



County of Placer
Foresthill Forum

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved 7/10/23

Monday, May 1, 2023

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** 7:01pm
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 May 1, 2023 Agenda:**
MOTION: McCafferty/Sanchez 6/0 to approve Agenda as is.
AYES: Dowling, McCafferty, Sanchez, Miller, Smith, Page, Jordan
ABSENT: Miller
 - B. **Approval of April 3, 2023 Minutes:**
MOTION: McCafferty/Page 6/0 to approve Minutes as is.
AYES: Dowling, McCafferty, Sanchez, Miller, Smith, Page, Jordan
ABSENT: Miller
4. **Public Comment:**
 1. Paula Bertoncin – Spoke Regarding Fire District information that she believed was important for all to know.
5. **Forum Member Comments:**
 1. Sharon Page – Saturday May 6th the Community Garden will be accepting donations for the upcoming plant sale. Please label the plant with a description and shade or not shade. The Plant sale will be
 2. Gail McCafferty – Foresthill Fabric Friends will have a table at the plant sale so come out and see everything.
6. **Reports:**
 - A. **Public Safety:**
 1. **Placer County Sheriff's Department (PCSO):** Deputy Collins – Gave report numbers for the month. Spoke regarding the Top 4 types of calls PCSO gets. While the weather is warm, the rivers are cold and fast. Stay away and be water safe.
 2. **CHP:** Officer Kelly – Gave a few stats for the month. Spoke regarding DUI activity increasing as well as recreational traffic. Will try to be up here more often to mitigate some of those issues.

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3. **Cal-FIRE / Placer County Fire Department:** Assistant Division Chief Counts – Fires have increased dramatically with the warmer weather. There will be an increase in staffing June 5th. He further spoke regarding incoming equipment and dates of availability for the fire season. Starting May 1st Burn Permits are required to be renewed. Spoke regarding a recent Bill being proposed in regard to restricting fire retardant and how that may or may not affect our area.
4. **Foresthill Fire Protection District:** Chief Matcham – Gave report numbers for the month. There was only one day last month where there was a need to down staff and it is looking like that will not continue to be an issue now that staffing has increased. The blue-ribbon committee is continuing to meet to help guide the Fire district. Wildfire preparedness day is May 6th from 9-12 at the Park. Green Waste disposal day will be May 20th from 9-3pm with crews available to help unload. Chief Matcham also announced that he will be leaving Mid-June and the district is currently working on a replacement for his position. Be careful with your burn piles. The forum thanked the chief for his dedication to our community.
5. **Foresthill Fire Safe Council:** Chase Dowling – Wildfire preparedness day is May 6th from 9-5 at the park. The Ridgeview and Chicken hawk fuels reduction project has begun to move forward.
6. **Placer County Fish & Game Commission:** Not in Attendance

B. Committees & Community:

1. **Foresthill Union School District:** Heather Monson – Director of expanded learning opportunities spoke regarding what that means and what she does at the School. Dr. Taylor hosted a presentation prior to the Forum meeting and left information for those in attendance. She responded to questions from the attendee's and reported on classes offered, tutoring and intervention programs for those needing extra help as well as how well the program has been received and attended. There will be an open house May 11th from 3-7pm at the school and all are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in teaching an enrichment class please contact the school for information.
2. **Parks & Trails Subcommittee:** Gail McCafferty – The Memorial Hall will be closed May 12-16th for new floors.
3. **Foresthill Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council:** Debbie Guidi – Gave a recap of the last Chamber mixer event. Spoke a bit about the upcoming Fireman's Garage sale. Donations will be accepted starting May 6th at the Garage Mondays and Saturdays from 9-12. For questions or information on what will be accepted please see their Facebook page Foresthill Fireman's yard sale. May 10th is the next Chamber Mixer tickets are available online or at the door. Most events are posted on the Chamber website or the Facebook



page. July 4th will be big. May 5th is the Pool Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser at the memorial hall.

4. Foresthill PUD: Not in Attendance

7. County Report: Supervisor Gustafson – Followed up on a few items. A hazardous tree concern which has been inspected and is being watched. As well as a meeting that was held prior to the forum to address the ongoing dirt bike issue to hopefully find some solutions. Supervisor Gustafson spoke regarding the Budget workshops held in April. There will be some staffing increases as a result within many County departments. She spoke regarding a Cal-Fire training that she was invited to attend and was very impressed by what the crews are put through. Cal-Fire Chief Counts spoke a bit about what exactly crews are put through during the training as well as how many completed it. Supervisor Gustafson spoke regarding some general updates in regard to small Business loans filing deadlines, and loan assistance. Grants available for those impacted by the mosquito fire. A \$5 million dollar grant for reforestation in response to the Mosquito Fire. Placer County's ranking on the National County Health rankings list. She gave some local updates. The Getaway project application has been withdrawn and the County still does not know why. The broadband awards for the County did not include Foresthill but the County plans to submit Foresthill in with the state application. The Foresthill apartments have applied for funding to renovate and are currently in the application phase. She spoke regarding updates from previous Board meetings including HR 1586, and the approval for Office of Emergency services to embed a Cal-Fire and PCSO employee daily. She further spoke regarding what is coming up for the BOS as well as the May 17th Unveiling of the Fallen officer's memorial that will be held at the Sheriff's office.

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

A. U. S. Forest Service Update

Received an update from the U.S. Forest Service representatives on storm cleanup efforts, resources available, and timeline for reopening certain areas around Foresthill.

Presenter: U.S. Forest Service – Michelle Barry

9. Future Agenda Items:

10. Adjournment: 8:27pm to next tentative meeting on June 5, 2023.