



County of Placer  
**Foresthill Forum**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved 4/3/2023**

Monday, February 6, 2023

**1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** 7:00pm

**2. Welcome & Introduction of Members:**

Chase Dowling - Chair, Stephen Smith – Vice-chair, Larry Jordan, Gail McCafferty, Sharon Page, Debbie Sanchez, Joshua Miller

**3. Action Item(s):**

**A. Approval of February 6, 2023 Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Smith/Sanchez 6/0 to approve Agenda as is.

**AYES:** Dowling, McCafferty, Sanchez, Miller, Smith, Page

**ABSENT:** Jordan

**B. Approval of January 9, 2023 Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Smith/McCafferty 6/0 to approve Minutes as is.

**AYES:** Dowling, McCafferty, Sanchez, Miller, Smith, Page

**ABSENT:** Jordan

**4. Public Comment:**

1. Kara Domenici – Spoke regarding the Motorcycle riding complaints. Her whole family rides and believes that this is a productive way to keep kids outside. Can we as a community come up with a compromise to keep this small-town activity alive and available to our families and kids.
2. Jason Spoon – Moved to Foresthill 5 years ago with his family. He spoke in favor of keeping the dirt bike access as this is a key part of our community. He emphasized that our riders need to be courteous to our neighbors so that we can hopefully be allowed to continue with this outlet for our families.
3. Alaina – Spoke regarding riding her whole life and that if that gets taken away this will no longer feel like her home anymore please don't take the access away.
4. Aisla Starks- Grew up in a family of riders. This is a small town, and we are thankful for the ability to ride if this is shut down can there be something constructed to continue the access for kids to ride to school.
5. Cam Ordaz – spoke passionately about all of us being to relieve our "Good old' Days" But these are our kids "Good old' Days", and it seems that we are taking that away from them. So now what, what will they have to look back on?
6. Raymond Burnell – spoke regarding seeing the community come together to get the kids out doing a good thing.



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7. Jared Slattery – Moved here for the community and the dirt bike community once that access is taken away it can't be brought back. We have tolerated it so long as a community hopefully we can continue to tolerate it.
8. Andrew Nickel – Has lived here since 1978. Rode as a kid, rides now as an adult along with his kids. The sidewalks up here are not legal sidewalks they are dirt trails. Yes, people need to slow down but people need to realize this is taking away from our kids the most.
9. Patrick Moore – Grew up in Elk Grove. Remembers the joy and freedom of riding. Stripping that away from our kids is wrong. That's why a large amount of us live and move up here. Hold your kids accountable we have technology to do so, so use it and hopefully we can overcome this issue.
10. Don Daniel – Grew up in Loomis, rides the trails himself and sees this as memories we are taken away from our kids. Once this freedom is gone it's lost. Ride easy, be respectful, walk bikes across asphalt if need be. Talk to your friends because no one wants to see this lost.
11. Hunter Castillo – A high schooler spoke regarding using the trails to get to school. By taking those from us it forces us into the roads to get to school.
12. Bernie Le Forest – Would love to hear the opposition what are the issues we can address to hopefully fix this issue for the riders and the opposition? What can we address to fix this? We have some of the best riders up here can we get the opposition to come and address the issues.
13. John Peters – Spoke regarding all sides at the risk of his business. This is a freedom we never had. Trails have never been legal to ride on. Let's go to the county and find a solution on how we can fix this. Causing problems with private property owners is not our right. It's not our rights being attacked we need to look into a solution to address this. Motorcycling should be allowed but legally and what solution can we come up with to make that happen. Who should be involved and what route can be taken to make that happen?
14. Jesse – Has lived up here since 2014 can we put together a proposition or something so that kids can get involved in maintaining and possibly using the old dozer lines as a trail? Just a possible idea.

#### **5. Forum Member Comments:**

1. Chase Dowling – Spoke regarding this having been an issue at the Forum for over a year. The homeowner has been incredibly patient in trying to find solutions before it coming to where it is now. This issue is going to take the full community coming together to address and find a solution so that we all can win.

2. Stephen Smith – Spoke regarding feeling responsible for bringing everyone in because of his role with the Foresthill Messenger. We need to all work together to address this issue. How do we investigate potential issues and inquiries we need to get a solution for this as a community? Keep working with this issue don't let it disappear. Law enforcement has worked hard to try to be a patient as possible on this issue. Let's find a solution for everyone.
3. Debbie Sanchez – Motorcycle issues have been a part of this community for years If you can get a name law enforcement can possibly fix it lets work together on this.
4. Gail McCafferty – Apologized for a previous statement that was taken wrong and wanted it on record that it was not meant to be taken that way. We need to consider both sides of this issue. Can we get your thoughts and ideas on solutions to make this work for all?
5. Sharon Page – Has been a resident for 46 years. 14 on a main road. Can understand both sides. Motorcycles are violating homeowner's rights on their private property. However, can you as a community form a committee or something to work out a solution. Can you all come together? Talk to the county, Talk to law enforcement, etc. Try to work together to work this out and then come back to us so that we can then see what we can do to fix this issue. Look at all sides work together.
6. Placer County Supervisor Gustafson – Addressed a portion of the concerns regarding Motorcycles and Dirt Bikes and spoke regarding this being a small community. Can you come up with a solution for this and work together to bring it back to the forum and County for us to be able to help with the issue.

