock Crossing on S. Main Street to the County Traffic Regulation Code

See above, 3.7.

7.9 Review and Board approval of committee assignments for 2022-2023

Committee assignments (see addendum) were approved by voice vote.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DELEGATES

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:45 pm.

ADDENDUM

LIST OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2022-2023

PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE Doris Diel, Murray Powell, Scott Shirley
CANNABIS PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE Murray Powell, Jerry Jones, Scott Silveira
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
John Donovan, Dede Davis, Jerry Jones
TRAFFIC CIRCULATION COMMITTEE John Donovan, Dede Davis, Jerry Jones
BYLAWS COMMITTEE Murray Powell, Scott Shirley, John Donovan
WATER/TOAD CREEK COMMITTEE Doris Diel, Dede Davis, Scott Silveira
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE all members not up for re-election in March 2023