

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Comments on Agenda Items
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 7:52:42 PM

I have the following comment on **Agenda item 5.B:**

I feel very strongly that we should not deplete our reserve funds for a project that is not really needed. We have public toilet facilities in East and West Village, as well as the restrooms at Shamel Park.

Our reserve funds should be reserved for emergency repairs which will, without doubt, arise with our aging infrastructure. I urge the board to vote no on the use of our reserve funds for restrooms on the East Ranch.

My comment on **Agenda item 6.A.** is basically the same as my comment on item 5.B. I do not think reserve funds should be depleted. My family has always kept a reserve fund to be used when costly repairs were needed. In the three years since my husband died, I have had to replace the roof, the furnace, and the sump pump. If I had not had my reserve funds I would have needed to take out costly loans to have the work done. The same applies to our public funds. If we have no reserve we will have to borrow money which can lead to raising taxes. Please vote no on this agenda item.

Bev Prayer
Lodge Hill

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Restroom proposal
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:42:12 PM

I oppose the restroom construction proposed for the East-West Ranch. It is too low a budget priority when there is no park development on the horizon, and would likely be an expensive maintenance problem in such an isolated location.

Bob Horvath

[REDACTED]
Cambria CA 93428

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Written comments for the record
Date: Friday, December 10, 2021 7:58:58 AM

Hello, Ossana --

Please include in the written record.

Item 3 Public Comment

I ask you, as board president, to invite District Counsel Tim Carmel to give a report on the Windeler lawsuit that informs Cambria as to what went on. This case racked up a quarter million dollars in legal bills, with, according to Carmel, an equal amount yet to come, with no information provided to the public. Confidentiality is respected during litigation and negotiations, but a public trial has been held, without any report to the public at all. Mr. Carmel simply responds, “No reportable action” from Closed Session. The trial has been held, Cambria district staff have testified, and the public remains uninformed on the subject by our own attorney – except for his comment that the bill for over \$220,000 can be paid without the board commenting on it. While that may be legal, it does not serve the public well. I ask you as president, and other board members as holders of the public trust, to require that the public be informed and explanation given for these substantial costs. And something better than, it’s expensive to go to federal court.

Transparency and Informing the Public would have obviously included announcing when the trial was taking place, so that interested Cambrians could view it. I am grateful to Elizabeth Bettenhausen for securing the printed transcripts of trial documents.

Item 5B: I ask the board to explore other options for this restroom. \$350,000 sounds like a lot of money for a couple of toilets. Community members have suggested other possibilities. Please, return this project to staff – and Cambria’s well-informed residents – for a better solution. This is, at best, a dubious project, with less than enthusiastic public support and a divided board. Restrooms to serve no one now, but maybe in the future. In a secluded location that promises maintenance headaches. Cambria has more pressing needs Please address them.
Item 5C: At the last workshop, few members of the public had any comments. After observing that the board’s idea of Improving public communication, its top goal, means Shutting the Public Up, Cambrians lost interest in this project. I request that you revisit the subject with a renewed commitment to Cambria’s future. Thank you.

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Christine Heinrichs

12/8/2021 From Diane Felgenhauer

I sent an email to the board members last week and want to thank all those that responded. I would like to participate in this meeting for the final vote on applying for the grant on the bathrooms in the Rodeo Grounds Item 5B. I may be able to attend the zoom meeting, so here are my comments:

*My concern is adding a bathroom to an area that currently has limited use and is outside an area that could be easily monitored. This will attract homeless/vagrancy which directly impact my home and the surrounding homes that are above the Rodeo Grounds area with at least two paths that connect directly up to our streets.

Cindy replied to me with the comment that " The bathrooms are locked at night so there is no access for the homeless to sleep in them or facilitate nighttime attacks or robberies. It is an unfortunate circumstance that no community escapes the drug use issues. Our experience has been that the homeless seek seclusion for their use. " Yes, however, my take on it is that if the homeless seek seclusion this will be the perfect area for them to hang out during the day and probably at night also.

I do understand that the land use is designated as park area. However I wanted you to be aware of a growing trend in park design (in the past 5 years) is to create a park area without a bathroom facility, and this eliminates the issues of homeless being attracted to those areas. The original planning by the county was before this trend (sounds like approx 20 years old), hopefully they can keep up with newer/better trends and be willing to adjust.

In addition, I agree with the comments last meeting that being reactive and rushing into the grant and dipping into reserves is financially irresponsible for a community our size.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Veterans Hall

The Veteran's Hall continues to be neglected and last week another disservice was done to all of the Veteran's who use the Hall and the Club. The EV Parking spaces should have been placed in front of the Hall where they would be easily noticed by Cambrians and Tourists alike. Instead they were placed next to the entrance to the Legion Club taking the handicap spot that is used nightly by our disabled Veterans and also the parking spot that has always been reserved for the Purple Heart recipients in the Legion. The Legion leadership was informed, not consulted, about this placement. This needs to be remedied immediately.