## 6. Reports:

### A. Public Safety:

1. **CHP:** Officer Kelly – Spoke regarding the motorcycle issue and the departments position on the issue. Thanked the community for being open and respectful regarding the issue. Open to anyone that may have questions or want to talk. [220pop@chp.ca.gov](mailto:220pop@chp.ca.gov)
2. **Placer County Sheriff's Department:** Sergeant Griffiths – Spoke regarding the Sheriff's office stance on the motorcycle issue. Gave stats for the Month.
3. **Cal-FIRE / Placer County Fire Department:** Assistant Division Chief Counts – Gave January stats. Station 11 is undergoing some remodeling. In talks regarding vegetation management project in Foresthill. Recently toured with SPI. They are continuing cleanup work. Online burn permits are available at [burnpermit.fire.ca.gov](http://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov). May 1<sup>st</sup> get your new permits which are good for a year.

4. **Foresthill Fire Protection District:** Chief Matcham – Gave report numbers for the month. Recent staffing issues have required a few Station 88 brownouts. Staffing has been a nationwide issue that will unfortunately continue. Do not go to the fire station with an emergency call 911. Thank our firefighters if you see them out and about. An assistant chief has been hired and a few offers have been sent for firefighter paramedics.
5. **Foresthill Fire Safe Council:** Chase Dowling – A few fuel reduction projects are being done in the chicken hawk & ridge view areas. Should see them starting spring ish. PG&E grant finished up powerline to Foresthill Road fuel break. Come check out a meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month 5:30pm at the fire administration building.
6. **Placer County Fish & Game Commission:** Not in Attendance
7. **United States Forest Service:** Mary Grim – Gave a few updates on forest projects. Mosquito Ridge Road continues to be closed due to it being unsafe. Because of the storms we are eligible for federal funds to get the road fixed however it will still take a long time to complete. Where we can get work done, we are doing it. We are developing a project and going as fast as we can to get things going this year. The gate at China Wall is closed to keep it safe for SPI to continue their cleanup work in the area.

**B. Committees & Community:**

1. **Foresthill Union School District:** Not in Attendance
2. **Parks & Trails Subcommittee:** Gail McCafferty – The Parks and open spaces director has resigned so the subcommittee is now under the AG commission until a new director is appointed. Our park is close to getting another set of lights for the Pickleball court.
3. **Foresthill Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council:** Debbie Guidi – This Wednesday is the chamber mixer 6:30pm at the Memorial hall. Reservations are available online. February 18<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 is the Biscuits and gravy competition tickets are available online and there is still time to sign up to compete. The SBDC offers a lot of things for our community. She spoke regarding a few online courses available that would be very beneficial to business owners in the area. Information will be posted on the Chamber website and in the newsletter. Thank you, law enforcement, for doing a great job for our community.
4. **Foresthill PUD:** Mark Bell – Sugar Pine is still spilling. An annual inspection was completed. A couple large issues with the water pipes came up last month and were addressed. Last summer's pipeline replacement project is almost



complete. Still need the pavement repair to be completed & restored however that project cannot be completed until the weather permits so possibly spring.

- 7. County Report:** Supervisor Gustafson – PCWA, Placer and El Dorado Counties filed a lawsuit against PG&E to try for resolution for our counties for the fire. The California mortgage relief program is available with lots of funds and an easy application process. Spoke regarding the January 25<sup>th</sup> Placer County Foundation thank you dinner. The Placer County District 5 interviews are happening now and will hopefully have a selection soon. Placer County is the First County designated for housing ADU's and multi family. The Getaway project update is that the County is still waiting for proposal information possible to come to the Forum April or later. The Ponderosa Bridge update has been a tiny bit delayed. The Grand Jury is looking for people able to participate. She went over what was planned for future board meetings. Gave a brief update on the Auburn County site camping issue regarding the unhoused. And a Class Action suit that was agreed upon and is now being implemented with rules etc. that will keep the government site accessible and as safe as possible. The County has continued to look into the Grading issues with the driveways on the Two parcels near Monte Verde Inn on Foresthill Road and gave updates on turn requirements into and out of those Driveways.
- 8. Future Agenda Items:** USFS requested a future date to present regarding all the upcoming projects and plans happening in the area.
- 9. Adjournment:** 8:36pm to next tentative meeting on March 6, 2023.