

# MIDPINES PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## FINAL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2023  
**TIME:** 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** Midpines Community Center  
Midpines Park, 6364 Highway 140  
Midpines, CA 95345

### 1. Roll Call

*Seeing a quorum, the regular meeting of the Midpines Planning Advisory Committee (MPAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Francisco at 6:37 PM.*

*Present: Gary Francisco, Nancy Parke, Charles Lammers, Angela Heiss, Candy O'Donel-Browne, Rosemarie Smallcombe (Supervisor)*

*Excused: Caroline McGrath, Eileen Collins, Adam Ferguson, Heather Huppe*

*Staff: Steve Engfer, Polina Pivak*

*Guests: Troian and Max Cummings*

### 2. Approval of Minutes:

#### a. Meeting of September 13, 2023

*By a unanimous vote, the MPAC approved the motion of Heiss and second by Lammers to approve the minutes with corrections:*

*Correct spelling: "Jeannie," "Charman" (Page 3, Item 5b)*

*By a unanimous vote, the MPAC approved the motion of Lammers and second by O'Donel-Browne to approve the minutes with an additional amendment:*

*Replace "Fire Safe Council" with "Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee (MCFAC)" (Page 4, Paragraph 8)*

### 3. Public comments

### 4. Committee Business

#### a. Community Plan

- i. *Draft Community Plan and Initial Study and Schedule- Staff Presentation (to be provided at the meeting).*

*Engfer and Pivak gave a presentation of a tentative timeline for adoption.*

*MPAC discussed the tentative timeline and recommended that staff poll the rest of the committee to determine if the dates are appropriate.*

*MPAC agreed to schedule an ad-hoc committee meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM with Lammers, Francisco, Heiss, and Parke.*

5. Updates and Activity Reports

a. Muir Lodge Site –Status Update

*Smallcombe said that the project team is looking to complete the project within the next few weeks and is aiming for the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> for action.*

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

i. Action to Prepare and Adopt Letter of Recommendations and Concerns for Oak Fire Emergency Response for Distribution

*MPAC discussed the draft letter and provided corrections. Pivak stated that she will return with a final draft of the letter for the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for adoption.*

c. KOA/Terramor Status Update

*No update. Engfer said that the applicant has been conducting well monitoring.*

d. Whispering Pines/Bear Creek Cabins Update

*No update. Smallcombe state that the property owner is waiting on a FEMA response.*

e. Oak Road Bridge Project Update

*Smallcombe stated that County Engineer, Matt Hespenheide, has been working on contacting the property owner.*

f. CALTRANS Project/Study Update

*CALTRANS has installed signage to reduce speeds on July 25<sup>th</sup> just before Oak Road. In January 2024, the results of the speed study should be ready.*

*MPAC agreed that this signage does not seem to be sufficient. Smallcombe recommended taking pictures of the signage and providing notice to Caltrans.*

g. Ferguson Update

*Smallcombe stated that the rock drains should be installed by December after clearance of ground material after some rockslides. The California Transportation Commission is uncertain about approving the project to occur in 4 phases due to the associated risk of separating contracts.*

h. Planning Commissioner Update

*No update.*

i. Supervisor Updates

*Smallcombe stated at the previous Board of Supervisors meeting, the Supervisors discussed compliance with an act that was passed in 2021 for the development of a drought resiliency plan and has delegated responsibility to the Water Agency Advisory Board. The Water Agency Advisory Board will be seeking input on the plan. The Board of Supervisors also discussed*

*funding for the development of this plan, which can come from a grant or consultant chosen by the state.*

6. Future agenda items

*MPAC directed staff to include the adoption of the Oak Fire Recommendations Letter, Dallin Kimble's presentation on the countywide survey results, adoption of the Community Plan Initial Study, and keep current update items.*

7. Adjourn

*There being no further business, the meeting of the MPAC was adjourned at 8:09 PM by Chair Francisco.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Polina Pivak, Assistant Planner*