Other items at the Hall continue to be ignored. Until recently the sound system was in total disrepair and was only fixed when numerous complaints were made. The fluorescent lights should have been changed out to LED months ago – the simple payback on changing the lights is less than 5 years. Other maintenance continues to be deferred. The Vet's Hall is a primary asset of the District and needs to be treated as such.

Thank You

David Pierson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: Restroom
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:26:10 PM

We are opposed to building a rest room on the East Ranch Property at this time.

Eugene and Karen Lamparter

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ossana Terterian](#)
[REDACTED] [Steve Kniffen](#)
Subject: Prop 68 funds if Pulled for consideration
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 1:52:55 PM
Importance: High

Osanna - Read into public comment ONLY if I can't get on live. Thanx, Jim

"Please commit general funds to complete the Bathroom project on the East Ranch.
The true costs are known. The bathroom is essential for additional development.

The Prop 68 funds will effectively provide a discount on this much needed project. At PROS meetings over the last few years Citizens expressed their desire to contribute toward Picknic benches, Joging trails, usable fields but NO-ONE wants to contribute toward a Bathroom.

Look, Plenty of parking is there – swale and dranlage is in place – etc. further use and activity will increase the visibility of the park.

As in the field of dreams, If you build it they will come.

Persons of all ages will benefit from the many uses.

When more people are using the East ranch as planned more will be enjoying this spectacular park."

Regards,
Jim Bahringer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: TO THE BOARD
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:36:58 PM

I fully support Tom Gray and Harry Farmer's vote against the restroom on East Ranch. Not needed and attracts a homeless encampment, with attendant fire dangers.

Please concentrate on infrastructure repairs and fire prevention.

James Kelty

[REDACTED] CAmbria

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BoardComment](#)
Subject: December 9, 2021 Board Meeting, Item 5B
Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021 11:53:20 AM

RE: EAST RANCH RESTROOM PROJECT

Members of the Board:

Regardless of what one thinks of the value of developing a restroom facility on the mostly-undeveloped East Ranch at this time, it is imperative that CCSD spends its money wisely. I note that the restroom project includes a prefabricated restroom building with a line item cost of \$175,000. Having spent the majority of my working life in the parks and open space field, I encourage the Board and staff to seek out alternatives to this very expensive prefab structure. A recent park development project I was involved in required a nearly identical structure, at a cost of a bit under \$100,000. The manufacturer was a company called CXT, and I would be happy to share the spec and cost sheet with the appropriate staff. My former employer has installed dozens of the CXT units over the years, and they are high quality and low maintenance structures. I understand that the "dual water source" plumbing required to supply the restroom with both potable and non-potable water may add a modest amount to the cost, but I suspect significant savings may still be achieved by shopping around.

Given the competing demands on CCSD's general fund, I think it behooves the Board to be careful with the rate payer's money.

Thank you the opportunity to make this comment.

Jim Townsend
Romney Drive
[REDACTED]

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From: mahala burton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 10:18 AM
To: John F. Weigold IV <jweigold@cambriacsd.org>
Subject: December 9,2021

December 9,2021

Attention CCSD District Board of Directors and General Manager

I urge the Board to vote NO on adoption of Resolution 48-2021 approving an application for Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Funds for the East Ranch Restroom Project, and do not adopt Resolution 51-2021 amending the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget.
Do not proceed on the grant application for the East Ranch bathroom.

I urge you to vote YES and adopt Resolution 49-2021 to establish an annual budget to achieve a target of \$178,000 for development of the Cambria SkatePark

Cost of the bathroom is \$351,480 . Funds from the grant will pay \$177,592 while \$173,528 will come from our minimal general fund reserves.

The proposed bathroom is in no mans land a place that contains a dog park only but no other recreational facilities at all and there is no funding nor plan in the works to complete the community park. In fact the new skatepark did not want to relocate there due to the location out of view of the community. Who will benefit from this bathroom the so called cornerstone of the community park that has a plan competed in 2009 yet has languished for years and perhaps it's time to work with SLO County and ask forgiveness of the \$500,000 donated to Cambria for a community park on the East ranch .

I request that the Board make the community whole by approving a contract to build a new Skatepark soon on the Main Street site of the unauthorized demolition of the former skatepark. The former skatepark was owned by the CCSD an asset that the CCSD owned , operated , maintained and repaired since 2012.

July 18, 2019 the Board by motion and unanimous vote directed the CCSD resources manager to repair the skatepark and reopen it .The Board made it clear they wanted it REOPENED not DEMOLISHED.

The resources manager did a complete detailed investigation of the skatepark and determined that

it could be repaired in part , reopened and he had authority to spend \$20,000.

Yet PROS with no authority from the CCSD Board, ignoring the July 18 2019 CCSD Board motion to repair and reopen but on their own initiative decided there was no community interest in a skatepark . They did not do a survey inserted in the water bill . They did not have an article in the Cambrian . They did not interview the countless number of youth who skate girls and boys .What parents did they ask ? Did they make a presentation at the high school?

