

**Geyserville Planning Committee**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Geyserville Fire Department**  
**June 28, 2022, 7:00 PM**

**Meeting called to order**

- President Paul Connors, 7:00 p.m.

**Present**

- President Paul Connors
- Vice President Marshall Kilduff
- Treasurer Steve Sachs (Zoom)
- Secretary Jo Diaz

**Minutes of the June 28, 2022, Meeting**

- Written by Daisy Damskey (Member at Large)
- Read by President Paul Connor
- Motion for approval Paul Connors
- Approved
  - Steve Sachs
  - Paul Connor
  - Marshall Kilduff

**Financial Report by Steve Sachs**

- Steve needs to be enrolled in the bank account
  - Balance at this time is \$102.80
  - No new activity during this time
- There is still a relationship with the Geyserville Community Foundation
  - Daisy Damskey needs to introduce Steve Sachs to the Foundation

**New Business: Bryce Jones' Two-Part Project Proposal**

- To date, President Paul Connors and Bryce Jones have walked the property in question

**Part 1 ~ PR and Beautification Potential** with benefits at the California Highway 101-S Exit, South Geyserville

- Who are the partners: California Department of Transportation, Bryce Jones landowner
- Purpose ~ Creating a visually welcoming environment, for potential new residents
- WHERE: EXIT S-101, into Geyserville PROPER
- WHY: Cohesion of the location for future growth vision
  - The Sculpture Garden is very prominent and welcoming with ongoing art and floral exhibitions for tourists and locals, food trucks, event venue activities
- HOW: Partnership between Department of Transportation (DOT) and Bryce Jones

- DOT needs to restore the deep chasm it created on Bryce Jones property, in anticipation of the expansion of Highway 101, between Healdsburg and Cloverdale. After DOT completed 101-S construction, the site was abandoned, without regard for property owner Bryce Jones.
- Once refilled, Bryce Jones is willing to construct a matching white fence, like the current one surrounding the sculpture Garden, on the other side of the road, for beautification
- WHEN: When all aspects of the above are approved

## Part 2 ~ HAZARDOUS WASTE ISSUE

- WHO: Partners; DOT and Bryce Jones
- WHAT: Trenches created need to be refilled by the DOT
  - 48 feet wide, 7 feet deep, west side of freeway: it doesn't move water, what then becomes stagnant, 18 feet of it is on Bryce Jones property
  - The trenches, **created in anticipation of new drainage culverts**, were NOT subsequently created, nor refilled, and then abandoned as open trenches
  - Problems created by DOT's abandonment of trenches on Jones' property
    - Trenches are now a dangerous location for
      - Potential for people falling into them
      - Filling with hazardous, human waste, as people passing through are using the location as a makeshift latrine area
- SITUATION: DOT created a really hazardous waste issue, on private property
  - Unknowingly created by Cal Trans, DOT dug huge trenches, perhaps in the likelihood to put in culverts for run off water. This happened when US 101 was recently updated; but, ultimately, these trenches were never part of the upgrades. They were then simply abandoned.
  - This kind of hazardous waste does not take care of itself. Because it's Jones' property, he finds himself having to at least removed toilet paper left behind
  - Terrible odor is growing, for anyone coming into our area
- URGENT PROBLEM
  - Created BY DOT: Anyone stopping at that exit goes onto Bryce's property and witnesses and/or continues the hazard
  - Turnoff for residents, tourists, businesspeople, potentially new business partners
  - Future financial impact to our community is at stake
- SOLUTION – Letter of Support by GPC
  - Partnership with the Department of Transportation, endorsed by the Geyserville Planning Committee
  - Going to our legislators, to urge expediency from government officials, regarding that the DOT expedite the refilling of this gully, back to its former level, of a walkable space.
- ADDENDUM, ENDORSEMENT in a memo from Cosette Trautman-Sheiber to Daisy Damskey