MARIPOSA COUNTY
Creative Placemaking Strategy Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 17, 2023
TIME: 12:00-1:00 PM
LOCATION: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM
5100 BULLION STREET

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Goger called the meeting to order at: 12:03 PM.

   Members Present: June McCrory, Jeanetta Phillips, Gail Dreifus, Adam Burns, Cara Goger, Jackie Baxton, Xav Dubois, Abby Miller
   Excused Absence: Kim Brisack, Erica Wolfsen
   Members Absent:
   Visitors: Hannah Harrison, Steve Engfer, Wendy Brown, Charles Philips, Danette Toso

2. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM 5/16/23 MEETING:**
   The minutes were approved unanimously. X. Dubois abstained.

3. **GENERAL UPDATE/REVIEW OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY COMMITTEE POLICY, COMMITTEE PURPOSE, AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS—STEVE ENGFER, PLANNING DIRECTOR:**
   Engfer introduce item and gave guidance from the Clerk of the Board's Office. He discussed the committee's requirement to adhere to the Brown Act and aligning the committee's schedule to ease administrative burden. He introduced the County's template for meeting policies for review and how to create and structure an agenda. He discussed the implications for not following procedures correctly.

   Dubois asked how fluent the committee should be on the Brown Act or if staff will keep the council in compliance. Engfer replied that the staff will keep the council in compliance, but the committee members should be familiar with it. Goger affirmed this as it would help with discussion and adding items to the agenda.

   Miller asked for clarification on what quorum is for this group. Engfer said that it would be 5 for this committee, and an ad hoc committee would be less than 5 and must have a directed purpose. Goger clarified that any ad hoc committee would need to be approved by the board.

   Engfer instructed the committee to review Rosenburg's Rules in the agenda packet and gave a summary of the rules. He discussed how they direct discussion and give guidance to the chair and staff on leading meetings. He gave a summary on what is in the rules.

Dubois asked how we know how much community input we need. Goger said that is the obligation of the public to attend and speak when public input is asked for. Engfer followed up saying that they can also submit comments in person or written in. Goger told the committee to look at Roseburg's Rules because it gives guidance on how to move through an agenda item.

Goger asked for clarification if we need to make a determination on Rosenburg or Robert's Rules. It was decided to add that to the next meeting's agenda.

4. **APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MARIPOSA GATEWAY MURALS DESIGN:**
   Goger introduced the agenda item and discussed the location change to the Kiser property. The designs reflect the stakeholder engagement and have been refined through discussions with the tribal council and tribal elders from the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (SSMN). Structural and engineering aspects are in discussion with the Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission. This committee is tasked with review of the design, theme, and concept and adopting a resolution to approve the designs.

   J Philips asked if the tribal council has approved the design and for clarification of why the word "home" was omitted. Goger replied that there will be interpretive materials at the mural location which was important to the tribe for language preservation and education. A discussion began on what level of interpretation is appropriate for this project. Goger said that the interpretation will focus on the SSMN, local plants and animals, and the Mariposa Creek Parkway. It was decided to add the discussion of interpretation materials to another meeting agenda.

   Supervisor Toso asked whether there should be a bear in the "Uchum" mural since the coyote is more closely related to the Paiute. Baxton responded that both the bear and the coyote are significant to the SSMN. Goger said that the SSMN has approved the design. It was decided that the SSMN can provide a letter explaining the elements included in the murals.

   Goger called for a vote on the design and theme. The resolution was approved unanimously.

5. **DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE WORKING LANDS, WORKING ARTISTS PROJECT:**
   Goger discussed the increased community engagement that will be conducted for this project for each art piece. The method for noticing the public of these opportunities is being discussed with each district's supervisor.

6. **APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE 2024 OUR TOWN GRANT PROGRAM FOR GUIDELINES UPDATE AND SYNTHESIS PROJECT:**
   Harrison introduced the proposed project to the committee. Engfer gave further clarification on the need for this project to synthesize the goals for this committee and the Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission.

   The letter of support was approved unanimously.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
   Supervisor Toso emphasized preserving our historic sites.
   Miller said that someone has donated a Miwuk dictionary to the library, and everyone in the commission is invited to look at it.
   Baxton said that is important to remember all history.
   Brown would like consultants to remain local.

8. **ADJOURN:** Goger adjourned the meeting at 1:21 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: Hannah Harrison