

EL PORTAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: TUESDAY May 10, 2022
TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: El Portal Community Hall
El Portal, CA
Carroll N Clark Community Hall
5512 Foresta Road, El Portal, CA

1. Roll call:

Pinky Collamer, Cat Fong, Mark Abney, Greg Magruder, Ryan Kelly, Paul Amstutz

Supervisor Smallcombe

Residents x 2

2. Persons wishing to speak on a matter not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the committee. These items will be discussed after the conclusion of other items listed on the agenda. No action will be taken by the Committee. The public will also be given the opportunity to comment before or during the Committee's consideration of the items that are on the agenda.

3. Review, correct, and approve minutes of April 12, 2022

- Under Roll Call add coma between Schree Barrient and Ryan Kelly
- Under Community Topics, bullet number three delete asterix
- Cat moved to approve corrected minutes, Paul seconded the motion
 - Unanimous approval

4. County Items

- Highway 140 Campers at Parkline & No Parking Ordinance Enforcement
 - On private land CHIP is the enforcement agency
 - On USFS land – unclear
 - 20 cars parked on both sides of the road
 - Out of bounds campers have been camping in Old El Portal
 - An unknown visitor's van was recently was parked in the driveway of an Old El Portal resident and asked to leave
 - To reiterate the issue: fire, feces and food
 - **Action Item: Supervisor Smallcombe** will request a meeting with recreation staff at USFS

5. Community Topics

- Fire Clearance Requirements
 - “Fire Wise Certification” options are available for El Portal
 - Yosemite West has the designation
 - Steps to Certifications Include:
 - Risk Assessment
 - Develop Action Plan
 - Outreach
 - Subsequent Years revisit the steps
 - Benefits include potential insurance cost reductions
 - **Action Item: Supervisor Smallcombe** will notify community about upcoming meeting
- Fuels in Residential Areas
 - Residences above the El Portal Market are concerned about common spaces and empty lots
 - Fuels load are heavy on unoccupied lots in El Portal
 - Often residents will clear beyond their parcel because otherwise fuels continues to accumulate year after year
 - Residents request that NPS to look at options for performing fire clearance in empty lots as was the standard for many years according to longtime residents
- Community Clean Up Event, Sat 5/14/22
 - Good first step but more fuel reduction work remains in residential area
- Mariposa County Dump is accepting tires and household waste (not-hazardous)
 - Toxic Algae Testing & Signage
 - Multi-agency meeting week of 5/16/22
 - Establish testing protocol across agencies
 - Establish communicate protocols & signage
- Community Garden Use
 - NPS Seasonal Staff requested permission to use the garden
 - During school year the students use it
 - In years past residents have gardened in the summer
- El Portal Ambulance Service
 - Medicare will only cover an ambulance that transports a patient

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- If an ambulance staff treats an El Portal resident but does not transport the patient because the Mariposa ambulance picks up and transports the patient then Medicare will not cover the cost.
 - Resident suggest that the NPS ambulance transports the patient to a pick-up point down the road which would satisfy the Medicare requirement
- Park Service Meeting – June meeting
 - Rent Increases
 - Housing
 - Hiring
 - Fire Clearance
 - Include YOSE in the Bay Area Cost of Living Adjustment

6. Next Meeting

- Next meeting – July 12, 2022
- Agenda Items- to be determined

7. Adjournment