

MIDPINES PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: WEDNESDAY May 12, 2021
TIME: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: *TELECONFERENCE MEETING- (See above for participation information)
Meeting host location- *LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM* GOVERNMENT CENTER
5100 BULLION STREET
MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA 95338

1. Roll Call - Gary Francisco, Angie Heiss, Heather Huppe, Candy O'Donnell Browne, Adam Ferguson and Eileen Collins. Caroline McGrath, Charles Lammers joined the meeting a bit late.

*Guest: Melinda Barrett
Supervisor: Rosemarie Smallcombe
Planning Commissioner: Ed Walls
Staff: Álvaro Arias, Steve Engfer*

Chair notified committee Adam Ferguson's first official meeting after appointment by the Board of Supervisors to the MPAC.

2. Approval of Minutes: *Meeting minutes of April 14, 2021 were approved with edits.*

3. Public comments *None.*

4. Discussion Committee Business

- a. Discussion and direction to authorize the MPAC Chair to sign a letter/s of support for Fire Related RCD Grant Applications. Melinda Barrett, Mariposa RCD Program Manager

Chair introduced the item and informed the Committee that County Counsel advised that the committee could not sign the letter, as they MPAC is advisory to the BOS. However, MPAC may recommend to the BOS that the BOS support the application. Further discussion occurred regarding the premise for support being that MPAC is involved in Fire related planning in the Midpines Planning area.

Melinda Barret described the home hardening education program grant application. Candy mentioned the opportunity for future meetings with the community regarding fire management and education in Midpines. Discussion occurred regarding the utilization of portions of the grant support letter included in the packet from MPAC to the BOS to include in the BOS letter, so that the recognition that the MPAC support for the grant and is included in the BOS support letter. Candy made a motion that the MPAC letter to the BOS for support of the Regional Home hardening Educational Program grant application. motion, Eileen, second. Motion approved unanimously. Rosemarie would assist to be sure the it is correct per counsel input for the Board Support. Heather also mentioned grants in general and grant opportunities as well as her experience with elements of grant application such as outreach.

5. Community Plan

- a. Committee consideration and potential action on Community Plan Draft per direction of the committee on April 14, 2021

- i. Boundary option- review attached map for final approval

Chair introduced the item and mentioned his review regarding edits recommended by the Committee per the April meeting. The text edits and boundary map were covered. Chair requested any input of the committee on the Boundary map as presented on the Agenda Packet map. Eileen made a motion to accept the map as presented. Angie seconded. Discussion was opened by the Chair on the motion. Charles asked what the differences are in the two maps presented in the packet. Alvaro provided a description of the differences. The “colorful maps” would be the one for the draft plan. The other is to provide the differentiation of what was altered per the last meeting. Charles asked how the agriculture working landscape gets on the map? Discussion occurred regarding the various zoning, land use and color schemes. Chair mentioned that the request is about the boundary approval and request of MPAC to have staff look at all land uses for final proposal for land uses within the proposed boundaries. Request of staff was made to look at the land uses and correlation with actual land activities such as public lands in an ag working landscape land use. Committee discussion occurred about the color scheme, land uses, and zoning and confusion generated by the similarities. Staff clarified that the land uses, such as ag working landscape, may include multiple zones that are compatible such as a residential zone. For example, the Sarah Priest allotment is currently in the Public Sites zone (blue color on the map) and it’s in the Ag/Working Landscape Land Use. Chair requested that staff provide a list of zoning and land use in the future.

Chair was reminded that there was a motion on the floor regarding approval of the boundary only. The committee then resumed and approved the boundary as presented unanimously. Motion was made to have a final review of land use map to bring to a future meeting for discussion. Motion was made by Caroline. Adam seconded. Motion to have staff bring the land use map for final study to was approved unanimously.

- ii. Design Review, Scenic Highway and Fire Overlay, Policies- review final edits for approval

Chair introduced the item and mentioned that the direction for edits were competed in this packet as directed at the April meeting. A motion was made by Eileen to accept the draft as is included in the packet. Candy seconded. Discussion occurred. Heather made some suggested edits to the text for typos on page 5-8 and 5-11 the footnote phrase. Approved unanimously to approve the draft text with edit Heather suggested.

Chair noted that the plan at 1-1 section and 1-2, location line 26 and 27, area needs to be adjusted to reflect the new land use boundary approved by the MPAC. And page 2-2 boundaries final sentence lines 24 and 25, figure reference 2-1. The figure will need to be the final boundary as approved by the MPAC.

6. Updates and Activity Reports

- a. Oak Road Bridge Project Update

No reports, no additional information added. Nancy Parke was not in attendance. Rosemarie mentioned that she reached out to Nancy, though had not heard back yet. The idea of a potential community meeting was discussed.

- b. CALTRANS – Update

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Discussion occurred regarding CALTRANS study of the Midpines HWY 140 area occurred. Rosemarie mentioned per an email from Gregoria Ponce, the investigation by CALTRANS would be done in June. discussed

c. Planning Commissioner Updates

Time extensions and variances were considered by the Planning Commission. Future Time Extension

d. Supervisor Updates

Update was provided by Rosemarie including: Self Help 42-Unit housing project approval, Fuel Reduction purchases for letters of support, Butterfly Festival. Also, the Code Compliance work progress update. A citizen advisory committee formation for the update of code compliance codes. Illegal marijuana grow enforcement was also discussed. Update on Ferguson rockslide hauling project start date and traffic impacts were discussed.

a. COVID19 County update

Discussion occurred about opening up the MPAC community meeting for in-person attendance. In person and call-in meeting in the future as COVID19 opened up. Social distancing and available meeting room space inside and outside were discussed. Vaccines and legalities of distancing were discussed. Overall protocols were discussed.

Question was made regarding vaccinations for 12-15-year-old range, and availability in Mariposa. Rosemarie mentioned she would follow up by email when information is available.

Chair asked staff of next steps for the draft plan. Staff mentioned that after committee approves the land use map and boundary, then it would go to the BOS for review. Then environmental review.

Angie mentioned that the card for Tre Ford was very well liked and appreciated.

7. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 7 :55 pm.