

Antelope Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Minutes of Feb 6th, 2020 meeting
Antelope Valley Community Center, 6:30 pm

Attending:

RPAC members: Katy Buell, Debie Bush, Mike Curti, Roger Donahue, Eric Edgerton, Arden Gerbig, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Debbi Harrison, Mark Langner, Don Morris, Ned Welsh, Bruce Woodworth.

Government and representatives: Doug Power (USMC), Jan Cutts (USFS), John Peters (MCBOS), Wendy Sugimura and Tony Dublino (Mono Co),

Public: 11

Nominations for and election of officers: Motion to approve the slate of Curti (chair), Hamic-Christensen (vice-chair) and Buell (secretary) (Langner/Bush) passed.

Minutes of Jan 2020 Meeting (Hamic-Christensen/Buell) approved.

Public Comments:

An audience member thanked the RPAC for its support on River Lane issues.

RPAC member reports/comments:

Hamic-Christensen announced the CERT St Pat's day fundraiser dinner scheduled for the 14th.

Eric reported that he attended the MWTC leadership day field trip.

Bush discussed the recent Board of Supervisors meeting concerning the River Lane land use and permitting issues and the sustainable groundwater act.

Woodworth discussed RPAC openings and invited the public to participate.

Langner said that he appreciated the work of Eric and others who are keeping the Firefighter Memorial looking presentable.

Info/Discussion Items:

MWTC update: Power report that training schools are in operation. Langner asked about a recent Board of Supervisors item concerning a new MWTC communications tower; neither he nor the county had any information on it but said that they would check into it.

USFS update: Cutts reported on a new online wilderness permit process, control burns in Mill Canyon, an available front desk position in Bridgeport, and the possibility of the General Store being about to issue firewood permits in the future.

Supervisor's Report: Peters reported that census jobs are available throughout the county, that there is a new draft of the changes to fishing regulations out, that Bodie Road will be reopening this week, that work on the new Civic Center Building in Mammoth Lakes is proceeding quickly, that the mid-year budget was approved, that the Walker River Irrigation District is leasing 25k acre feet of water to be used to help protect and preserve Walker Lake and about his appointments to the Western Interstate Region and Forestry Advisory Boards.

Community Center Use Agreements: Tony Dublino discussed the recent changes in the Community Center use agreements. He reported the fee structures were updated, access codes changed for better security, that management and scheduling will now be centralized at a county level and the consideration of Community Coordinator positions (for which Morris volunteered). Hamic-Christensen was concerned about the length and difficulty of the new permits and system and others were concerned with increased fees and access issues. Dublino said the forms are manageable once you get used to them and the fees are reasonable.

Project updates: Dublino reported that the Eastside Lane project will start once weather improves, that the north tennis court at Walker is low on the priority list and is not funded but may be part of a future grant, that solid waste management is still an important issue with the pending closure of the landfill and he reported on attending a recent Recreation Planning meeting that looked at the potential for trails at Mountain Gate Park and other areas.

Mark Langner
Co-secretary