

**Fish Camp Planning Advisory Council**  
**FINAL Minutes (approved April 30, 2022)**  
**9:30 a.m., Saturday, January 22, 2022, Tenaya Lodge**

**Call to Order at 9:30 a.m.**

**Chair Harter**

**1. Roll Call**

**Secretary Rolfe**

Members Present: Archer, Baxter, Christian, Harter, Luther, Rolfe and Royse. Members Absent: Bassett (excused), Cerioni (excused)

**2. Welcome Guests**

**Chair Harter**

Karen Glendenning, Colleen Murray, Steve Ward, Sterling Cramer, Tim Casagrande, John Fitzmaurice, Will Reinhart, Path Luther, Jane O'Brien.

**3. Resolution Due to Covid**

A resolution of the council proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020 regarding an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel corona virus (a disease now known as Covid-19), and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the Fish Camp Town Planning Advisory Council for the period of January 22, 2022 to February 21, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act Provisions. **Resolution adopted.**

**4. Approve Minutes July 17, 2021 Meeting  
(10/16/21 resch. to 10/30/21 canceled)**

**Chair Harter**

Baxter moved, Royce seconded, approved.

**5. Persons wishing to speak on a matter not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the counsel. No action will be taken by the Council. None.**

**6. Action Items:**

- a. Amended Conditions/Amended Site Plan No. 2021-110; Time Extension NO. 2021-114. Tenaya Lodge 1152, 1122 and 1110 Highway 41, Fish Camp, California; APNs 010-350-0100; 010-410-0120; 0130; Delaware North Parks and Resorts at Tenaya, Inc. Applicant. The FCPAC will make a recommendation for action to the Planning Commission. Steven Engfer reported that Delaware North has asked for an 18 month extension on their CUP application. They are removing zip line and Summerdale CUP, and instead replacing with kid's play area where Summerdale is now and installing food services where the old Water Works area. Royce move, Baxter second to approve to move to planning department.
- b. Discuss and provide direction or recommendation regarding draft advisory committee guidelines. Steve Engfer and Rosemarie Smallcombe both discussed the need to adopt a set standard of bylaws for all committees to report to the Board of Supervisors. Objective, get comments in by early February so Board can take action at their own meeting.

**7. Ex Officio Reports**

**a. USFS**

**Jennifer Christie**  
Not present

**b. CAL FIRE & Engine Co. 33**

**Steve Ward**

First attendance of committee meeting. Assistant/Division Chief for Mariposa County Fire, Company 33, and can represent on Cal Fire side because he was with Cal Fire for 23 years, started with MCF in 1991. Jonathon Norris is one of his employees. The community has the luxury of staffed fire department at Tenaya Lodge. Jonathan Norris took care of various staffing issues during Covid. Unique agreement with Mariposa County and Delaware North, 9 persons staffed at all times. Response plan for Co. 33 100% response within the town of Fish Camp, primary mission. Aid request with Mariposa County towards Cedar Valley. Issue becomes Yosemite West, Wawona, too long of a response time, takes coverage away from Lodge. Needs 2 man coverage 24/7 at Tenaya.

Cal Fire sent inspection through Fish Camp, took care of inspections and violation notices that took care of property clean up.

Guest comments: Guest had potentially life threatening issue with heart attack, called 911, response time 5 minutes. Great response due to partnership with DNC.

**c. Sheriff's Department**

**Jeremy Briese**

Undersheriff, Sterling Kramer. Annual report will be out beginning of February with statistics for crime, incident responses, etc. New headquarters in planning. Evidence building from the 60s, admin the 80's, once construction starts, they should be able to move within 5 years. Employment has been down due to Covid, now funding has gone back up. The Department will send 3 to academy in March (6 month academy, 3 month field training, then in car by themselves).

**d. NPS District Ranger**

**Chad Andrews**  
Not present

**e. Caltrans-Hwy 41 Supervisor**

**Adam Wimberley**

Donn Harter presented Adam with a plaque of appreciation.

