



## DENAIR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Denair Municipal Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
Leadership Board Room  
3460 Lester Road, Denair, CA  
December, 2022, 7:00 PM

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**I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance**

- A. James Brugger called meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge to the flag.

**II. Introduction and Roll Call**

- A. Members present: James Brugger, Adam Dalton, Billy Myers, Sam Paulissian  
B. Members absent: Kimberly Stokes

**III. MAC Member Recognition:**

- A. Billy Myers will be stepping down from the Denair MAC to take a position with the DUSD School Board in 2023. Supervisor Chiesa presented Mr. Myers with a certificate recognizing his nearly seven years of service on the MAC and his continuing commitment and service to the community of Denair through his engagement with the Denair Lions.

**IV. Public Comments**

- A. A community member relayed ongoing concerns about the water situation, citing the combination of low well levels, new subdivisions being added in Denair and the decision to not connect to the new surface water system. They requested the DCSD attend a future MAC meeting to discuss water availability, safety and cost implications of connecting to the new surface water system.

**V. Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2022**

- A. November 1, 2022, meeting minutes were approved:  
i. Motion by Billy Myers, Second by Adam Dalton  
ii. All approved

**VI. Agency Reports and Updates**

- A. **Public Safety:**  
i. **California Highway Patrol** (<https://www.chp.ca.gov/home>) – **Not Present**  
ii. **Stanislaus County Sheriff** - (<https://www.scsdonline.com/>) – **Not Present**  
iii. **Animal Services** (<http://www.stanislausanimalservices.com/>) – **Not Present**  
a. Due to staffing issues, Animal Services will only be attending MAC meetings if requested.  
iv. **Denair Fire Department** – see attached report for November 2022

**B. Local:**

**i. Denair Public Library – Not Present**

<https://www.stanislauslibrary.org/>

**ii. Denair High School Leadership – Wilder Diaz, ASB President**

- a. Denair High School Kindness Week was a great success.
- b. Battle of the classes will be on Friday.
- c. Finals are next week
- d. Winter sports teams (Soccer and basketball) are doing well.
- e. DHS took third place in the County's [Red Ribbon Week](#) (drug use prevention) decoration contest and was recognized at the BOS meeting.

**iii. Denair Unified School District – Dr. Terry Metzger, Superintendent**

<https://www.denairusd.org/>

- a. DUSD Kindness Week made a difference for the students
- b. Teen brains have aged more quickly during the pandemic and has similar effect to experiencing trauma. This has led to an increase in risky behavior (e.g. fights, vaping, marijuana use, etc.) since returning to in-person classes.
- c. Mental health support is a focus of the District and they are pursuing a \$400k grant for staff and student wellbeing and student academic success.
- d. The School Board meeting on December 15 will include the first interim budget report and Billy Myers' swearing-in. Regina Gomez will be stepping down.
- e. Via Heart event went well. They screened 130 youths. Thirty were referred for ECGs, six needed full workups and one potentially fatal condition was identified, which possibly saved a life.

**C. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Vito Chiesa; #209-525-6440**

**i. The BOS approved the Elmwood Estates subdivision at their meeting today.**

- a. Thanked Don and Kelly (two community members) for attending and speaking at the meeting about project, storm water basin aesthetics and traffic concerns at Zeering and Story Roads.
- b. Recommended the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (SRWA) and Denair Community Services District (DCSD) jointly attend a MAC meeting to discuss future water sourcing.
- c. There is one opening on the Denair MAC. The BOS are accepting applications to fill the vacancy and are planning to reappoint the other two members who expressed interest in reappointment. Contact Megan or go to <https://www.stancountymacs.com/> to apply.
- d. Recommended inviting Jody Hayes to a future MAC meeting to discuss the County investment blueprint (<https://www.stanislaus2030.com/>)

**ii. Megan Wells (Supervisor Vito Chiesa's Field Representative; #209-525-6464)**

- a. Red stripping on agenda for approval at Board of Supervisors meeting on December 20.
- b. Lester/Monte Vista – Solar beacon ordered for east-bound stop sign; Public Works will refresh the "Keep Clear" striping and remove the limit line on the north-bound lane of Lester to avoid it being confused for a stop line.

- D. Chief Executive Office – Erica Inacio** (Community Manager - [inacioe@stancounty.com](mailto:inacioe@stancounty.com)) –
- i. There was a good turnout at the opioid safety presentation at the Center Plaza last month.
    - a. Raising awareness for the increasing fentanyl crisis.
    - b. Children are buying fentanyl-laced medications online.
    - c. See <https://www.songforcharlie.org/>
  - ii. Future Presentations:
    - a. Fentanyl and mitigation, i.e., Narcan (over the counter)
    - b. Crisis Care Mobile Unit – [Behavior Health and Recovery Services](#)
      - Partnering with police departments
      - Assessment for mental health crisis situations
  - iii. MAC vacancy:
    - a. Thanked the MAC members for their service and offered to assist if anyone has questions about the application process for filling the vacant seat.
    - b. Love Stanislaus County: The county has \$20,000 available to assist with projects (e.g. community clean-up day, etc.)

**VII. Informational Items**

**A. Stanislaus County Public Works – Sam Chrun, Deputy Director**

- i. Presented an update on Measure L and the Denair ATP project
    - a. The grant proposal was submitted in October and a response is expected in January. They are asking for a \$1.9M grant, which, when combined with \$650k of Measure L funds and \$1M of matching County funds equals a total project budget of \$3.5M. \$500k is allocated for design and \$3M is allocated for construction.
    - b. In Cycle 6 the competition for the grant funding is only within the Stanislaus Council of Governments (COG) area and not the whole state.
    - c. If they don't receive the full amount of the grant, they will propose a scaled-down version of the project.
  - ii. Measure L oversight committee has two vacancies.
  - iii. Use the StanConnect app to report potholes and other issues.
- B. Support Letter for Downtown Denair Active Transportation Connectivity & Safety Project (Measure L)**
- i. Sam Chrun presented a handout with the proposed sidewalk improvement for Denair.
  - ii. The MAC received a request from Siegfried Engineering in November for a letter of support for the project to assist with the grant submission.
    - a. James Brugger issued the support letter on behalf of the MAC ahead of the November 18 deadline for submission to the StanCOG.

**VIII. Correspondence – none**

**IX. Action Items**

**A. 2023 calendar review and approval**

- i. A motion to adopt the 2023 Denair MAC meeting calendar as published was made by Sam Paulissian and seconded by Adam Dalton.
- ii. The calendar was approved by a vote of 4-0.

**X. MAC Board Comments/Issues/Topics for the next Agenda**

**A. Topics for Next Agenda – none**

**B. Comments:**

- i. Sam –**
  - a. The subdivision on Zeering may warrant a stop sign at Story and Zeering.
  - b. Point-in-time count for homelessness will be in January.
    - 55% of homelessness in Stanislaus County is related to financial issues as opposed to mental health issues.
- ii. Adam –**
  - a. No comments
- iii. James –**
  - a. Thanked Billy for his service to the MAC and the community.
- iv. Billy –**
  - a. The Denair Lions and the Conservancy held their Christmas tree lighting at the Gaslight Theater.
  - b. The Christmas tractor parade will be on Saturday, December 10.
  - c. The Lions will be hosting their drive-through surf and turf dinner on January 21.
  - d. Billy reflected on his time serving on the MAC as a way to learn about the community, meet people and see projects develop. He thanked Vito and Erica for their ongoing support.

**XI. Next Denair MAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM**

- A.** The meeting will be in-person at the DUSD Leadership Board Room

**XII. Adjournment.**

- A.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by James Brugger, Chairperson.*