

MIDPINES PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINTUTES

DATE: WEDNESDAY January 11, 2023
TIME: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Midpines Community Center
Midpines Park, Highway 140
Midpines, CA 95345

*Call-in participation information on the preceding page

1. Roll Call *Gary Francisco, Caroline McGrath, Adam Ferguson, Candy O' Donell Browne, Eileen Collins, Charles Lammers. Ed Walls - Planning Commissioner, Rosemarie Smallcombe- Supervisor*
Guests: Matt Larson Nancy Parke
Staff- Steve Engfer
2. A resolution of the Midpines Planning Advisory Committee 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 coronavirus (a disease now known as Covid-19), and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the Midpines Planning Advisory Committee for the period from January 11, 2023 to February 11, 2023 to pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Question posed regarding state law changed pending by Candy. Rosemarie responded regarding the State law changes and the sunset of the allowance for hybrid meetings due to COVID. Resolution was approved Unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes: November 11, 2022 and January 11, 2023 *Discussion occurred and minutes were tabled to next meeting due to a typographical error in the draft Minutes title referring to December.*
4. Public comments
5. Committee Business

- a. Adopt Calendar for the year
 - i. **Second Wednesday of each month 6-8 pm**

MPAC Schedule remains the same. Motion made by Caroline and seconded By Candy. Approved unanimously.

- b. Election of Officers & Membership Terms
 - i. Chair – *Gary Francisco nominated. Gary accepted the nomination. Approved unanimously.*
 - ii. Vice Chair – *No nominees accepted. Tabled to future meeting.*
 - iii. Secretary – *Committee voted that staff continue secretary.*

Rosemarie mentioned the need to confirm committee membership form committee membership for reappointments. Adam, accepted. And

- c. Discussion on the Revised County Committee/Commission Policy (BOS Resolution 2022-637)
Discussion occurred. An overview was provided by staff on the key changes that were mad including ad hoc committee definition and other changes. Rosemarie suggested that the “redline changes” from the previous to the new updated November policy be included in the future so the committee could more easily identify the changes.

6. Updates and Activity Reports

a. Firewise Communities Discussion Update (attachment)

Rosemarie described the efforts, including workshops by the County to encourage community's participation in the Firewise Communities program. Discussion included: potential insurance benefits; general fire safe benefits. CALFIRE firesafe compliance; Countywide Wildfire Protection Plan- Communities potential for co-beneficial risk assessments for Firewise and CCWP Community risk assessment. Announcement was made for the Firewise Workshop 5:30 -pm 7 at Board Chambers on Thursday January 12. Committee discussion occurred about benefits and who may be able to attend.

b. Community Plan Update

Staff provided a brief update that the environmental work and public process would occur in 2023. When draft CEQA document is ready> Staff suggested that the Chair work with staff to prepare a tentative timeline to bring to the full Committee. it will be brought to the committee for review and setting timeline for public engagement.

c. Muir Lodge Site –Status Update

Due to some weather, there was limited activity. Rosemarie notified the committee that the Fire approval had been obtained and thereby expected sign of the demolition permit would follow (October-November). Hazmat work was moving forward. Discussion occurred regarding the signage need for the site. Staff notified the committee that all are ready contractor PG&E, Demolition of pool and buildings 1-7 would be the start.

d. Oak Fire – Update, Evacuation Routes and Lessons Learned Discussion

No significant update. Other than that the impact of the rain on the burn scar and run off significance levels. Assessments were underway, however, preliminary assessments was that Oak Fire mitigation seemed to be holding.

e. KOA/Terramor Status Update

Staff provided an update that no new entitlement applications had been submitted. It would come to the Committee at that time. It was communicated that the Terramor project would be submitted first.

f. Whispering Pines/Bear Creek Cabins Update

Preapplication processing is underway. Matt Larsen gave a brief update. Staff concurred that staff needed to finalize the pre-application letter on what entitlements would be needed etc. Discussion occurred regarding the housing aspects. Matt notified the committee that the property was damaged from recent floods/rains.

g. Oak Road Bridge Project Update- Nancy Parke Update

Nancy Parke emailed the Chair that she is working on a letter. Nancy provided an update that the bridge may have been overtopped as there was debris on the bridge roadway itself. However, the road embankment was really eroded from the storms. No new bridge update. Brief discussion occurred about debris behind the bridge. Rosemarie mentioned a local emergency proclamation was ratified by the Board of Supervisors. The Oak Road Bridge was not identified as "damaged" on initial assessment. However, there will be more evaluation by PWD staff and additional updates may be in order. Rosemarie suggested that a community meeting be set possibly to coincide with the MPAC meeting regarding specifically the Oak Road bridge the future in coordination with Shannon Hanson PWD director.

h. CALTRANS Project/Study Update

Rosemarie provided an update including reference to the last CALTRANS correspondence, and that clarification on what the next survey on the Midpines HWY 14 corridor would be in 2023 to address the concerns. A discussion occurred regarding Ferguson rockslide.

i. Planning Commissioner Update

Ed Walls provided an update that the last meeting was December 6. And New Planning Commissioner Appointments would be made soon, at the Board of Supervisors.

j. Supervisor Updates

Update was provided regarding CALTRANS funding and relationship of funding from Federal source, California Transportation Commission and ability for CALTRANS to keep moving forward on the project. Potential for the Ferguson provide to be slowed up due to funding mechanism changes. Rosemarie provided an update regarding 312-acre parcel in Midpines- CALFIRE will use the 312 acre parcel (Ferrero (sp)) property for training purposes for fuel reduction and hand line training, resulting in fuels reduction.

7. Future agenda items

Report on Firewise Discussion, Community Plan and Muir Lodge site, New Board Policy Comparison. Staff suggested maintaining the Agenda update list as is. Then if there are no updates you move on.

8. Adjourn Meeting adjourned.