

Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2015

RPAC Member Attendees:

Dan Anthony
Katy Buell
Judy Curti
Mike Curti
Tim Fesko
Arden Gerbig
Don Morris
Orval Mosby
Ned Welsh
Bruce Woodworth

Excused Absences:

Mark Langner
Bill VanLente

Guests:

Gerry Le Francois (Mono Co Planning)
Elena Espinosa (local resident)
Evan and Thadra Nikirk (local residents)
John Helm (Executive Director Eastern Sierra Transit)

Public Comment:

Bruce Woodworth commented that when there are Hot Items on the BOS agenda, the BOS meeting should be held in the affected area (referencing the recent BOS meeting potentially impacting the Paramedic program)

Mike Curti discussed the issues around ISOMA and a push towards privatization of the paramedic and ambulance services.

Judy Curti informed the group that fraudulent tax returns had been filed in their names.

Approval of Minutes:

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Moved and seconded to approve with corrections

Passed – Fesko abstained

Informational / Discussion of Actions

Mountain Gate:

Arden Gerbig discussed the current ongoing construction of Mtn Gate Phase II. The contractor would like to close the access to vehicles. Phase III was outlined as potential improvements to the undeveloped County parcel south of Walker, north of Mt Gate Park, south of Eastside Ln Bridge and west of the Walker River. A list of possible features including but not limited to a parking area, fishing platforms, Pedestrian bridge over river, trail connecting to existing Mt Gate Park, restrooms. Bruce Woodworth developed an outline for potential improvements, limitations, and modifications to the site.

USFS Update: No Report

MWTC Update: No Report

Ned Welsh informed us that a Meeting has been scheduled with the Commander on May 7th to happen prior to the AVR PAC meeting for those that would like to meet and talk with the Commander.

Tennis Court as Dog Rest Area:

Discussion around benefits of having a designated dog area in the existing abandoned tennis court across from the park and Walker Community Center. Fesko volunteered to donate fencing to create the double barrier for entry to the dog area. Elena Espinosa is gathering volunteers to patrol the area. Local residents, Evan and Thadra Nikirk expressed their support for a designated dog area and commented on the high use the rest area receives. Motion was made by Orval Mosby and seconded by Bruce Woodworth to support Elena Espinosa in the creation of a dog rest area.

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority:

John Helm shared the local ESTA routes available in our area. He also shared information on the defunct vanpool program.

Vans are available if a critical mass of riders can commit to regular times/routes.

John also shared the non emergency medical transport services. Medical transport is reimbursable at \$0.23/mile. The Transit Analyst has the application materials for reimbursement.

Solicited for unmet transit needs.

Supervisor's Report:

Tim Fesko reported:

Bill VanLente's application as member of the AVR PAC was approved. Supervisor Johnston expressed his concerns over the lack of term limits for the AVR PAC. Tim officially resigned from the AVR PAC effective February 7th, 2015 but will still continue to participate as a guest with the Supervisor's Report. County mid year budget review running a deficit of ¼ million. Paramedics were funded for this fiscal year. Additional Fish stocking funding not approved. A Blue Ribbon Committee is looking into issues surrounding the expense of the paramedic program. Monday, March 23rd at 6pm Tim will be holding an informational community meeting about the paramedic program.

Mono County Strategic Planning:

Jim Leddy was unable to attend. He will be seeking input from the RPAC next month on potential projects fitting into the categories of the Mono County Strategic Plan

Status of the Antelope Valley General Plan update as recommended by the RPAC:

Gerry LeFrancois reported that the General and Regional plans are put for review. We looked at the AVR PAC General Plan Objective C: Policy 3 and the statement around not invoking eminent domain to secure properties for planning purposes (pertinent to our discussions around trail planning). He said the Transportation Plan will approved before the General or Regional plans.

Trails Planning within Walker and Regional Trail Options:

Gerry is obtaining a USFS map showing all of the roads within the Toiyabe Natl Forest. The Toiyabe Health Clinic has funds for grants. Planning met with the Tribe to look at the Grant Program. Grant monies may be available if the proposed project ties into Camp Antelope.

Next Meeting:

Meeting adjourned by Ned Welsh at 8:15

Next meeting: April 2nd, 7PM, Walker Community Center

