

11-05–2020 AV RPAC Meeting Minutes. The meeting was held via ZOOM due to Covid considerations.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Patti Hamic-Christensen, acting chair. It was later moderated by Katy Buell (who had a better internet connection).

Present:

RPAC members: Katy Buell, Debbie Bush, Eric Edgerton, Arden Gerbig, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Mark Langner, Don Morris, Bruce Woodworth.

Mono County representatives: John Peters, District Supervisor, April Sall, Gerry Le Francois, Wendy Sugumura, Jeff Simpson, Nick Criss

Other agency representatives: USFS: Jan Cutts, MWTC: Doug Power

Public: Three

Minutes from Oct 1 meeting were approved (Mark/Debbie) unanimously.

Public comments: none.

RPAC member reports/comments:

Katy talked about the new Wildlands Conservancy park along the Walker River on Larsen Lane. It is a nice place and open to the public.

Deb said that x-mas tree permits will be available at the General Store.

Deb and several members talked about the need for a discussion about the difficulties and cost of obtaining fire insurance. Wendy said that that issue is outside of the expertise of the Planning Department. There was support for the issue as a future agenda item if knowledgeable speakers can be found to address the issue.

Supervisor's Report: John reported on the Covid situation in the county and at the Marine base. He said if the cases from MWTC are counted towards the county total it could have a significant negative impact on the entire county. He said the base is doing its own contact tracing and that the problem seems mostly limited to the base area. He reported that the ESUSD has moved to remote learning at Bridgeport and Coleville.

MMWTC: Doug Power reported that training schools are in progress and discussed the recent outbreak of Covid, with around 250 cases, on the base.

USFS report: Jan reported on staff levels/activity and the status of the Slink fire.

Planning Update: April Sall discussed local projects.

Discussion Items:

Economic Development and Tourism Department Update: Jeff Simpson discussed COVID relief programs including emergency business grants, loans and funding. He also discussed the rental assistance program.

Code Compliance process overview: Nick Criss, Mono Co. Code Compliance Officer, reviewed the process for handling violations of the county codes. He said his office is a 'reactive unit' and that action on violations usually depend on a member of the public submitting a written complaint to start the process. The complaint is investigated and if found valid is then followed by a mailed/posted Notice of Violation. Non-compliance can then result in an administrative citation/fines or litigation and a declaration of public nuisance. There are several avenues for alleged violators to challenge the

complaint. Mark remarked that the citizen driven complaint process turns neighbors against neighbors and that the county is not doing its job when it neglects obvious violations that are not reported by citizens. Nick and Wendy said that staffing levels are not adequate to do it another way. John said that those who file a complaint should be anonymous but that this is often difficult in a small community.

Discuss recruitment to fill vacant RPAC seats (RPAC): John and April discussed pending AV RPAC vacancies and renewals. Wendy will create a flier soliciting participation which April will send to us so we can post locally. April will contact the school district to see if there is a student interested in serving as the student RPAC representative.

Next RPAC meeting: December 3, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by, Mark Langner, fill-in secretary for the evening.