

Geyserville Planning Committee Monthly Meeting

Minutes of August 24, 2021 Meeting

The meeting of the Geyserville Planning Committee, held by Zoom, was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Paul Connors, Vice President and Treasurer.

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

1. Greeting and Vice President's Update: Vice President and Treasurer Paul Connors welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Review and Approval of May 25, 2021, GPC Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2021, meeting was made by Art Torano. John Cash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. Comments from GPC members and non-committee members / items not on the agenda: Paul Connors opened a discussion about the open seat and encouraged members to identify potential candidates. John Cash asked how long this seat would serve before election given the likely cancellation of the September town meeting. This led to a discussion as to who would go up for election at what time.

Steve Sachs moved that John Cash, Steve Sachs, and the currently open seat would be up for election at the April 2022 town meeting. The four other slots would be up for election at the town meeting in 2023. Art Torano seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Steve Sachs suggested that President Damskey place a notice in the Press Democrat to reach out for recruitment to the Committee. He called for a more diverse representation.

4. Request for Correspondence Updates: Paul Connors referenced the recent email correspondence with Debbie Berlolucci, representing the Geyserville Unified School District. This email indicated that it would not be possible to hold a town meeting at the High School in September. Paul Connors said he would inform Marshall that the meeting would not be held.
5. Finance Update: Paul Connors reported that the Committee currently had \$42.80 in the account. He said that \$15 is deducted monthly by the bank. He reminded the committee that President Damskey reported in the May meeting that she had spoken with three people who offered to contribute \$100 each to support the Committee. This funding has not yet materialized.
6. September Town Hall Meeting update and discussion. Committee members duties and assignments; roster of guest speakers, election format: In light of the email from Debbie Bertolucci referenced above, the Committee agreed that the September town meeting could not be held.

7. Update on MAC from GPC MAC appointed represented-Walter Kieser: Walter Kieser reported that things are going well and that projects are currently underway. These include the proposed Geyserville Plaza (park), and the survey of the downtown Geyserville streetscape, which will likely start this fall. There is also funding for the Russian River bridge at Jimtown, the Alexander Valley School for the resiliency center, and plans for the Jimtown fire station.

He further reported that no funds had yet been expended for the Russian River study. He is working with Adrian Garayalde to look at a new model for the groundwater supply and also the Potter Valley project. They are also working on a strategy for channel maintenance to reduce gravel between Asti and the Geyserville bridge.

He reported that the GAV/MAC is anticipating a proposal from the Oriental Hall to redo their kitchen and are also anticipating another grant to the Jimtown fire station.

Walter reported that there is discussion about possibly amending the charter of the MAC to perpetuate the organization and to establish a mail-in ballot process for electing members.

8. GPC Benefit Dinner – October 9th, Oriental Hall “A Night at Ralph’s”: Paul Connors reported that Daisy Damskey is organizing a benefit fundraising dinner for the GPC. The chef from Ralph’s Bistro will prepare the meal. More details will be forthcoming.

Adjourn: John Cash moved that the meeting be adjourned and Walter Kieser seconded the motion. The meeting of the Geyserville Planning Committee was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.