

Long Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 22, 2012, 6:30p.m., Crowley Lake Community Center

Members Present: Lee Scotese, Pat Agnitch, Johnny Goetz, Haislip Hayes, Greg Newbry

Presenters and County Staff: Gerry LeFrancois, Planner; Courtney Weiche, Associate Planner

1. The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lee Scotese at 6:38p.m.
2. Minutes from the June 27, 2012 meeting were not reviewed/approved.
3. Introduction of New RPAC Members
 - New RPAC members were welcomed to the meeting - Johnny Goetz from Sunnyslopes and Greg Newby from Crowley Lake
4. Election of Officers
 - This item was held over to the next meeting in hopes that all members will be present to select new officers.
5. RPAC Members Report
 - Pat Agnitch complimented the Community Services Area #1 for the success of the Community Garden. The plants and split-rail fencing enhance the grounds adjacent to the Community Center. Fred Stump, Board of Supervisor-Elect, suggested that photographs be taken to share with the Supervisors as the Community Garden was approved initially for only 1 year.
6. Supervisor Update
 - No report
7. Public Comment:
 - None
8. Digital 395 Update
 - No report
9. Workshop on Long Valley Area Plan
 - Courtney Weiche, Associate Planner, displayed large maps for each population area in Long Valley. The RPAC reviewed, in detail, the areas of Aspen Springs and Sunnyslopes/Tom's Place to comment on the distinguishing features of each area (i.e. density, historic aspects, etc.). Courtney took detailed notes from the in-depth discussions. The remaining Long Valley population centers will be reviewed at subsequent meetings.
 - In the Aspen Springs area, RPAC members felt that the residents were pleased with their existing features, including large residential parcels, equestrian property, etc.
 - There was discussion about the most effective method to obtain input from Aspen Springs residents as there is not currently representation on the RPAC. Greg Newbry suggested that key Aspen Springs community members be contacted and invited to attend the next RPAC meeting to provide input, and encourage all residents to attend as well.
 - The discussion regarding the Sunnyslopes/Tom's Place area focused on pedestrian safety. Overall, residents are very happy with their community as it exists, however, there was dialogue regarding safe pedestrian access to Tom's Place from Sunnyslopes (and campground) which could include signage and wayfinding, a pedestrian trail, etc. Gerry Le Francois pointed out that the tunnel underneath Highway 395 provides safe pedestrian travel between Sunnyslopes and Tom's Place, however, it is mostly known only by local

residents. Johnny Goetz mentioned that a light needs to be installed in the tunnel to insure safety.

- It was also suggested that Lower Rock Creek Road be realigned to minimize traffic and pedestrian accidents (extending Crowley Lake Drive to Lower Rock Creek). Courtney inquired as to whether the RPAC would like to support the Tom's Place land exchange.
- Courtney will email RPAC members a copy of her detailed notes.
- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the most effective method to obtain input from all Long Valley residents once the Area Plan workshops have concluded. She distributed a copy of the Mono Basin survey which is very comprehensive. The Mono Basin RPAC reached out to their community in various ways which was greatly appreciated by the Board of Supervisors. Long Valley RPAC members were in favor of distributing a survey with specific questions geared towards one's place of residence, in addition to broader questions pertaining to the entire region.

10. Development Activities in Long Valley

- The cell tower project is on schedule and Fred Stump mentioned that several residents cheered construction efforts as they were walking, bicycling, etc. in the area.
- There seems to be momentum for a Transient Overlay District to exist in designated areas in Mono County which would allow for residential rentals, less than 30 days in duration, with neighborhood approval. Guidelines will be developed and the Board of Supervisors will consider this concept at a meeting in September.
- It was reported that Mono County received a Sustainable Community Grant which will provide funds for the General Plan Update.
- A final EIR for the Geothermal Plan will be coming out soon.

11. Review Action Items for Next Month's Meeting

- Election of Officers
- Continuation of Long Valley Area Plan Workshop and develop survey questions to obtain community feedback
- Digital 395 Update

12. Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 26, 2012**

13. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Agnitch