Adam's report: Past large snow event, majority of incidents were southbound due to persons not chained up, in spite of chain control. The issue is that CHP has chain control, but not Cal Trans. However, CHP will abandon chain control if they have to leave for crash, so Caltrans tried to help with control. Usually, Caltrans equipment is stuck due to these pile ups. Assisted with Mt. Raymond Road opened. He has some new employees that had crash course training with last snow event. Appreciates help from Sheriff's Department to keep the traffic moving, Caltrans needs the area by General Store for equipment. Cal Trans cannot snow blow from Tenaya until end of town; has to scrape and truck it out. Also helpful to leave some snow to keep people driving slow.

**f. Planning Department**

**Steve Engfer** (on phone)

Development Code update (Zoning and subdivision updates), established in late 70's, Need to bring

codes current with general plans and policies and changes with State laws. There was approval by the Board of Supervisors and Board of planning commission of 80 glamping units where Yosemite Zip Line is located. Mariposa Creek Parkway making progress in getting funding to help build the Parkway. The planning department has been short staffed for a few years due to Covid. The department is looking forward to new employees on Tech and Planner I level. They also have a committee formed for code compliance updates. They are Working with GIS staff to bring forward a map of all vacation rentals in Fish Camp. In addition, putting together undeveloped and developed lots in Fish Camp.

**g. District I Supervisor**

**Rosemarie Smallcombe**

(1) Redistricting <http://www.mariposacounty.org/2505/Redistricting>

Planning Department is partnering with arts council. Caltrans has provided funding for 6 murals in the town of Mariposa. The Arts Council and Planning Department will work on Mariposa town, and will then look into murals in other communities to highlight the community's history and interests.

Redistricting - Federal statute requires emphasis on equal representation. Looking at statistics - equal number of people in each represented area, CA Code requires 5 supervisorial districts. The Census results brought this about to size each of the 5 districts equally, CA State law requires communities of interest be considered which committees are included in the districts. Federal Government changed designated census districts, i.e., Midpines was all one area in 2010 census and now it's been taken down to 80%. Balancing all the requirements, issued 4 maps to public for comment; only received 24 comments, of which 6-8 directed at communities of interest around the Park. Based on persons and comments, planning process re-drew the districts, which then made Fish Camp, Wawona and Ponderosa Basin became part of District 1.

(2) Board - Housing Discussion. At last board meeting, County has a housing specialist, Ben Goger, who has provided overview of housing, or lack thereof, in County. Purpose was to inform of statistics and cost, but also seek direction from board where staff should be focusing their attention and time. Lack of affordable housing is a tremendous drag on the community, difficult to find workers who can afford the housing. Some businesses have to cease operations or reduce hours due to lack of employees.

Example: Community Health Improvement Project. How do they work with people to be more healthy? Exercise, health and housing. Staff had to put the project aside due to Covid, didn't have staff to work on project. Center for Disease Control offered to provide an intern to help, but then the intern couldn't find housing so they were unable to take advantage of the CDC's offer. Housing prices have increased on average 35% in last 3 years.

Self Help Enterprises: 42 unit multifamily housing facility in downtown Mariposa. First multi family project in 24 years. They purchased 187 acre parcel in downtown Mariposa.

There are 720 vacation rentals in County, which is over 7.3% of all housing.

They are in the process of hiring a permanent public works director. They are working with outside recruiting firm. Monday they are interviewing candidates for the position and also for

permanent building department director position.

**h. District I Planning Commissioner**

**Ed Walls**

Ed is our new planning commissioner. He discussed the 27 acre site for that 80 glamping sites on the old zip line property. 18 years in Yosemite so understands the issues with Yosemite. The Glacier Point Road closure is still planned for this year.

**I. Department of Public Works, Director**

**Mike Healy**

**8. Snow and Road Conditions**

**Donn Harter**

Discussed as part of previous reports.

**9. Future Agenda Items and Council Schedule:  
4/30/22; 7/23/22; 10/22/22; and 1/21/23.**

**10. Adjournment: 11:13 a.m.**