

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2015

RPAC Members in Attendance:

Dan Anthony
Judy Curti
Mike Curti
Arden Gerbig
Orval Mosby
Bill Van Lente
Ned Welsh
Bruce Woodworth

Excused Absences:

Katie Buell
Mark Lagner
John Vannoy

Members of the Public:

Supervisor Tim Fesko
CAO Jim Leddy
Paramedic Victor Aguirre
Gerry Le Francois (Mono County Planner)
Elena Espinosa
Jeff Ulrich

Pubic Comment:

Mike Curti stated that burning would close soon. Be Fire Safe!

Approval of Minutes:

Bruce Moved to approve the minutes. Mike seconded. Motion Passed.

Informational/Discussion or Action Items:

-Mountain Gate:

Arden stated that it is well under construction. At the next Board of Supervisor's Meeting the Board will officially name Mountain Gate. Tim Stated that the Grand Opening of Mountain Gate will be on May 23rd. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Lyons Cub. It will be in conjunction with the "Size Doesn't Matter Derby".

Bruce made a motion that we give our recommendation to the Board to make the official name of Mountain Gate "Mountain Gate Park on the West Walker River Parkway." Orval seconded. Discussion: Benefit of naming it as stated could possibly make future grants easier to obtain. Motion approved.

-MWTC Update:

Doug Powers was not in attendance, but Bruce stated that the Colonel would be at our next meeting at 6pm (one hour before our meeting) to discuss the solar towers at Marine Base Housing or any other concerns related to the Marine Corps.

-USFS Update:

Jeff informed us that the Inyo National Forest is proposing to increase the Christmas Tree Permit Fees from \$5 to \$10. The Comment period runs through May 30th. The Forest Service is preparing to do a treatment near Sweetwater Summit. They want to fix a 2012 brown spot. They want to remove it and are interested in how to clean it up. If you have any ideas please contact Jeff. He also updated us on working with the Piute Tribe in conjunction with the Pine Nut Harvest and the Sage Grouse Habitat.

-Dog Park Update:

Ele told us that she has met with Supervisor Fesko, and she needs to meet with Risk Manager Sarah Messerlian. Things are progressing slowly, but surely. She will also be meeting with Nancy Boardman (former Animal Control Director) and they will be visiting a new dog park in Bishop. She will also be meeting with Jeff Simpson to look for funding for the dog park.

Supervisor's Report:

Tim told us that Paramedic Brian Bullock and EMT Nico Curti were given the "Golden Rotor Award" from Care Flight for going above and beyond the call of Duty. The new Ad-Hock committee will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays starting on April 23rd in Lee Vining at 1pm. These will be public meetings, open to everyone. The Committee will be meeting for four to six months.

-Mono County Strategic Plan:

Jim Leddy gave the RPAC it's second presentation of the Strategic Plan. Everyone was asked to list ideas that they would like to see as part of the Strategic Plan. Jim collected these ideas to take back to the county.

-Trails Planning – Walker – Possible Grant – Regional Trails:

Gerry informed us that two weeks ago a grant opened for Planning and Design. It would allow for funding for Project Study to give in depth details on what would be needed to be able to get funding. Judy made a motion for Gerry to finish and submit the paperwork for the grant. Bruce seconded the motion. Dan voiced concerns with the project itself. Mike voiced his opinion in favor of the project. Gerry reiterated that this was just a grant to do the preliminary study for the project. It was taken to a vote 7 in favor one against. Motion Passed.

-Future Agenda Items:

Ele expressed her interest in joining RPAC.

Dan asked that we discuss membership rules at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

At 8:40pm by Ned Welsh

Next Meeting May 7th 7pm, Walker Community Center