

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2014

RPAC Member Attendees:

Dan Anthony
Katy Buell
John Vannoy
Ned Welsh
Bruce Woodworth
Gerry Le Francois
Tim Fesko
Arden Gerbig
Mark Langner
Orval Mosby
Judy Curti
Mike Curti (called out during meeting)

Excused Absences:

Don Morris

Guests:

Jeff Ulrich (USFS)
Bill VanLente (resident of Coleville)
Local EMT's (called out early in the meeting)

Public Comment:

John Vannoy inquired about the change in location of the Toiyabe National Forest sign on Hwy 95. Jeff Ulrich of the USFS did not know the immediate answer so topic was tabled.

Ned Welsh shared that Victoria Victor had undergone surgery and suggested the RPAC send her a card.

Katy Buell agreed to send an ecard. (follow-up: e-card was sent to the email address we have on file for Victoria but never opened.)

Comment made late in the meeting that the AAA motor club does not include the Walker Valley as part of the Eastern Sierra.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for October 2, 2014

Moved to approve by John Vannoy

Seconded by Ned Welsh

Passed

Informational / Discussion of Actions:

MWTC Update:

Doug Power was not present due to the upcoming Marine Ball in Reno

USFS Update:

Jeff Ulrich reporting:

The Forest Service had identified tree hazards at several area campgrounds. Trees had been "dropped" and opened up for wood gathering. Most of the wood has already been removed.

The Wheeler Stream restoration plan is nearing completion.

The first stage of the Pinon removal program is 29,000 acres of trees in the East Walker. A mobile chipper was brought in Long Doctor near Sweetwater Summit. The chipper was quickly shut-down due to the unanticipated impacts to the ground from the chipping unit.

Two new projects were mentioned: - Desert Creek (Smith Valley side) Rosaschi Ranch east field is being re-seeded after the USFS purchased the property and turned off the irrigation water and – Spring Creek fire re-vegetation with bitterbush and sage brush.

Mountain Gate:

Arden Gerbig reported:

Phase 2 of Mountain Gate is deferred until spring 2015. The project has been downsized somewhat in hopes that we can obtain a bid that meets our budget.

Suggested that we start addressing what we want for Phase III of Mountain Gate. This includes the County property that connects the Mtn Gate Park with East Side Lane. To be added to next month's agenda.

Supervisor's Report:

Tim Fesko reported:

Doug Powers was preparing for the Marine Ball

Bob Musil has taken the County Clerk office and Darcy Beck is now the Assessor

Election turnout was low – 29.9% statewide and 53% for Mono County.

Phase 2 Mtn Gate bidding process has been re-authorized with scaled back plans with options.

Bridgeport biomass heater ???. Reminded the community that woodchips are free at the dump.

OHV use on County Roadways:

Gerry had prepared a letter addressed to the County Supervisors as discussed at the October meeting. Dan Anthony signed the letter re-iterating his concerns of safety and speed of OHV on county roads.

Main Street: (Trails Planning/Scenic Byways/Active Transportation Plan)

All:

Comments to Main Street Design concepts prepared by Opticos have been received by most interested parties. Delivery of the final report has been delayed until June Lake weighs in on the Opticos Main Street Design concept.

Pam at the West Walker has a local trail packet. Need to obtain for our trail planning work

Discussed the 8 to 10 FEMA parcels and how they could potentially be utilized as part of the trail planning process.

An easement to the Walker River has been identified on the east side of Mountain BBQ.

Next Meeting:

Dan Anthony will be absent and ensured that the vice chair will be available to run the meeting.

Nominations for RPAC Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be accepted at the December meeting.

A motion was made to move elections to February and skip the January 1st meeting by Arden Gerbig

Seconded by Katy Buell

Passed with Tim Fesko abstaining

Meeting adjourned by Dan Anthony

Next meeting: Dec 4, 2014, 630PM Walker Community Center