

MARIPOSA COUNTY

Merced River Trail Community Working Group

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 21, 2021

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: THIS IS A TELECONFERENCE MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Goralnik called the meeting to order at: 10:05 AM

Members Present: Wendy Brown, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Michael Martin, Jessica Thompson, Art Baggett, Ben Goger, Ralph Mendershausen, Nick Ross-Rhudy, Jeff Gabe, Tony McDaniel

Members Absent: Dean Bernacchi,

Visitors: Dick Ewart

2. **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

The minutes from the 12/17/20 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. **DISCUSSION ON EL PORTAL OPEN HOUSE EVENT:**

CWG members who participated in/attended the January 7th online open house event shared their thoughts on the event. Highlights of the conversation include:

- Agreement that the free-flowing nature of the event was successful
- A recommendation to ensure that future events are accessible to a wider geography of participants
- A suggestion to pair future open house events with Community Speaker + Engagement Series events

4. **DISCUSSION ON PROJECT GOALS SURVEY RESULTS:**

CWG members briefly discussed the results of the project goals survey. Several committee members indicated that they had not yet had an opportunity to fully review the comments shared in the free-form text entry aspects of the survey.

5. **POTENTIAL VOTE TO FINALIZE PROJECT GOALS:**

Members decided not to vote to finalize the project goals, and opted to attempt to make a final decision at a later meeting. It was decided that when the CWG is ready to synthesize the materials from the project goals survey into final project goals to adopt, that effort will be led by a subcommittee consisting of Jeff, Michael, Ralph, Nick, and Jessica.

6. **CONTINUED PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AROUND DRAFT PROJECT ACTIONS:**

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dick Ewart provided input about enhanced marketing and promotion of the survey and other outreach efforts in general. This led to a suggestion to re-open the survey, and keep it active for an additional three weeks, with the hope that additional responses will strengthen the quality of the survey results in advance of the February meeting. This would be complemented by an effort from individual CWG members to further promote participation in the survey.

8. **ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned the meeting at 11:56 AM.

Minutes Prepared by: Mikey Goralnik