



County of Placer
Foresthill Forum

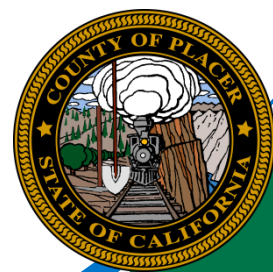
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved 4/4/2022

Monday, March 7, 2022

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** 7:04pm
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 March 7, 2022 Agenda:**
MOTION: Jordan/McCafferty 7/0 to approve Agenda as is.
AYES: Dowling, Smith, Jordan, McCafferty, Page, Sanchez, Miller
ABSENT: None
 - B. **Approval of February 7, 2022 Minutes:**
MOTION: Page/Sanchez 7/0 to approve Minutes as is.
AYES: Dowling, Smith, Jordan, McCafferty, Page, Sanchez, Miller
ABSENT: None
4. **Public Comment:** There was a large amount of attendee's with concerns and questions regarding the Getaway Project. Supervisor Gustafson took concerned community members that did not wish to speak on record outside of the meeting room, to a separate area. To briefly discuss concerns, and answer questions as best she could so that it did not impact the flow of the Forum meeting.
 1. Deborah Searle – Spoke in strong opposition to the Getaway project. Has lived here 25 years does not want to turn into Truckee or Tahoe.
 2. Paula Bertoncin – Thank you community on Fire district support. Please attend the upcoming Fire meeting. Thank you Fire department.
 3. Sandy Simester – Spoke in opposition to the Getaway project. Feels If they had really wanted community input, they would not have done so on a zoom meeting. Opposed to the placement. Would Prefer homes as they would be more vested in the community. Concerns on no fencing planned, fire pit usage, water, traffic flow, etc. A petition has been started on Facebook with 500 signatures opposing so far.
 4. Tom Ceccarelli – Spoke in strong opposition to the Getaway project. Read portions of an email submitted to a county representative detailing his reasons. Very opposed especially due to the fact that the location is less than a mile from our local primary school.

The MAC is composed of appointed community members whose purpose is to advise the Board of Supervisors about activities and problems of the area represented. Residents are encouraged to attend and talk about issues important to them. More info at www.placer.ca.gov/bos/macs . Placer County is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in public meeting. If you require disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aid or services, to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Board of Supervisor's Office.





5. Carol Dexter – Spoke in opposition to the Getaway project and provided a 3-page document detailing some of her concerns. She also spoke about TNF wanting to do a similar project.
6. Heather Appel – New to Foresthill and spoke in opposition to the Getaway project. Re-iterated concerns that the County would move forward with the project without listening to the community's opposition and urged the County to listen and take into consideration the community's concerns.
7. Chris Daniel – Lives on Melody lane which is adjacent to the proposed Getaway project. Spoke in strong opposition to the project. Concerned about visitors coming up and acting irresponsible, wandering into private property etc. Moved here for a reason.
8. Robert Palmeri – Spoke in opposition to the getaway project and inquired about the process that the project would have to go through with the county before a decision is made. Supervisor Gustafson answered as best she could but also promised to follow up and get specific answers.
9. Helen Jackson – Has lived in Foresthill since 1976 and has strong concerns as to how we are to get out if there is a fire. she also is opposed the Getaway project. And says it just does not make sense.

5. Forum Member Comments: None

6. Reports:

A. Public Safety:

1. **Placer County Sheriff's Department:** Deputy Collins – Went over the report numbers for the month. Please call-in non-emergency's as soon as possible instead of waiting (530)886-5375.
2. **CHP:** Officer Kelly – Went over the first quarter stats up to March. Staffing is still an issue. Please contact the office with issues (916)663-3344.
3. **U.S. Forest Service:** Andrew Mishler – The gate at China Wall is open. The trail system could be open as early as this weekend. Still a lot of trees down, access may be limited until trees are cleared. The district is also in the early planning stages of a major fuel break project.
4. **CalFIRE:** Division Chief Rufenacht – Went over stats for the Nevada/Placer unit and compared this month last year vs this year seeing an increase in calls already. Now is the perfect time to clean up from the big storm. Remember burn pile rules. The bulk of fires are from escaped burn piles so far. Be smart.
5. **Foresthill Fire Protection District:** Chief Ridley – Gave an update on last month's numbers. Make sure what you are burning is dry. Next board meeting 6pm Thursday the 10th at the Fire Administration Office. Spoke regarding the radio



station AM1020. Staffing is becoming less of an issue 10 of 11 full time positions are filled.

6. **Foresthill Fire Safe Council:** Chase Dowling – Trying to put something together for Wildfire Preparedness day otherwise nothing new to report.
7. **Placer County Fish & Game Commission:** Not in Attendance

B. Committees & Community:

1. **Foresthill Union School District:** Not in Attendance
2. **Parks & Trails Subcommittee:** Gail McCafferty – The projects list was submitted to the Board of Supervisors and has been voted on to approve.
3. **Foresthill Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development Council:** Debbi Guidi – Working on the office paperwork. A special meeting will be held at her home. 4pm on the 8th. Working on the directory of local businesses. Another mixer will be soon. Events so far, a yes: 4th of July, heritage festival, biscuits and gravy competition and the tree lighting. Getaway project concerns can be sent to the chamber if you don't know who to send them to and she will be forwarding them to the appropriate people. Email foresthillchamber@sebastiancorp.net
4. **Foresthill PUD:** Mark Bell – The reservoir is almost full at 96%. Pipeline replacement is being planned for Sebastian down the hill paid for from last year's water sale. Notes will go out to notify of pipeline project. Next PUD meeting will be virtual on the 9th at 3pm. There is no proposed project at Sugar Pine. Spoke regarding why the wording is on the water permit document that was submitted.

- C. County Report:** Supervisor Cindy Gustafson – Provided a recap of the Board of Supervisors Meeting February 22nd, Permit responses are a bit delayed. Updated on the Chipper program 4-6 week wait times currently and a 3rd crew has been added. The Getaway project we will keep you updated. The Library bench dedication for Katy Berger will be held Wednesday March 30th at 3pm at the Foresthill Library hosted by the Supervisors office. Brief overview of the upcoming PG&E mobile help center Thursday March 10th in Colfax for River fire information. She spoke about the Elections Update and Redistricting update. Went over what is on the agendas for the next two Board of Supervisors meetings. Trying to keep everyone informed ahead of time about what all is going on in her newsletter. Sign up on the County website under Board of supervisors District 5.

7. Information/Non-Action Item(s):

A. Beekeeping Update Zoning Text Amendment



County staff provided an overview of the proposed zoning text amendment to add Chapter 6, Article 6.32 entitled "Beekeeping," and amend Chapter 17, Article 17.56, Section 17.56.050: "Animal Raising and Keeping", of the Placer County Code. The proposed addition and changes define beekeeping activity in the unincorporated areas of the county and are consistent with existing State Law. The ordinance defines when a hive is a public nuisance and details enforcement options by the Ag Commissioner when a violation is reported. Lastly this amendment will allow beekeeping in residential zones pursuant to the restrictions found in the code.

Presenters: Joshua Huntsinger, Ag Commissioner, and Adam Anderson, Assistant Planner

8. Adjournment: 8:54 pm to next tentative meeting on April 4, 2022.