

**FORESTHILL VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL
Meeting Agenda
March 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM
24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill, CA**

Board of Trustees

Thomas Fitzinger
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post 11294

George Fitzinger
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post 11294

Rick Velgos
American Legion Post 587

Ron Roussey (President)
American Legion Post 587

Robyn Hussman
American Legion Post 587

Cindy Gustafson
Board of Supervisors

Alternates

Kurt Huebner
American Legion Post 587

Rick Pahler
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post 11294

Non-Voting Members:

Vicki Haskins Campbell
(Secretary)
Member-at-Large

Gail McCafferty
American Legion Aux. 587

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Introduction of Trustees**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes from November 1, 2021 (Attachment).
 - b. January 3, 2022 Meeting Canceled.
6. **Public Comment**
 - a. For public comment or to listen in on the meeting, please dial into the Microsoft Teams Meeting conference line.

+1 619-483-4068 Conference ID: 365 698 274#

Any member of the public may address the Hall Board regarding items not on this Agenda. It is requested that comments be brief, since the Board is not permitted to take any action on items addressed under public comment. Agenda Items should be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance for consideration to ForesthillHall@placer.ca.gov.
7. **Information / Non-Action Items**
 - a. Review Work Order / Custodial Hours Report (Attachment).
8. **Action Items**
 - a. Review / Modify / Ratify Building Maintenance Project List (Attachment) .
 - i. Retired Flag Depository.
9. **Reports**
 - a. Late-arriving correspondence.
 - b. Veterans Reports.
 - c. Hall Use Reports
10. **Announcements**
 - a. Next regularly scheduled meeting date: May 2, 2022
11. **Adjournment**

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Foresthill Hall Board Minutes: November 1, 2021

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:00 pm by RON

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call- Present: (See membership roster)

GEORGE, RICK, RON, KURT

Absent: TOM

Excused: _____

Placer Co Facility Svs: Charlie Fralick, PM Duane Espinoza

Brad Boulais ; Taylor Penticoff ; Bree McCollam

4. Approval of Minutes: RICK, SECOND GEORGE

a. Minutes from July 12, 2021 Meeting (Attachment)

Corrections noted: APPROVED

a. Minutes from September 13, 2021 Meeting (Attachment) RICK, SECOND GEORGE

Corrections noted: APPROVED

5. Public Comment:

a. For public comment or to listen in on the meeting, please dial into the Microsoft Teams Meeting conference line.

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NO COMMENTS

6. Information / Non-Action Items:

a. Review Work Order / Custodial Hours Report (Attachment):

REVIEWED WORK ORDERS, CODE FOR DOORS, CIRCUITS ARE NOW LABELED

b. Review Cost vs. Revenue Reports (Attachment):

REVIEWED COSTS, CLARIFICATIONS ON WHAT IS INCLUDED IN 'GROUNDS'

7. Action Items:

a. Review / Modify / Ratify Building Maintenance Project List (Attachment):

I. Screen Door

ADD TO PROJECT LIST - HINGE DOOR OR BLOWER. MOTION FOR ESTIMATE ON DOOR AND BLOWER. RICK, SECOND GEORGE, APPROVED

b. Consider Fee Waivers (Attachment):

I. HICAP

MOTION TO APPROVE ALL 3 WAIVER - GEORGE SECOND - RICK APPROVED

II. Foresthill Community Development Council

CLARIFICATION ON HALL FEES APPROVED

III. Boy Scouts

APPROVED

8. Reports:

a. Late-arriving correspondence:

RECEIVED LETTER FROM SNERRY WICKS.

b. Veterans Reports:

NONE

c. Hall Use Reports:

NONE

9. Announcements:

a. Next regularly scheduled meeting date: January 3, 2022. 6PM

10. Meeting adjourned @ 6:26 pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN - RICK

Submitted by:

RICK VELSO

SECONDO GEORGE APPROVE

Foresthill Residents for respOnsible Growth, Inc.

