

Geyserville Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

Geyserville Fire Department

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order.

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

Present

- President Paul Connors
- Past President Daisy Damskey
- Treasurer Steve Sachs – via phone
- Secretary Jo Diaz

Minutes of the February 28, 2023, Meeting

- President Paul Connors review of the February 28, 2023, by committee.
- Motion for approval by Paul Connors
- Approved
 - Daisy Damskey
 - Steve Sachs
 - Paul Connor

Financial Report by Steve Sachs

- Balance currently: \$1,000.00.

President Paul Connors called for new business from community members:

- There was no new business from attendees at the full capacity meeting.

President Paul Connors introduced the evening's presentation by Vineyard Valley Property Owners

- Presented by President Jim Olson, and Board member Larry Heiges.
- Proposed a letter be written by Geyserville Planning Committee for an endorsement, requesting a revised Cal Fire map that designates Geyserville, within a high Fire Hazard Severity Zone.
- The Fire Maps are going to change, which has the potential to be more expensive for insurance in the future, depending upon which area you're living in; west of the Russian River and East of the Russian River, depending on fire zones.
- It was discussed that it will be the East of the River who will be the most impacted by fires and escalating insurance rates; that being vineyards and mountainside homes. The westside is not in the same imminent danger, being westside of Russian River Valley, downtown, and some local homes.
- Handouts were available for those concerned.
- Motion to support this letter by Jim Olsen and Larry Heiges.
 - Paul Connors made the motion to support the letter and sign off on it
 - Second – Jo Diaz.
 - All in favor, all said aye.

- Passed for support to the proposed letter to Sonoma County Board.

President Paul Connors introduced the second evening's presentation by Prevail Winery:

Representing the company were Henry de Lambert, Demae Rubins (Summit Engineering), and Rebecka Deike (Ferrari-Carano)

- Slide Presentation. Going through design production, just making wine at this winery. Going from 250,00 cases of wine to 700,000 cases of wine. Discussions for potential construction renderings are forthcoming. A full explanation of the growth would be to create one more building, the size of what currently exists, storage tanks, primarily. No more winemaking would be happening at the new building, relocating of tanks, increasing employees, same size of buildings comparable. Above the casino, so it's pretty much hidden.
- Use permit must be approved.
- Monday through Friday usage.
- The community was satisfied that the proposed construction was accepted by those present.
- Daisy Damskey called for more neutral colors, so it is still pleasing from the roads.
- Paul Sachs wanted to know Truck traffic.
- Motion to support this letter of Proposal.
 - Jo Diaz made the motion.
 - Second – Paul Connors.
 - All in favor, all said aye.
 - Passed for support to the proposed Foley Family Wines' letter to Sonoma County Board

Presentation of Geyserville Plaza Community Park update and progress report by Gretchen Crebs and Adrienne Garayalde

- This was a progress report for the Geyserville Plaza Community Park plans.
 - Landscape Architectural renderings are available.
 - There are plans for public bathrooms, also discussed who will monitor not only sanitation, but also when they will be open to the public. (There are concerns for transients.)
 - Mentioned were several options for use, i.e., festival, family gatherings, barbeques, farmers markets, a place for families to me, and a place for children to play.

The Annual Meeting

- Annual meeting updates were briefly addressed.
- Each member of the committee was going to try to consider and recruit.

President Paul Connors called for adjournment of the meeting.

- All in favor. Aye.
- Adjourned