



County of Placer
Foresthill Forum

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Approved 9-11-23
Monday, August 7, 2023

1) Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 7:02pm

2) Welcome & Introduction of Members:

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

3) Approval of August 7, 2023, Agenda:

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

AYES: Dowling, McCafferty, Miller, Smith, Page, Jordan

ABSENT: Sanchez

4) Approval of July 10, 2023, Minutes:

MOTION: Jordan/Miller 6/0 to approve Minutes as is.

AYES: Dowling, McCafferty, Miller, Smith, Page, Jordan

ABSENT: Sanchez

5) Public Comment:

1. Paula Bertoncin thanked the fire volunteers.
2. Kara Dominici gave an update on the Foresthill Woods Riders group – petition has 707 signatures. Suggestions include redesignating trails to include dirt bikes, safety courses at high school once a month and a registration system for bikes.

6) Forum Member Comments:

1. Sharon Page: Thank you to the fire volunteers.
2. Larry Jordan: Thank you for fixing floors of Memorial Hall
3. Gail McCafferty: Sons of American Legion event next Saturday – 5 spots open
4. Josh Miller: Has the dead bear been removed?

7) Reports:

A. Public Safety:

1. **Placer County Sheriff's Department:** Sergeant Griffiths: 4500 calls for service in last month, 166 individuals to jail. Domestic violence going up. 40 FLOCK cameras in unincorporated county. Unified command training in Tahoe. Dirt bikes: PCSO is educating kids before school starts. Todd Valley and Green Leaf Trail are not for dirt bike riders. Putting up new signs at trail. Answered questions from Forum members and public.





2. **California Highway Patrol:** Not in attendance
 3. **CAL FIRE / Placer County Fire Department:** Chief Loveless: Mini fire starts but nothing significant due to moisture. Fully staffed – engines, dozers, crews. 4 starts and 2 structure fires. 53 total incidents. 4 to aide FFPD.
 4. **Foresthill Fire Protection District:** Chief Dennis Martin – 91 calls for service, 80 were emergency medical. 229 logged training hours. 4th of July event was well attended.
 5. **U.S. Forest Service:** Representative was unable to attend but sent the following updates to be read to the group: The Tahoe National Forest went into Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on Aug. 1. Public can maintain campfires in established fire rings within designated developed campgrounds and day use sites only. We did respond to the Palisades fire Wed. Aug 2, just across our district boundary, on the Truckee Ranger District. It was a steep river canyon fire, which required helicopter rappellers, hotshot crews, and additional resources. The fire was held at 2 acres, contained Aug. 3. Please, please, be careful with fire. Our recreation crews are busy with a number of key projects including a trail re-route project in the Granite Chief Wilderness, this project will create over 6 miles of new trail connecting Granite Chief, Needle and Lyon Peaks, while restoring resource damage in previous trail sections. The 43 Road has dried out, still a little bumpy in some areas, trailers still not advised. The prescribed burn in French Meadows (implemented in late June) is still being monitored and patrolled. Smoke is minimal, no adverse effects are expected to recreation opportunities.
 6. **Foresthill Fire Safe Council:** Chase Dowling: Powerline phase 4 project going well, no major updates. Next firesafe meeting Tuesday at 5:30, will be going over some mapping and Firewise communities. Pre meeting/mapping at 5:00.
 7. **Placer County Fish & Game Commission:** Not in attendance
- B. Committees & Community:**
1. **Foresthill Union School District:** Camille Taylor: Introduced new Principal at Foresthill Divide. It's Ms. Lawson's 36th year in education, 9th year as principal. She is one of several new members – new psychologist, community liaison, transportation lead, 3 new behavior support positions. Implementing safety initiatives on campus – platform for strangers on campus. Vape detectors in bathrooms. Making progress on busing. Enrollment up 28 students. Jobs available – driving for vans and buses. Paying for training certification time. Need more substitute teachers.
 2. **Placer Union High School District:** Not in attendance



3. **Parks & Trails Subcommittee:** Gail McCafferty: group is working on lights for the pickleball court.
4. **Foresthill Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development Council:** Not in attendance
5. **Foresthill PUD:** Not in attendance

C. County Report: Bridget Powers on behalf of Supervisor Gustafson: Bridget introduced herself and gave personal background. She gave an update on activities/permits for the campground on Spring Garden Road as well as complaints surrounding cars getting dangerously backed up on the highway by Lake Clementine. She also shared information about the Atherton Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Senior Resource Fair.

8) Action Item(s):

1. Perry Subdivision Modification

Forum members are being asked to provide a recommendation on the Perry Subdivision Modification, a proposal to change the recorded 50-foot front setbacks to 10 feet, on the Todd Valley Estate 5C Subdivision Map, in order to construct an 800-square-foot garage located at 20047 Bradley Way in Foresthill. The property is zoned Residential Single Family, combining agriculture, combining a minimum building site of 40,000 square feet (RS-AG-B-40), and is designated Low Density Residential 10,000 Sq. Ft. - 1 Ac. Min. Foresthill Divide Community Plan.

Presenter: Bennett Smithhart, Placer County Planning Department

Steve Smith motion: approve with following stipulations forwarded to the Planning Commission: safety for ingress/egress, make sure surrounding neighbors are notified, make sure parcels aren't landlocked.
Sharon second, unanimous

MOTION: Smith/Page 6/0 to approve item with letter sent to Planning Commission.

AYES: Dowling, McCafferty, Miller, Smith, Page, Jordan

ABSENT: Sanchez

9) Information/Non-Action Item(s):

1. Foresthill Transfer Station Capital Improvement Project



The work includes improving drainage at the top of tipping wall to minimize erosion by improving grades and slopes by conveying surface water to asphalt dikes, swales, and drainage inlets, conveying the surface water to existing stormwater basin. A new gabion basket retaining wall is designed to support vertical cut while minimizing impact to drop off areas for public.

Presenter: Matt Dodge, Placer County Department of Public Works

2. Correspondence

- i) Correspondence received for Forum between July 11, 2023, and August 7, 2023

10) Future Agenda Items – bring Foresthill Transfer Station Capital Improvement Project back to Forum next month for further discussion.

11) Adjournment: 8:20pm to next meeting on September 11, 2023