

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2015

RPAC Member Attendees:

Dan Anthony
Katy Buell
Ned Welsh
Bruce Woodworth
Gerry Le Francois
Tim Fesko
Arden Gerbig
Mark Langner
Orval Mosby
Judy Curti
Don Morris
Victoria Victor

Excused Absences:

Guests:

Elena Espinosa (local resident)
Jeff Ulrich (USFS)
Doug Power MWTC
Jim Leddy (Mono County)
Bill VanLente (local resident)
Terry Erlwein (CalTrans)
Ryan Dermody (CalTrans)

Public Comment:

Elena Espinosa proposed to the group that the abandoned tennis court across from the Walker Community Center be designated as a “dog area”. Item to be taken up on the agenda at next meeting.
Bill VanLente updated us on the Toiyabe Health Clinic – PA is available 5 days/week. They also have a dentist.
Arden Gerbig requested that Mountain Gate Phase III be put on next month’s agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for Dec 4, 2014
Moved and seconded
Passed – Fesko abstained

Election of Officers:

Nominees for Chair: Ned Welsh.
Unanimous vote for Ned Welsh as AVRPAC Chairperson
Nominees for Vice-Chair: Judy Curti
Unanimous vote for Judy Curti as AVRPAC Vice- Chairperson
Nominees for Secretary: Katy Buell
Unanimous vote for Katy Buell as AVRPAC Secretary

New Members:

Bill VanLente has completed the requirements of attending at least three AVRPAC meetings and submitting an application to become a member of the AVRPAC. Ned Welsh made a motion to recommend Bill VanLente to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) as a member of the RPAC. Arden Gerbig seconded. Majority voted to have Gerry LeFrancois recommend Bill to the BOS. (Tim Fesko abstaining)

Informational / Discussion of Actions:

Caltrans:

Terry Erlwein and Ryan Dermody from Caltrans presented their proposal to close Sonora Pass to large trucks. At present, they are performing outreach to see what parties might be negatively impacted by prohibiting large trucks from attempting to cross over Sonora Pass.

USFS Update:

Jeff Ulrich reporting:

The final EIS for the Bi-state Sage Grouse for draft decision was released on February 7th, 2015. This opens a 60 day objection period before the final decision is released. Overview of changes are limiting OHV hours and grazing in riparian habitat.

The SRS was not renewed

The USFS is hiring summer interns

There will be a bio-char conference in Minden on March 18th, 2015.

On March 25th there will be a Sage Grouse Symposium

MWTC Update:

Doug Powers reported that all courses are in session but coming to an end shortly.

Doug gave a more comprehensive report on the Proposed Communications Systems Upgrade and Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA). The project has been shelved since 2010 when it was not funded. It is now funded and will replace an antiquated system that only provides about 40% coverage to the training area. The new system will have one additional site. All sites will be solar powered.

Informational website: <https://extranet.cardnotec.com/MWTCComsUpgradeSEA>

Supervisor's Report:

Tim Fesko reported:

Tim handed out Eastern Sierra ATV Jamboree newspaper and solicited help from the community for registration and meal serving. Registration is quite good thus far.

Report street light outages to Tim. The county pays for the lights whether they shine or not.

State of the County information will be available on line at the county's website

Mono County Strategic Planning:

Jim Leddy from Mono County presented the county's roadmap for strategic planning. He outlined the 8 strategic directions and explained how potential projects within the county will support one or more of the strategic directions.

Letter of Appreciation for Walker Community Center Addition:

A letter of appreciation to the Mono County BOS for the improvements to the Walker Community Center was drafted. A motion was made and seconded to approve the letter. Passed with Fesko abstaining.

Mountain Gate:

Next month

Main Street: (Trails Planning/Scenic Byways/Active Transportation Plan)

Discussed the upcoming grant cycle. Need to address potential impacts of utilizing the FEMA parcels on the neighbors. How do we create a win-win.

Next Meeting:

Meeting adjourned by Ned Welsh at 8:30

Next meeting: Mar 6, 6:30PM Walker Community Center