PROS decided a better use for the Main Street site would be a sports complex soccer and basketball not a skatepark and ordered the resources manager to tear it down , demolish it in January 2020.

PROs on their own initiative used \$500 of CCSD funds to insert in the water bill a survey for interest in a private swimming pool for lap swimming promoted by a private group .

A swimming pool is not an approved recreation by the CCSD in fact a pool was removed from the east west ranch community park.

The cost of a new skatepark should be bore by the CCSD. Not only approve the \$178,000 in resolution 49-2021 but use the general fund reserves of \$173,528 that is slated for the East ranch bathroom and apply that to the new skatepark cost.

Sign a build contract In due haste and apply for the grant not for the bathroom but to build the skatepark yes you will have to agree to be responsible the entire cost of the new skatepark.

The CCSD has a legal and moral duty to replace the skatepark an asset and make the community whole . The unnecessary demolition has deprived the youth of Cambria their only active recreation provided by the CCSD and a place they met their friends their “hangout”.

Thank you,
Mahala Burton
Cambria resident and homeowner

M Burton

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [BoardComment](#)
Date: Skate Park allocation
Thursday, December 9, 2021 6:26:17 PM

Why cant Skate Cambria money be applied to upfront costs? The grant would be as a reimbursement, so what is the difference???

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Michael Calderwood

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Ossana Terterian](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Electric Car Chargers At The Vet Building
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 2:16:46 PM

Honorable Board and Management

I am speaking for myself and the Cambria Chamber of Commerce majority of 160 members who respect our veterans needs.

The placement of the electric vehicle chargers could not be placed in a worse place than where it is currently located at the vet Hall Wall. To my knowledge no input from any Legion officers or the Cambria Chamber was asked for .

It would cost a little more to have the charger put in a proper location, but it would certainly be worth rather where the charger is located.

It shows a lack of respect to our veterans and guest veterans where the charger is located and also removed a important disability parking place for many of our American Legion members and veteran guests who need that parking place while at the post. I for one would be hard pressed to ask a veteran not to park there even if it means the chargers cannot be used. The chamber volunteers may be hesitant to tell drivers of electric vehicles where the chargers areas as some are Legion auxiliary members.

I suggest for your consideration that some one in the CCSD organization find out what the cost would be to move the chargers to a space about the middle of the building or nearer the main street and restore the handicap space to it original use and leave the purple heart recipient where it is and mark with the proper blue lines. As I see it the cost would be the cost clerical wire and labor. Irregardless of the small cost, a honest mistake should be corrected.

Maybe we could find some help with donations to pay the cost of moving the chargers. But we need to know the number.

Thank you for your consideration of this problem. I thank the CCSD management for the good job they do for our community

Mel McColloch.

President Cambria Chamber of Commerce



McColloch Consulting LLC
Mel McColloch

Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business
Principle/Asset Logic Group



Tony Church,

7th December, 2021

CA 93428

Attention : CCSD Board of Directors and General Manager.

In 2015 I started to raise the matter through comments to the Board at their regular meetings and articles submitted to the Cambrian newspaper regarding maintenance of our town's fire hydrants. At the end of 2016 I was invited to attend a hearing of the Grand Jury. Subsequently, a report was issued by the Grand Jury to the CCSD which I believe was when the subject was taken seriously and on the 29th September 2016 Chief Hollingsworth wrote a letter to the CCSD management team. In the letter the Chief made it clear, and I quote, "annual maintenance is a legal responsibility based upon both the 2013 California Fire Code and 2014 NFPA Section 25. This matter was then discussed and initial steps were taken to address the issue, and eventually the process and responsibility was then moved to the CCSD's water department.

Various reports were issued in 2017 resulting in a recommendation by the Grand Jury that the CCSD should resume a regular plan for fire hydrant testing as soon as possible and no later than the end of calendar year 2017. There were follow up questions namely:

1. Was maintenance and flow testing completed on all fire hydrants?
2. Has an adequate schedule been established for fire hydrant maintenance and flow testing and if so, how often are the tests done?

A reply was made by the CCSD in May 2021 in which I was glad to see that 368 hydrants had at last been serviced. It only took FIVE years to complete this from the date of the Grand Jury's first report. However, the second question was not fully answered and the reply that "Continued testing and regular maintenance are completed by CCSD Water Department staff" was insufficient. I would like to know if there is a schedule for annual maintenance, the date of the initial fire hydrant test and request that all this information be included in the Manager's monthly report so that this required maintenance is never overlooked again.

On another subject, in January 2021 I raised the matter of the blowers that were previously installed at the evaporation pond on San Simeon Creek Road. I had noted that they were sitting at the waste water treatment plant in the open and suggested that as an asset that they should at least be covered by tarpaulins to stop them from rusting away. I see no action was taken except that they have been moved to the back of the plant but they are still left out in the open and subject to the salt air. I would like to know if there is any plan for these expensive blowers and why they should not be covered to protect them from the elements?

Many thanks,
Tony Church