

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting minutes

August 8, 2022

Meeting called to order by Eric Edgerton at 6:30pm

Attendance: RPAC MEMBERS: Eric Edgerton, Debie Bush, Katy Buell, Bruce Woodworth, Arden Gerbig, Patti Hamic-Christensen, Mark Langner, Charles Brown. COUNTY: Wendy Sugimura, John Peters. OTHERS: Kim Murcia, Gay Graves, Holly Alpert, Whitebark Institute

Action Items:

- A. Review and adopt resolution to meet virtually until September 3, 2022. Mark made a motion and Debie seconded. 7 yes
- B. Approve minutes of July 7, 2022. Katy made some typo corrections. Mark noted that Debie was left off the attendance. Motion made by Mark to accept the corrected minutes, Patti seconded. 7 yes
- C. Consider approving proposed bylaws, with any desired amendments. Group tweaked the document and voted to approve a recommendation to the Supervisors. A second vote will be taken next month. Patti made a motion to approve the amended bylaws, Katy 2nd. 8 yes (Bruce arrived after the first two action items had been approved.)

Informational/Discussion Items:

- A. Discussion Items: Discussed formation of a fire safe council (FSC) for Antelope Valley. Both Mammoth and Swall Meadows have active FSCs. Holly Alpert of the Whitebark Institute talked to the group about how to form a FSC. Some discussion around scarcity of volunteers, who might facilitate (County? Whitebark institute?). Need to include the fire commissioners in the discussion. We requested some kind of "fact sheet" that would outline the benefits of a FSC to try to get more community members involved. Holly volunteered to provide support for the formation of a local FSC.

The County Wildfire Protection Plan can be found at monocounty.ca.gov/community-development/page/community-wildfire-protection-plan

A. Monthly Reports:

RPAC Member Reports/comments.

Charlie brought up the illegal passing in the turn lane – Wendy will bring the Main Street Design plan to see what has been proposed for Main Street and then approach Caltrans about the safety issues with the highway as it is configured today. Eric agreed to attend the Local Transportation Committee meeting on Monday to voice our concerns.

Patti announced the 75th Birthday Party for the Antelope Valley Fire Department on Saturday from 11-3

MMWTC: Doug Power None

USFS: The new District Ranger, Megan Mallowney, is in the process of moving to Bridgeport.

Supervisor's Report: John Peters shared that there are 13 applicants to fill the vacancy left by Matt Paroulo (Sustainable Recreation Coordinator). Paul Roten is the new Public Works Director. Chris Mokracek has been appointed the Interim Director for Emergency Management. Bodie Rd. is currently closed and under repair by the State. The vacant FEMA parcels in Walker will see some clean up and hazard reduction. The Solid Waste Transfer Station fees are up but the cost for household trash remains at \$5. The second tennis court will get its makeover this summer per the community endorsed plan.

Planning Staff: (Wendy) Serious staffing shortage with Gerry LeFrancois retiring and several planners on part time. Planning continues for cannabis grow at the CA/NV border.

Future Agenda Items:

- A. Review/modify General Plan Land Use Element Chapter 11 – Utilities
- B. West Walker River Parkway draft plan
- C. Walker Basin Water Transfer Program update
- D. Be Bear Aware (David Hamilton)
- E. Main Street Design

Next RPAC meeting:

September 1, 2022, 6:30PM

Adjourn: 8:25pm

RPAC Roster					
		4-Aug-22			
		Attendance	Virtual Meeting Resolution	Minutes 07/07	Bylaw Ammendments
1	Eric Edgerton	X	x	x	X
2	Debi Bush	X	x	x	X
3	Katy Buell	X	x	x	X
4	Patti Hamic-Christensen	X	x	x	X
5	Ned Welsh				
6	Debbie Harrison				
7	Roger Donahue				
8	Sally Rosen				
9	Bruce Woodworth	X			X
10	Don Morris				
11	Mark Langner	x	x	x	X
12	Arden Gerbig	X	x	x	X
13	Charles Brown	X	x	x	X
14	Jonny Vannoy				