

Geyserville Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018
4:00 -7:00 PM

Present: David Luebke, Ryan Petersen, Daisy Damskey, Hal Hinkle and Paul Connors

GPC Working Meeting

David greeted the committee members and announced that he was going to go through all the current unfinished projects/proposals and get a general status on each one from the committee. In addition, David requested that any item that required a vote would be listed as an action item at the end of the minutes. Daisy asked if we should have who is responsible and intended date of completion. David agreed that in order to make the committee responsive to deadlines and in order not to be redundant the GPC assigns individual GPC members to various projects.

David said that the general plan is going to be pushed back to the third quarter by the Board of Supervisors. David suggested that we get the status from Teri Shore when she speaks on March 27. David asked Daisy, whose role is to communicate with Supervisor Gore's office, to contact his support team to get an update on the status of the any funding or support that will be available to help the GPC with the Community Plan envisioned within the boundaries represented by the GPC. David said as president he will stay on top of all the projects through members of the committee.

Paul Connor volunteered to follow a new potential project, which will include an event center, located at 499 Canyon Road. He will report at the next meeting.

Daisy Damskey is following the potential tasting room permit on Chianti Rd. and will report back at the March 27, 2018 meeting.

Hal Hinkle is the designated person for Ranch Sonoma and will report back to GPC after he talks with Brian Keefer.

David is following the Art and Tracy Torano project, a new commercial, retail and work/live building to be located at 21020 Geyserville Ave. Hal Hinkle reported that he has been following this project as well and has found that the project is being evaluated by Land logics, a firm in Davis California. The Torano Building has been shown to the community twice in public meetings with the GPC for input before submitting to the county. Hal and David stressed the need for the building to be presented again now that it is in the official process of permitting. David will invite the Torano family to present their finished plans in April.

David said that this is a “big deal”, because it is on the main corner of Geyserville Ave. Hal stated that it would be the first two stories building on the East Side of the street. Paul pointed out that the Odd Fellows building is two stories, as are many of the other buildings downtown. Daisy said that there are several two-story buildings on the east side as well. David said that it is actually a “Farming Town” facade but, the actual building behind the façade is less than two stories high. There was a brief discussion of what authority would our committee have to limit building height. It was decided that the Community Plan would inform the GPC on what the citizens of the town are imaging for the future.

The issue of a new sign for the Fire Department was raised and it was decided that, until the GPC has design guides for such changes, that the Geyserville Fire Department will be given the opportunity to decide independently what their sign will look like.

Hal Hinkle gave the board a copy of the SURVEY MONKEY charts and graphs. SURVEY MONKEY is the method selected for the Community Survey digital data collection. In addition, 23 people also filled out paper copies of the survey and the comments and trends were tabulated and distributed by Paul Connors to Hal for inclusion in the Survey Presentation being offered on April 24 at the annual meeting.

Paul, the GPC vice president, told the GPC that the Community Survey is the strongest aspect of the work of the GPC over the last year and needs to be given to the community in both the charts and graphs provided SURVEY MONKEY and in individual comments of the people who filled out the survey. Paul told the GPC that we have to include the raw data for those who are interested in the comments. The vast majority of the GPC Community Survey is based on individual comments. Hal will provide the individual surveys from SURVEY MONKEY to Paul Connors to tabulate. Paul will give an update on the Geyserville Community Plan at the March 27, 2018 meeting, questions will be answered at this time.

The next meeting of the GPC will be held at the Geyserville Fire House on April 17 2018. All meetings are open to public and all minutes and agendas are available on the GPC website. The public is encouraged to comment and ask questions about topics on the agenda. In addition anyone from the public can speak for three minutes on a topic not listed within the agenda. The GPC encourages participation from the community and is actively seeking members of the community to participate in committees and to run for office during the April 24 general town meeting.