P. O. Box 568, Foresthill, CA 95631
530-367-4803

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October 27, 2021

Placer County Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Center
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

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OCT 27 2021
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Re: Foresthill Veteran's Memorial Hall Rate Increase

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Based on our understanding, a proposed rate increase for the use of the Foresthill Veteran's Memorial Hall will be placed on the Board of Supervisor's agenda to consider changing the rates charged for the use of the Hall. The Veteran's Memorial Hall Board voted in July to increase the daily use rate for the "entire" Hall from \$200 to \$500 (as well as increasing other partial use rates) for all Placer County users. The rate increase was also larger for others who want to use the Hall that are coming from outside of Placer County. We attended the Hall Board meeting requesting that the use rates for residents of Foresthill be left at \$200 and then charge other's "off-the-Hill" an increased rate. The Hall Board voted to move forward with the substantial increased rate as proposed in their Board packet.

At the time the Settlement Agreement between Foresthill Residents for respOnsible Growth (aka FROG) and Placer County was being negotiated, FROG was very concerned about Foresthill residents losing the use of the Hall due to a potential increase from "off-the-Hill" reservations. So, verbiage was included in Item D of the Agreement which clearly spelled out that the County would "support...the use of the Foresthill Memorial Hall by residents of the FDCP area". Some may say that "use of the Hall for Foresthill residents" has being fulfilled because the Foresthill non-profits have used the Hall for their various meetings and events at no expense. We don't feel that that explanation is justified since County Code 2.82.120(B) states that "free use of the Halls shall be accorded for...nonprofit senior citizen or children activity groups...and community service clubs" allowing for those organizations. Again FROG was very concerned about the Hall use for Foresthill residents (not non-profits) because of potential demand from others off-the-Hill for various events, i.e. weddings, etc. It's now obvious that Foresthill has become a wedding destination for many in Bay Area and others "off-the-Hill". After reviewing past communications with the County concerning fulfillment of Item D of the Settlement Agreement regarding the Foresthill Memorial Hall, it doesn't appear that the County has addressed that item (or core issue) of the agreement.

Additionally, we are concerned that there is no discount provided for use of the Hall to individual members of the various veterans' organizations. We realize that a structure for those members would probably require a County Code change, but we feel that such a proposal should be put in place because of the support those individuals give to the Foresthill community. It also appears that individual members of those veterans groups aren't aware they too will have to pay the increased rate if they reserve the Hall for their personal use.

There has been no community-wide outreach to determine if the proposed rate increase is acceptable to the residents of Foresthill. We understand that it was placed on the Foresthill Virtual Town Hall meeting agenda for presentation and discussion but it appeared that very few locals attended the virtual meeting. In these times of COVID, the Forum meetings that residents used to attend have been limited so input from the community has been lacking. We have printed an insert which discusses the proposed rate increase and asks for feedback in a survey. The insert will be distributed by our local newspaper (the Messenger). The publication is twice a month and we anticipate that it will be available for Foresthill residents in the November 3 publication. We have sent the insert to various County and local individuals for review so no misstatements are made.

The Foresthill Community Development Council has also voiced their concerns about the increase in rates and affordability for Foresthill residents who may want to use the Hall for personal events. They bring to the table some valuable considerations and a little history of the Hall.

We are including various documents to help facilitate an understanding of our concerns. Please consider this letter our request to provide special pricing for Foresthill residents based on Item D of the Settlement Agreement or, at the very least, wait to hear the input from Foresthill residents via the survey. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sherry Wicks, Chairman
Foresthill Residents for respOnsible Growth, Inc.

Attachments

cc Placer County Counsel
Brad Boulais - Deputy Director, Placer County Facilities Management
Foresthill Veteran's Memorial Hall Board
Foresthill Forum
Foresthill Community Development Council
Tamara Galanter - Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger



Memorial Hall Rental Rates Increase For Local Residents

The Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall was built in the 1940's entirely with donated logs and lumber from local mills as well as a large amount of donated labor. Hughes Lumber, owned by Peggy Wilson's family, donated building materials, specifically the cedar for the ceiling...and Colonel Albert McCollam, a third generation Yankee Jims family, designed and helped build the fireplace. Everyone in the community had a hand in finishing the project that some said "couldn't be done". It is expensive to maintain a log structure and the County has had to do a lot of replace and repair work over the last few years because the building is over 70 years old. Log maintenance is approximately \$40,000/year.

