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FINAL MINUTES OF THE MIDPINES PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 11, 2024 (Approved 11/13/24)

TIME: 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: MIDPINES COMMUNITY CENTER
MIDPINES PARK, 6364 HIGHWAY 140
MIDPINES, CA 95345

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A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Seeing a quorum, the regular meeting of the Midpines Planning Advisory Committee (MPAC) was called to order by Chair Francisco at 6:01 PM.

Present: Gary Francisco, Nancy Parke, Adam Ferguson, Charles Lammers, Candy O'Donel-Browne, Angela Heiss, Rosemarie Smallcombe (Supervisor), Caroline McGrath (arrived at 6:08 PM)

Excused: Eileen Collins, Art Baggett (Planning Commissioner), Heather Huppe

Staff: Polina Pivak, Steve Engfer

Guest: Tom McKnight

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Meeting of August 14th, 2024

By a unanimous vote, the MPAC approved a motion by Ferguson, with a second by Heiss, to accept the minutes with corrected.

Corrections: Page 1, #4 Huppe met with Casey not Heiss; Public Comment add 's' to Lammers; Item #5 Correct "Junebug" to "Yosemite Bug"

C. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

D. Committee Business

1. Discussion and Preparation of Complete List of Concerns on Highway 140 Safety

Francisco introduced the item and its purpose to effectively communicate concerns to Caltrans. Francisco shared a starting point list of concerns.

Smallcombe provided an update from Caltrans stating that the speed zone study is expected to be completed in late October 2024 and subsequently requires review by other agencies and a development of recommendations, with a final completion date of Spring 2025. Smallcombe is uncertain what extent of Highway 140 will be included in this study.

Francisco stated that the area around Autocamp is known to be unsafe and that the study should start at the top of the grade before Autocamp. Lammers proposed a reduced speed zone from the Midpines sign at the top of the grade to the bridge after the Yosemite Bug, or the second Midpines sign. Speed limit should be reduced from 50 mph to 45 mph.

Lammers stated that there needs to be a "sideways T" sign at any necessary side roads.

By a unanimous vote, the MPAC approved a motion by Heiss, and a second by McGrath to approve and communicate the list of concerns prepared by Francisco with corrections/additions made by the MPAC to Caltrans.

E. Updates and Activity Reports

1. Community Plan Draft Update

Engfer stated that staff needs to prepare the full environmental and plan draft package for public and tribal review.

2. Muir Lodge Site Update

None. MPAC discussed the ongoing issues with squatters, the low probability of success associated with legal actions, and fire risk.

3. Oak Fire – Update, Evacuation Routes, and Lessons Learned

Smallcombe provided an update stating that the Sheriff's Office continually evaluates their emergency response and confirms that Sheriff Briese is working directly with the National Park Service to improve their emergency response and a Memorandum of Understanding to share resources.

4. KOA/Terrramor Update

None. Engfer estimates that a pre-application may be submitted next year. There is no ongoing project except for vegetation removal and water testing.

Guest, Tom McKnight, asked for clarification on water requirements based on the size of the project. Smallcombe and Francisco described the process that would be required to approve the project.

5. Whispering Pines/Bear Creek Cabins Update

None.

6. Oak Road Bridge Project Update

None.

7. CALTRANS Project/Study Update

- a. See Committee Business Item D.1.

8. Planning Commissioner Update

Engfer stated that there is a joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission workshop on September 23rd, 9 AM to Noon to discuss the development code update draft.

9. Supervisor Update

Smallcombe provided an update on the Guidehouse organizational study, which has moved to implementation of the recommendations, including a transition from the "weak CAO" model to a "strong CAO" model, creation of Development Services, and administration of Board committees.

Francisco requested an agenda item to discuss the future of MPAC in terms of meeting frequency and structure, especially when it comes to accomplishing the purpose of Planning Advisory Committees to advise the Board of Supervisors and communicate community concerns, while lessening the impact and use of government resources.

F. Future Agenda Items

MPAC directed staff to include the following items on the next agenda:

- Same Updates and Activity Reports
- Discussion on MPAC meeting frequency and structure

G. Adjournment

There being no further business, MPAC was adjourned at 7:44 PM by Chair Francisco.