

# Geyserville Planning Committee Monthly Meeting

## Minutes of May 25, 2021 Meeting

The meeting of the Geyserville Planning Committee, held by Zoom, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Daisy Damskey.

Members Present: Daisey Damskey, President, Paul Connors, Vice President and Treasurer, John Cash, Secretary, Walter Kieser, Art Torano, and Steven Sachs.

1. Greeting and President's Update: President Damskey welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Review and Approval of April 27, 2021, GPC Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021, meeting was made by Paul Connors. Walter Kieser seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. Comments from the Public on Items not on the Agenda: Paul Connors expressed concern about the drying grass at the sculpture garden and suggested that we consider ways to help Bryce Jones, who has taken on all the responsibility for upkeep. Daisy Damskey said she would be happy to organize a clean-up and said she would reach out to Bryce to discuss it.

John Cash reported on the recent public announcement of the Sonoma Land Trust Campaign.

4. Correspondence and Member Communications: Steve Sachs and Art Torano reported that they had written to Supervisor Gore to request a meeting. They had not heard back as of this point. They will send a copy of the letter to GPC Secretary John Cash for inclusion in the Committee's records.
5. Finance Update: Paul Connors reported that the Committee currently had \$87.80 in the account. Daisy Damskey said that she had spoken with three people who have offered \$100 each to support the GPC's work.
6. Completed Agreement with Geyserville Community Foundation: President Damskey reported that the Geyserville Community Foundation agreement is now complete and we are ready to prepare a solicitation letter to support the GPC. She has also created a Facebook page directing donors to the GPC to the Geyserville Community Foundation.
7. Rails and Trails Presentation: Daisy Damskey reported that she had spoken to the group and they would be happy to make a presentation to the GPC. A representative from Mike McGuire's office will attend in July.

Steve Sachs asked how the Geyserville Planning Committee could distribute information to the larger community so there would be attendance at such a presentation. After discussion, John Cash and Steve Sachs agreed to work on a communication plan for review by the GPC.

8. Update on MAC Park Progress: Daisy Damskey reported that she was in discussion with the Forestville Planning Association about their park development. They are actively doing fundraising at this time. Walter Kieser reported that the consultant team is working now on developing the Geyserville Plaza and will be scheduling a community design event.

Walter also reported on studies taking place on management of the Russian River. He suggested that the GPC have an agenda item at some point to look at how we might join forces with other unincorporated communities in Sonoma County to increase our voice at the County level.

9. Recommendations for GPC election cycle/annual meeting: Paul Connors referenced a document that had been sent out earlier describing some revisions in the plan proposed at the April meeting (enclosed). In order to stagger terms, the open seat and the seat held by Steve Sachs would be up for election at the proposed special September meeting and the seats held by John Cash, Art Torano, and Walter Keiser would be up for election when the normal annual meeting schedule resumes in April of 2022.

Paul pointed out that this special meeting will require promotion and he offered to draft a plan with a division of responsibilities. Daisy Damskey said she would check to see if the high school would be available for a town meeting on September 28.

John Cash moved that the revised election plan developed by Paul Connors be adopted. Art Torano seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

10. Fund Development: Daisy Damskey announced that she was working on a fundraising event to support the Geyserville Planning Committee. She has been in discussion with Kathy Zunino and October 5 and 9 are being considered as possible dates for the event. She said more information would be forthcoming.

Adjourn: Steve Sachs moved that the meeting of the Geyserville Planning Committee be adjourned. Art Torano seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.