Today the Hall is a local event venue for weddings, birthdays, memorial services, a meeting place for non-profits as well as other celebrations throughout the year. Although the community hasn't been able to use the Hall during the last twelve months or so due to COVID-19, it is starting to become available for use.

At the July, 2021, Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall Board meeting, the Board members, composed of VFW and American Legion designees, voted to increase the rate for the main hall, kitchen and side room from \$200 to \$500 for Placer County residents (a 150% increase)...and \$800 for "out of County" residents. **The County has explained that individual members of veterans organizations will be charged the same increased fee if reservations are for personal use or benefit.** Other rental rates for individual rooms also increased significantly. Non-profits with Board approval can still use the Hall for free. There hasn't been a rate increase since 2003.

We are including a survey link (<https://www.questionpro.com/t/ASQy6ZI9Ho>) and a survey (on the back) asking for input from the community about the proposed rate increase. Let us know your thoughts.

Foresthill Residents for responsible Growth (FROG) would like to know any passionate ideas, suggestions or comments that you might have for the community of Foresthill. Please send your comments to PO Box 568, Foresthill, CA 95631

(A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization - EIN 20-8565387)

Memorial Hall Survey:

- 1) Do you know where the Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall is located? Yes No

- 2) Have you ever been to the Hall? Yes No

- 3) Do you belong to an organization that has used the Hall for meetings or events? Yes No

- 4) Have you used the Hall for any personal events, i.e. birthdays, weddings, etc., in the past? Yes No

- 5) Have you ever been to a Memorial Hall Board meeting and/or know how to access the Board Agenda? Yes No

- 6) Do you think the Hall should be accessible to Foresthill residents first...then others off the Hill, if dates and times are available?
 Yes No

- 7) Would you pay \$500 to rent the main hall, kitchen and side room along with a cleaning deposit of \$1,000? Choose one.

 Too much I guess
 Probably not Of course
 I'm OK with the cost

- 8) Do you think that there should be special rates for Foresthill residents and other rates for anyone outside of the Foresthill area?
 Yes No

- 9) If yes, what rate would you suggest?
 \$200 \$300 \$400 \$450 \$500

- 10) Let us know your thoughts/suggestions/comments:

Please mail your completed survey and contact information (if you wish) to:
FROG, PO Box 568, Foresthill, CA 95631

Settlement Agreement—FROG/Friends v. County, Case No. SCV 24213

occurring within sixty (60) days of the completion of the report described in the Scope of Work. Petitioners shall have the opportunity to review and comment on the request for proposals (“RFP”) for a consultant to complete the Scope of Work prior to the County’s issuance of the RFP. Petitioners shall submit to the County within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date up to five (5) names of consultants, and the County shall provide the RFP to all such consultants. In the event, no qualified consultant submits a proposal to conduct the Scope of Work for \$30,000 or less, then the Parties shall meet and discuss options for achieving the goals of this Section, including reducing the Scope of Work, increasing the amount of the contract, and/or seeking grant funding to pay for the amount in excess of \$30,000.

D. Economic Revitalization and Community Amenities: The Parties recognize that it is important to the long-term welfare of the Foresthill Divide Community Plan area that economic activity continue to occur and to grow in order to provide services and adequate community amenities to the residents so as to enhance their quality of life. To that end, as it implements the Goals and Policies of the FDCP, **County shall recognize these important core issues by:** (i) working cooperatively with residents to ensure the continued viability of the community pool in Foresthill to serve residents from its current site; (ii) working cooperatively with residents to revitalize local businesses, particularly in the historic downtown area, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled, creating jobs, promoting tourism (including white water rafting), and protecting and enhancing the small town feel of Foresthill; (iii) making County staff generally available to the extent staff and workload resources permit to (a) provide information to members of the community, including non-profit organizations, regarding potential grant resources, (b) assist with obtaining access to online searchable grant locator websites such as www.foundationcenter.org, and (c) assist members of the community with technical grant writing for grants for downtown revitalization, the community pool and other projects that would benefit the Foresthill community; (iv) investigating the possibility of providing the public with on-line access to grant funding resources, and if determined by the County to be technically and economically feasible, establishing a program which provides such access through a computer station located at the Community Development Resources Building in Auburn and/or a program which provides such access through computer stations located at County libraries; (v) printing 2,500 copies of the Foresthill Chamber of Commerce’s “Map of the Foresthill Divide” for distribution at the Placer County Tourist Center and other appropriate venues; (vi) supporting and implementing, to the extent resources are available, improvements in signage within and outside the community to provide notification of issues of interest to the community and to promote and disseminate information to the public, especially to those outside of the FDCP, of the recreational opportunities to the public within the FDCP area; and (vii) **recognizing the importance and supporting the use of the Foresthill Memorial Hall by the residents of the FDCP area.**

