

Geyserville Planning Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Geyserville Fire Department
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order

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

Present

- President Paul Connors
- Vice President Marshall Kilduff
- Past President Daisy Damskey
- Treasurer Steve Sachs (Phone)
- Secretary Jo Diaz

Minutes of the October 25, 2022, Meeting

- President Paul Connors review of the October 25, 2022 Meeting
- Motion for approval by Paul Connors
- Approved
 - Marshall Kilduff
 - Daisy Damskey
 - Steve Sachs
 - Paul Connor

Financial Report by Daisy Damskey

- Balance at this time is \$178.00
- Community Foundation Fund: A question arose about reporting income to the State, as a non-profit. Daisy explained that we're under Community Foundation Fund. They report their spending, so the committee does not have to report.
- The GPC should get a report from the Foundation for up-to-date information.

Board of Director Daisy Damsky

- Daisy Damskey presented for the board's edification, on March 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts: Food & Wine Awards, benefiting two honorees. Damskey is a co-chair for the event.

President Paul Connors called for new business from community members:

- Community member Bryce Jones stated he feels he is being discriminated against by the Geyserville Planning Committee. Jones lodged a complaint that President Connors, who received a letter of support for Jones' proposal from Eric Gage, Planner III, Comprehensive Planning, County of Sonoma, but did not mention it to committee members. It was ultimately shared with committee members. Mr. Jones had no way of knowing the letter had been shared internally, at

the time of his displeasure. Paul reminded Bryce that all the concerns enumerated in the letter were mentioned by Bryce during his presentation.

- Considering Bryce Jones' understanding, he requested – to be consistent with use of the request letter above - Jones believed Paul Connors should be removed from the Committee.
- The Committee listened carefully and considered Bryce Jones' statements, but did not feel the need to take any action.
- **Contention:** Bryce Jones feels that he is being discriminated against by the committee. Jones, for instance, brought up the “flood plain,” and according to Jones, “Cyrus is 100 percent in the flood plain.” The fact that Cyrus has long been at its location, and not also seeking consideration for land use, was not relevant for action.
- After hearing Bryce Jones' objections, President Paul Connor stated the meeting had to now move forward.

Daisy Damskey presented that GPC needs to get deeper into the Virginia Dare Project PRMD V.D. Zoning

- Daisy Damskey requested that we have someone from the committee present to the community, though attending and sharing their concerns. She mentioned that The Virginia Dare Winery has applied for a permit to expand and construct a wine processing facility and warehouse at 22290 Geyserville Ave. This project will consist of external storage tanks, and (2) warehouses for wine processing and storage with landscaping and parking. Once complete, this large project will be constructed on multiple land parcels for a total of over 51 acres. She also mentioned that she will see if someone from the project to present to the GPC and the public.
- Jo Diaz asked if Virginia Dare also receives its water from the Russian River. If so, in drought conditions, like what we had in 2022, this could become a serious problem for the town of Geyserville and its residents. The committee agreed and discussed, looking forward to what a representative of Virginia Dare will have to say about community members' concerns.

The Annual Meeting was discussed.

- Daisy Damskey secured the location for the Annual Meeting at the Geyserville Unified School District for April 26, 2023.
- New board members were discussed. Jo's original thought of having a representative from the local restaurant called the Corner Project. Daisy and Jo wanted to follow up.
- Discussion evolved into having more members of the committee from town businesses, local people who would be a good match, perhaps a wine executive, and people of diversity.
- Each member was going to try to consider and recruit.