

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting May 7, 2015

Called to order by Ned Welsh at 7:02

RPAC Members in Attendance:

Dan Anthony
Katy Buell
Judy Curti
Mike Curti
Mark Langner
Don Morris
Bill Van Lente
John Vannoy
Ned Welsh
Bruce Woodworth
Elena Espinosa

Excused:

Arden Gerbig

Mono County Planner: Gerry Le Francois

County Supervisor: Tim Fesko

MMWTC: Doug Power

USFS: Jeff Ulrich

At Large:

Brad Hurley/MCMWTC
Mike White/Walker
Nyla Boyd/River Ln, Walker
Patricia Shanahan/River Ln, Walker
Charline Morris/River Ln, Walker
Karen Donahue/River Ln, Walker
Randy Endricks/River Ln, Walker

Public Comment:

Mark Langner talked about the community garden started 3 yrs ago. 7000 sqft. 20 raised beds. Open spots available this year - first come first serve. No cost 20% of harvest donated to the community. Installing drip irrigation this Saturday at 9:00AM. Noon to 3PM on the 16th Community Garden Kickoff.

(Mark) On Mondays at 6pm Softball at the softball field in Walker.

Mark wants to move the meeting starting to 6PM year round. To be put on next month's agenda.

Approve Minutes for April 2 Meeting: Not available to review.

Informational

Mountain Gate: Arden absent. Tim reported that the work needs to be completed by May 22nd. May 23rd is the dedication from 11-2. Put on by Northern Mono County Chamber of Commerce

with Free food prepped by the Lions Club. The park is still not open. Some damage was done by people removing barriers and entering and damaging equipment.

Grant application due Sept 1 for Dept of Natural Resources California River Parkway Grant Program. Will need to discuss over the next couple of meetings.

Trails Planning within Walker: Community is interested in learning about the plans about the trail along River Rd. Community around the river believes that privacy is the most important aspect of living along the river. Not in favor of having a park. Very concerned about the ideas they have heard about. Dan is concerned with the discussing trails along Camp Antelope. Discussed at length the process of concepts to plans to grants to fund projects.

MWTC: Doug Power reported the training center finished up the winter packages. Currently have a battalion in place for females and infantry training. Will evaluate at the end of the year whether females will be allowed in the infantry.

USFS: Jeff Ulrich Fish and Wildlife will not list the Sage Grouse. 20000 acres being converted from Pinyon to sagebrush for the Sage Grouse. Forest State amendment to the bistrate amendment for conservation of the Sage Grouse. Summer seasonal employees (about 30) working mostly on fire issues. Drought forecast. This area is ground zero for drought. Dispersed recreation areas for controlling the spread of uncontrolled use of trail riding. Will probably writing more tickets.

Supervisor's Report: Tim Fesko followed up on the Fish and Wildlife decision no to list the Sage Grouse as threatened. EMS ad hoc committee 3 months later approved. First meeting May 21st in Lee Vining Community Center at 1PM (1st and 3rd Thursdays). Meeting announcements and minutes have a link on the Mono Co main page. Stay tuned. Budget issues - budget looks bad next year (probably will decrease 400k to 900k). Jamboree - traffic plan Larsen and East Side Rd will be closed to through traffic between 5AM and 9AM, 2PM - 6PM Wed, Thurs. and until 9PM on Friday and Saturday

Elly talked about the dog park. Bishop created a dog park - started with a small on leash park and has evolved to a much bigger park. Elly looking into the liability and funding issues at Bishop. Also discussed if the old tennis court the appropriate place.

Improvement to the C-130 monument: William Pierce from Carson Valley would like to place a lean to over the monument. Not clear what property the monument sits on, most probably private property. County probably does not have any say but Gerry trying to liaison with Mr. Pierce and the community.

AVRPAC membership. Loretta Cochran is no longer available to serve on the Board. Victoria Victor is also stepping down.

Elly Espinosa endorsed by the RPAC for membership. Motion by KT seconded by Bruce. Unanimously approved.

Points of interest from Ned:

June 5th - Health Fair at the Walker Community Center 10:30- 3:00PM.

Film Festival. May 27th-31st in Mammoth Lakes. Maybe can develop into county wide film festival.

Bruce made a motion to send letters of thanks to former members. Seconded by Mark. unanimous.

Adjourned at 8:52 by Ned.

Next meeting June 4 at 7PM.