

County of Placer
FORESTHILL FORUM

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Minutes – January 6, 2014
Foresthill Municipal Advisory Council
Foresthill Memorial Hall, Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park

Members Present:

Chase Dowling, Acting-Chair
Gail McCafferty
Larry Jordan
Sharon Page
Duane Frink
Sheryl Petersen

County Staff Present:

Jocelyn Maddux, Field Representative, District 5
Paula David, Contract Secretary

Members Absent: Michael Whittle

- **CALL TO ORDER-** The regular meeting of the Forum was called to order at 7:02 PM by Acting-Chair Chase Dowling.
- **ROLL CALL PERFORMED BY CONTRACT SECRETARY-** A quorum of the Board was present.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The Forum was led in the Pledge by the VFW Chairman.
- **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM December 2, 2013-**

MOTION: Approve minutes from December as written.
FRINK/ PAGE 5-0 (PETERSEN ABSTAINED)

- **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 6, 2014-**

MOTION: Amend agenda to strike Item 10A, Biomass update, as it will be addressed elsewhere during the meeting. Approve Agenda as amended.
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- **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None.
- **INTRODUCTION/WELCOME NEW FORUM MEMBER & FORUM MEMBER COMMENTS-**
 - New Forum member Sheryl Petersen was formally introduced and welcomed;
 - Duane Frink expressed concern over the locked bathrooms in the park and felt they should be open during the day for park users. He also mentioned a recent article from the Agriculture Commission regarding diseases of backyard chickens and thought people might find it interesting;

- Chase Dowling, who serves on the steering committee for the biomass energy study, briefly gave an update, stating they are looking into writing for a grant for a feasibility study, also would like to have an update agendaized when they have more information to report.

8. COUNTY UPDATE – Jocelyn Maddux reported:

- Welcome to new Forum Member Sheryl Petersen, and new Chair position will be selected in February;
- The Foresthill Bridge project will be completed by March, they are planning a ribbon cutting and celebration in March or April;
- The most recent Parks project list is now ready;
- Belcara project has been approved by the Planning Commission, after the completion of an updated traffic study as requested by the Foresthill Forum;
- BOS agenda was reviewed.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS-

A. Placer County Sheriff’s Department- Bill Walton reported:

- 6 priority one calls and 21 priority two;
- There has been a series of burglaries at the auto repair garage, also a car pursuit with shots fired, both suspects are now in custody;
- He wanted to respond to certain social media comments regarding a recent incident in Todd Valley, clearing up several items said in the comments that were not true.

B. CHP- Eric Karla reported:

- Due to staffing restrictions they have not been in Foresthill much recently, though they are expecting several more officers on staff soon;
- There were several collisions, one with major injuries due to black ice.

C. U.S. Forest Service- No report

D. Foresthill Fire Protection District/Fire Safe Council- Captain Keith Hernandez reported:

- 54 calls, with 38 calls for EMS/rescue calls, one hazardous condition call, 5 service call and 5 good intent calls. Total calls for last year were 644 with 35 fires, 468 EMS/rescue, 15 hazardous condition, 59 service, 50 good intent and 16 false alarms.

10. COMMUNITY REPORTS

A. Foresthill Chamber of Commerce: Laura Nelson reported they will have their business mixer on January 17.

B. Foresthill Public Utility District: District Manager Hank White reported:

- 2013 has been the driest year ever on record, Sugar Pine is at 50% capacity;
- State Water Project allocations are currently at 5%;
- They have just signed the contract to rebuild the filters with work expected to start on 1/13.

11. INFORMATION/ NON-ACTION ITEMS- None

12. ACTION ITEMS-

A. Approve letter of Support for Western States Trail Foundation

Chairman Whittle prepared a draft letter for the consideration of the Forum. Mr. Jordan objected to the designation of “historic” and involving the federal government because of possible negative implications; Mr. Frink would like more

definition of the differences between trail designations, such as “scenic”, or “historic”, and stated the letter seemed to stray from the emphasis on approving a “study”. Audience comments included a hesitation in designating it a national trail, and that a study might actually answer some of the questions brought up.

MOTION: Table any action pending further information from U.S. Forest Service.
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B. “Event Centers” (formerly “Community Centers”) Continued

This item was deferred to this month’s agenda in order to obtain and review additional information. George Rosasco, Placer County Supervising Planner, again appeared to present information and answer questions. He is currently compiling a list of all MAC recommendations and plans to present it to the Placer BOS all at once.

Questions/comments from Forum members were as follows:

- Mr. Frink wondered why so many definitions were needed, and specifically asked if the parking requirements were standard (answer: slightly more than standard). He asked about the criteria used to determine parcel size, number of events and special notice requirements.
- Ms. Page expressed concern regarding access on a private road, and what recourse current landowners would have.
- Ms. McCafferty questioned the mention of “no restaurants” in 11.c., stating she had been to a restaurant at one of the centers currently operating.
- Mr. Jordan stated he believed 26 events per year was too many
- Comments from the audience included enforcement issues, performance standards, concern regarding possible lawsuit stemming from over usage of a private road, and liability to the owner of easements.
- It was decided to go through the draft document and vote on each section independently, beginning with D, Development and Operational Standards, 2., Access Standards, part c:

MOTION: Section 2.c, Access Standards: Strengthen wording to address the issues of maintenance, liability, and enforcement.

PETERSEN/ PAGE Mr. Jordan proposed an amendment to place the burden of road maintenance, liability and enforcement on the applicant, which was approved by Ms. Petersen and Ms. Page.

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MOTION: Section 3.a, Minimum Parcel Size: Parcel size of 10 acres is too small.

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MOTION: Section 4.a, Setbacks: Delete “minimum of 200 feet” and replace with “as specified by Conditional Use Permit”.

FRINK/ PETERSEN 4 Yes, 2 Abstain (Jordan, Page)

MOTION: Section 5, Event Size: Replace entire section with “As specified by Conditional Use Permit”.

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MOTION: Section 6, Number of Events: 26 events per year is too many, and the number of events per month should be specified.

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MOTION: Section 7, Agricultural Requirement: Strike the dollar amount from the text.

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MOTION: Section 10, Lighting: Support as stated.

FRINK/ MCCAFFERTY UNANIMOUS 6-0

13. FUTURE BUSINESS, CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Next meeting will include Chair/Vice-Chair elections, appearance from the Forest Service, possibly Western States Trail Foundation. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2014.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Submitted by Contract Secretary Paula David