

MIDPINES PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: WEDNESDAY April 14, 2021
TIME: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: *TELECONFERENCE MEETING-

1. Roll Call: Gary Francisco, Angie Heiss, Caroline McGrath, Charles Lammers, Heather Huppe. Candy O'Donel Browne and Eileen Collins (arrived during CALTRANS presentation).

Staff: Álvaro Arias, Steve Engfer

Supervisor: Rosemarie Smallcombe

Planning Commissioner: Ed Walls

Guest: Bob Highfill, Curtis Frahley(sp) and Alan Lauya (sp), Caltrans

Guest Adam Ferguson (potential Committee Member appointee)

Chair requested agenda rearrangement to allow for the CALTRANS presentation update regarding the Ferguson Slide Rock Shed Project.

Chair requested Supervisor Smallcombe to introduce CALTRANS project staff for the presentation. CALTRANS presentation occurred regarding the Rockshed project. Committee discussion occurred regarding the presentation including the site bedrock and pylon anchoring, timeline, traffic controls coordination and traffic concerns for commuters as well as overall project details.

2. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2021 Draft Minutes – Approved with edits. (No March minutes as Meeting of March 10, 2021 was cancelled due to widespread power outage.)

3. Public comments

Questions regarding Adam Ferguson as a member was made. Chair notified the committee that Adam has applied to become a member and is awaiting the Board approval/appointment. No public other comments.

4. Community Plan

a. Committee consideration and potential action on Community Plan Draft per direction of the committee on February 10, 2021.

i. Boundary option- review attached map and provide edits or approval

Chair notified the committee that the electronic version of the map is the whole version, the hardcopy was only a part of that due to a copying error. Chair described the adjusted boundary based on the input of the committee from the previous meeting. Chair reiterated the request for an 11 x 17 map in hardcopy form. Staff notified the committee the hardcopy should have included the 11 x 17, though it was reproduced at 8 1/2 x 11.

Eileen Collins made a motion to approve the map as presented. Charles Lammers seconded. Approved unanimously.

ii. Fire Overlay and Draft Plan Policies – review wording and provide edits or approval

iii. Design Review and Scenic Highway Policies – review wording and provide edits or approval

Chair combined the two policies above for purposes of review and discussion at the meeting.

Discussion occurred regarding specific edits (redline text in document) in Section 5, including edits to reflect newly approved boundary, community character, fire overlay simplification, scenic highway overlay standards applicability and design review. Specific wording changes were made to the red highlighted sections of the packet including changes in section 5,14. Specific discussion regarding changing “should and may” to “shall” for the

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fire overlay standards applicability. (Lines 34 and 41). Charles Lammers made a motion to approve shall, second Eileen Collins. Motion approved unanimously, to change the wording from should and may to shall. Also noted Develop to a small “d” in develop.

Page 5-19 Maintenance mechanisms was discussed.

Chair mentioned the strike outs from line 24-46 as requested by the committee. No objections were made by committee. Also, line 16 and 17 “material shall include information on how to “fireproof homes”, Chair mentioned BOS had an issue with the fireproof. Chair suggested fire hardened homes instead. Alvaro mentioned that would be changed.

Angie mentioned that in the membership at the beginning of the document, appropriate membership changes to include former members. Staff would add Eileen and Adam if Adam is appointed. Heather suggested to spell out the acronym ADU on page 5-6. Also, on page 5-11 invasive species shall be prohibited will need to have a reference such as identified by the County Agriculture Commissioner or something like that. No other edits were made to the text.

5. Discussion Committee Business

1. Discussion and possible action for offer of condolences and acknowledgment of Tre Ford and her past efforts with the MPAC.

Discussion occurred regarding an appropriate acknowledgement for Tre Ford, especially highlighting her significant contributions to the community. Discussion resulted in Angie volunteering to coordinate an email messaging option for all to send to Angie. Angie would then include those in a card with all the emails gathered, for Tre’s partner Susan. Angie provided her email address.

6. Updates and Activity Reports

- a. Oak Road Bridge Project Update

Rosemarie mentioned that she needed to connect with Nancy Parke.

Supervisor Smallcombe proceeded with her update. CWPP was approved by the Board in February. Discussions have subsequently occurred regarding community plans and implementation as well. The County “312 acres” in Midpines was discussed for a vegetation reduction project, including the significant vegetation removal needed. Discussion also occurred regarding completion of the community plans and process for updates. Next agenda will include an item for the MPAC to provide a letter of support for the RCD home hardening grant program.

- b. CALTRANS – Update (moved up to beginning of agenda)

- c. Planning Commissioner Updates

Ed Walls provided an update that Jack Wilmeth was appointed as Planning Commissioner for District 2.

Discussion occurred briefly about the Code Enforcement Code updates. The action by the Board to staff was to establish a citizens advisory committee for the Code Enforcement ordinance and to include marijuana enforcement. Staff mentioned the citizens code enforcement committee items were being prepared.

- d. Supervisor Updates- (see above)

- e. COVID19 County update

Supervisor Smallcombe provided an update regarding vaccination clinics, missed appointments, 34% of population received both, 44% have received 1 vaccination. Mention was made that the state herd immunity number is 60%. And Dr. Sergienko mentioned herd immunity number preferred would be 75%.

7. Adjourn Meeting Adjourned.