

County of Placer
FORESTHILL FORUM

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Minutes – September 8, 2014
Foresthill Municipal Advisory Council
Foresthill Memorial Hall, Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park

Members Present:

Sharon Page, Chair
Chase Dowling, Vice-Chair
Larry Jordan
Sheryl Petersen
Duane Frink
Michael Whittle
Gail McCafferty

County Staff Present:

Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor, District 5
Jocelyn Maddux, Field Representative, District 5
Paula David, Contract Secretary

Members Absent: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The regular meeting of the Forum was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Sharon Page.
2. **ROLL CALL PERFORMED BY CONTRACT SECRETARY-** A quorum of the Board was present.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The Forum was led in the Pledge by Chair Sharon Page.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4, 2014-**

MOTION: Approve minutes from August as written.
PETERSEN/ FRINK UNANIMOUS 7-0

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2014-**

MOTION: Approve Agenda as presented.
MCCAFFERTY/ DOWLING UNANIMOUS 7-0

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** Roy West announced they are selling t-shirts in an effort to raise funds for the bluegrass music festival being planned for next summer, still seeking volunteers to assist. Peter Stafford asked when the winery ordinance was going to be on the agenda.

7. **FORUM MEMBER COMMENTS-**

- Duane Frink noted that the recent accident that closed down Foresthill Road for some time brought up the question of another way off the hill in an emergency situation. He also mentioned he had difficulty finding a place to park at the library recently and thought a solution might be to designate no overnight parking in that area.

8. COUNTY UPDATE – Jennifer Montgomery reported:

- At the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow they will adopt the final approved budget of approximately \$790 million, as well as hear a presentation on the future of the County fairgrounds in Roseville;

9. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS-

- A.** Placer County Sheriff's Department- Officer Bill Walton reported:
- 36 reportable incidents, including assault and burglaries.
- B.** CHP- Officer Don Scholl reported:
- CHP website has up-to-date traffic/accident information
 - Last month they were very busy with collisions and DUIs
- C.** Foresthill Fire Protection District/Fire Safe Council – Chief Ian Gow reported:
- 71 calls, approximately 70% medical responses;
 - The final budget is now completed, in balance;
 - They are anticipating a tough next 8 weeks in the fire season.
- D.** US Forest Service- District Ranger Victor Lyon reported:
- American Fire salvage and restoration project is on-going, they are addressing reports of logging trucks driving too fast on Foresthill Road;
 - Swinging Bridge repair will begin next week;
 - Paving of the trail from Sugar Pine boat launch towards Shirrtail Creek will begin next week.

10. COMMUNITY REPORTS-

- A.** Foresthill Chamber of Commerce: Laura Nelson reported:
- Last month's car show was a huge success;
 - Heritage Festival is this weekend, with more features planned;
 - Fall events coming up are the downtown Halloween event and Christmas tree lighting ceremony.
- B.** Foresthill Public Utility District: Manager Hank White reported:
- So far this year over 42 million gallons of water have been treated and delivered to customers, significant reduction over last year;
 - Sugar Pine Reservoir is at 85% capacity;
 - They have completed required water quality tests with great results;
 - They have received a two-step upgrade in their Standard & Poor's credit rating which allowed the recent refinance of Sugar Pine debt;
 - Currently looking into replacing a water storage tank and pipeline.
- C.** Bioenergy Meetings update: Duane Frink reported they heard a presentation on the process of bioenergy; their next meeting is on 9/17.

11. ACTION ITEMS-

- A. Park Survey Results & Park Dedication Fees Recommendation:** John Ramirez, Placer County Parks Administrator, presented the results of the recent survey conducted regarding the use of \$60,289 in park dedication fees for Area #4. Out of the more than 200 responses received, the number one item, with nearly 30% approval, was a Frisbee Golf course at Todd Valley Pond, number two was the installation of a new chain link fence at the softball field, and number three was to pave an apron from Foresthill Road into the parking area for Todd Valley Pond. Because the Frisbee golf course has already been proposed as an all-volunteer project, Mr. Ramirez requested a recommendation in the amount of \$35,000 for a

new chain link fence at the softball field, and \$25,000 for asphalt aprons at the pond parking lot.

Several project-specific questions were asked, by the Forum members and audience members, after which a motion was made.

MOTION: The Forum recommends the allocation of the funds as proposed for the chain link fence and parking aprons.

PETERSEN/ WHITTLE Jordan, McCafferty oppose; Whittle, Dowling, Frink, Petersen, Page approve; MOTION PASSES

12. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS-

A. Proposed Development – Dollar General Store:

Jerry Haas, Placer County Planning, introduced the Dollar General representatives, Josh Simon from SimonCRE, and Chuck Perkins, Dollar General Regional Representative. Mr. Haas asked the Forum and audience for their comments on the design of the project, and their thoughts on the fact that approval of this project would mean a retail development in an area zoned light industrial, and in which the Community Plan, though not prohibiting retail in this area, does specifically discourage it.

Discussion included some minor changes in the design, material used on the façade, what the products offered might be, use of local residents for employees, and what the wages would be. Both the Forum members and the audience spoke positively of the project and the addition of retail to this area. In addition, Mr. Simon pledged to donate \$5,000 towards the community swimming pool if Dollar General becomes a community member.

B. Foresthill Road Signage: Richard Moorehead, Engineering Manager, presented the signs and locations they propose to install along Foresthill Road intended to warn motorists of pedestrians and cyclists crossing, and being on, the road.

13. FUTURE BUSINESS, CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Proposed for next meeting, on October 6, is a winery ordinance update.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.