E. Access to Public Information: The County recognizes that access to information about development applications and other matters before the County is important to allow an informed public to participate in public meetings, workshops and hearings, and that access can be difficult and costly for residents, especially those that reside outside of the immediate vicinity of Auburn. The County reiterates its goal to make as many public documents available and accessible in an electronic format on the County’s website as



Foresthill Community Development Council

P. O. Box 1313 · Foresthill, CA 95631

www.ForesthillCDC.org

May 19, 2021

Board of Directors
Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall

Directors:

It has come to the attention of the Foresthill Community Development Council that there has been a vote by the Board to increase the rental rate for the main hall, kitchen, and side room from \$200 to \$500 (a 150% increase) for Placer County residents. We understand rate increases for individual rooms may be significantly more.

This Veterans Hall was built for love of and use for the community and Veterans when many said it could not be done. Materials, labor, sweat, went into the design and building of the structure. This grand Hall was built by the hands of those before us, including my family members. The Hall has seen about 80 years of community celebrations, happy and sad, organizational meetings, fundraising events, and oh so many meals!

While, we understand and support necessary increases to cover costs, in the spirit of which the Veterans Memorial Hall was constructed, we hope you will give consideration to our following concerns in finalizing your decision.

- Ensure an affordable rate (perhaps an incremental, structured increase) for Foresthill Veterans and other residents
- Ensure continued availability for fee waived use by community non-profits
- Priority access for Foresthill Veterans and other residents
- Developing a fee structure competitive with local wedding venues does not seem realistic or in the spirit of a Veterans community event center
- Perhaps consider a widely publicized town hall meeting to discuss how the community could be affected

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community.

Respectfully on behalf of the FCDC Board of Directors,


Robyn Husmann, Chair

Making Foresthill a better place to live.

A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization – EIN 47-3919384

Foresthill Residents for respOnsible Growth, Inc.

P. O. Box 568, Foresthill, CA 95631
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July 10, 2021

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Board of Trustees
Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall
24601 Harrison St.
Foresthill, CA 95631

Dear Trustees,

The Board of Trustees at the last March meeting voted to approve an increase in the rent charged for use of the Memorial Hall. We are very concerned that the Board may have **violated the Brown Act** by not following the required disclosure process since all Board **documents** were not fully disclosed within a timely manner and the "User Fee Discussion" was listed under Action Items which appears to be misleading. It was not **clearly understood** as to the intent of the "User Fee Discussion" on the agenda. The County is now asking that the Board of Trustees ratify the proposal for a significant user rate increase with little or no input from the community at large. The community needs to give input.

Because we were uncertain about the status of the motion passed in March, we've been hesitant in providing our survey to the public so as not to confuse the local residents about the Board's discussion, the decision and the process they used to approve the user rate increase. We understand that ultimately the Board of Supervisors will give the final approval.

We have no problem if the Board of Trustees proposes to increase the rent to those who wish to use the Hall...but live off the "Hill". However, we do not wish to see Foresthill residents being subjected to the increase. Our organization has always been concerned about local Foresthill residents and their use of the Hall. We have a legal agreement with the County in which they recognize the importance and support the use of the Hall by Foresthill residents...which may not happen if the user rate increases for local residents. Based on our legal, binding agreement in writing there should be special rates for residents of Foresthill.

"Every man holds his property subject to the general right of the community to regulate its use to whatever degree the public welfare may require it."

