

County of Placer
FORESTHILL FORUM

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Minutes – November 3, 2014
Foresthill Municipal Advisory Council
Foresthill Memorial Hall, Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park

Members Present:

Sharon Page, Chair
Chase Dowling, Vice-Chair
Larry Jordan
Sheryl Petersen
Michael Whittle

County Staff Present:

Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor, District 5
Paula David, Contract Secretary

Members Absent: Duane Frink, Gail McCafferty

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The regular meeting of the Forum was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Sharon Page.
2. **ROLL CALL PERFORMED BY CONTRACT SECRETARY-** A quorum of the Board was present.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The Forum was led in the Pledge by a member of the American Legion.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2014-**

MOTION: Approve minutes from September as written.
DOWLING/ PETERSEN UNANIMOUS 5-0

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2014-**

MOTION: Approve Agenda as presented.
WHITTLE/ PETERSEN UNANIMOUS 5-0

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** Patti Wade presented several questions regarding the use of the Park Mitigation funds, including her concerns regarding fire danger at Todd Valley Pond and ownership issues of the area involved in the Frisbee golf proposal. She wondered if perhaps bleachers at the softball field of Memorial Park might be a better option than what was proposed. Supervisor Montgomery reminded her that the proposed use of the Park funds was as a result of the public survey and there was an upcoming Parks meeting that would be a good place to voice concerns. Sherri Wicks, speaking on behalf of the Auburn Community Cancer Endowment Fund, announced the production of "Fiddler on the Roof" this week at the State Theater as a fundraiser for the Fund.
7. **FORUM MEMBER COMMENTS-**

Michael Whittle expressed thanks and appreciation to local uniformed officers, especially in light of the recent losses of two officers.

8. COUNTY UPDATE – Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery reported:

- The new Placer County Lifestyle magazine is now available at the Visitor's Bureau;
- The family involved in the initial proposal of Forest Ranch development has shown interest in a new proposal;
- Parks Commission will be hearing the request for funding projects using the Park Mitigation funds tomorrow night;
- The Board of Supervisors will be attending the funeral for slain Officer Davis tomorrow morning, the regular meeting will follow in the afternoon;
- Reminded all to vote in tomorrow's election.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS-

A. Placer County Sheriff's Department- Officer Bill Walton reported:

- 281 calls for service, 5 priority one and 26 priority two;
- Vehicle tires were vandalized at a local mobile home park recently;
- Reminded people to secure their property.

B. CHP- No report

C. Foresthill Fire Protection District/Fire Safe Council – Chief Ian Gow reported:

- 55 calls, including the Applegate fire, where 6 homes were lost.
- Deputy Fire Marshall Gary Kirk reminded people to clean their woodstoves;
- And noted they added two more shaded fuel breaks, at Devils Canyon and Baltimore Mine.

D. US Forest Service- No report

10. COMMUNITY REPORTS-

A. Special Reports:

- **Sue Lunsford** – Jennifer Montgomery presented a plaque to Sue Lunsford recognizing her involvement in establishing Foresthill High School, as well as serving as principal. After this, Ms. Lunsford gave an update regarding her position in the Inmate Education Program
- **Foresthill Union School District Updates** – PUHSD Superintendent George Sziraki commented the District is committed to keeping Foresthill High School open. Foresthill students, beginning with the 6th grade, will no longer have transfer options. He introduced new Placer High School principal, Randy Ittner, who then spoke briefly about his background, also stating they expect enrollment to increase to approximately 240 students with the new policy.
- Fall events coming up are the downtown Halloween event and Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

B. Foresthill Chamber of Commerce - No report

C. Foresthill PUD - Sherri Wicks reported they now have a balanced budget; they are looking into selling 2,000 acre feet from Sugar Pine Reservoir; next board meeting is a week from Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

D. Bioenergy Meetings Update – Neil Cochran reported they have signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Sierra Conservancy to use their infrastructure; received a \$30,000 cash grant to conduct feasibility study, as well as a \$40,000 in-kind services grant.

11. ACTION ITEMS- None

12. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS-

A. Winery Ordinance Review and Update:

George Rosasco, Supervising Planner, provided several hand-outs explaining the current ordinance and definitions, and discussion topics surrounding the current ordinance review. Comments from the audience included those from Marilyn Jasper of the Sierra Club, who urged looking at ways to enforce the current ordinance rather than revising it; Peter Stafford suggested studying the County's Agricultural Event Ordinance revision for possible application to this one.

13. FUTURE BUSINESS, CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Sharon Page had a question regarding the decision to cancel last month's meeting, wondering why a meeting couldn't be held since there were no action items and a quorum was not necessary. Supervisor Montgomery answered that according to state law, if it is known in advance that there will not be a quorum, the meeting must be cancelled. Future agenda items requested were for an update on the usage of the overlook area near Foresthill Bridge and the ownership issue regarding the proposed paving area at Todd Valley Pond. Next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2014.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Contract Secretary Paula David