Theodore Roosevelt

The Hall was built by the residents of Foresthill for the purpose of having a location for meetings, public events and celebrating lives. At the time the County took ownership of the Hall and its surrounding area approximately 40+ years ago, they should have understood that log structures tend to be expensive to maintain. Additionally, they probably delayed any repair for years because it was so solid. Eventually, aging log structures do need work.

Foresthill veteran's organizations might feel that their members will not be impacted by the increase in rates...but may not be the case. If the County was to waive the user fees for the Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall for the benefit an individual member based on "special" circumstances, they'd probably have to change the County code for all Veterans Memorial Hall's throughout the County. It gets to be a "tricky" situation with many questions that could go in the wrong direction.

We need more input from the community and individual members of veteran's organizations so a good decision can be made.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sherry Wicks

Sherry Wicks, Board Chairman
40+ Year Foresthill Resident

Attachments

cc Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall Trustees
Cindy Gustafson, Placer County Supervisor
Brad Boulais, Placer County Facility Services

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Date	Request ID	Original Message	Status	Priority	Date Closed	Labor Hours
1/3/2022	62196	Once a week for the month assigned, please inspect the internal grates of the kitchen's hood system. Clean if necessary	Closed	Scheduled 30 Day	2/8/2022	
1/4/2022	106917	CLHM PG&E 5:03pm 1-3-22 Jessica called to confirm the size generator needed for the hall.	Closed	High 1 Day	1/5/2022	
1/10/2022	107066	Renter lost Bree's number and contacted Stand-by for information regarding the key drop location. Contacted Bree and passed along the renter's contact information.	Closed	Low 1-10 Days	1/25/2022	
1/17/2022	107220	Bulbs closest to the mirror in the women's bathroom are out. Please replace.	Closed	Low 1-10 Days	2/1/2022	
1/19/2022	107279	Drinking fountain in the foyer of the hall is not draining. Photo to be attached.	Closed	Low 1-10 Days	1/24/2022	
1/19/2022	107284	The cylinder locks on the kitchen cabinets are becoming harder to lock and relock. The original key works with A LOT of finesse.	Work Complete	Low 1-10 Days		
1/19/2022	107294	All faucets in the FH Memorial Hall kitchen are not producing hot water. The sinks in the bathrooms, however do have hot water. A Veteran's group is using the hall this evening for a dinner event and will need hot water for dishes and proper disinfection. I can advise vets to rinse and wait until the situation has been resolved before official clean-up.	Closed	High 1 Day	1/24/2022	
2/1/2022	63735	BLDG MNTC Building Services MEMORIAL HALL FORESTHILL MMP Maintenance Work	Open	Continuing		
2/1/2022	63736	CUSTODIAL FORESTHILL MEMORIAL HALL MMP MMP Maintenance Work	Open	Continuing		56.5
2/1/2022	63947	Once a week for the month assigned, please inspect the internal grates of the kitchen's hood system. Clean if necessary	In Progress	Scheduled 30 Day		
2/8/2022	75986	Custodial Inspection of the facility Use Inspection Form at T:\FAC\BUILDING MAINTENANCE\CUSTODIAL\Inspection Reports	In Progress	Low 1-10 Days		
2/24/2022	109350	Please provide quote to install Air Curtain unit outside of kitchen exterior door.	Open	Low 1-10 Days		

PJ01224	Project Manager	Method	Original Request Date	Status	Foresthill Hall Board Requests - FY20/21	Current	\$0.00	Estimate	Actual
						Carryover	\$6,628.00		
						Balance:	\$6,628.00		
	Charlie F.		11/2/2020	Deferred	Replace Vinyl Flooring in Kitchen - \$15,500	1	Deferred	\$0	
			11/1/2021	Action	Install Air curtain or hinged screen door to Kitchen exterior door.	2	Budget	\$0	
PJ01694	Charlie F.			Approved	Replace Kitchen Countertops - Approved Special Renovation Request \$55k		Renovation	\$55,000	
							Sub Total	\$0.00	\$0
					Foresthill Hall total estimate		Est. Balance:	\$6,628.00	\$6,628