

Geyserville Planning Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Northern Sonoma County Fire Station Community Room
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 7 p.m.

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Paul Connors shortly after 7 p.m.
2. Present
Secretary Marshall Kilduff
Treasurer Steve Sachs
Bryce Jones
Daisy Damskey
Ceci Muela (remotely about 30-45 minutes after the call to order)
3. Approval of the Minutes
The minutes for the October 24, 2023 minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Any Business or Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda
President Connors cautioned members to avoid group emails that might be at odds with the Brown Act mandate to conduct business at public meetings.

Jenny Chamberlain, chief of staff for district supervisor James Gore, was due to appear before the committee to discuss the committee's relationship with the Alexander Valley Municipal Advisory Council. She indicated a wish to delay the discussion until January, pending a review of the MAC structure and possible changes. Therefore she did not attend.

1. Selection of a Member to Represent GPC on the Municipal Advisory Council
There followed a discussion of the history of the local MAC, its membership designations and financial activities. It was decided by the general group discussion that the committee needed to select a member to fill the slot intended for a GPC representative, which is now open.. Committee members agreed on a preference for member Ceci Muela to fill that seat. At this point she called in and was told of the committee's consensus on her proposed role on MAC. She agreed to serve. Daisy Damskey added that committee members serving on an outside board should align their positions with the board's outlook. If there was any doubt, such members should refer back to the full committee for guidance. Organizational protocol and loyalty to the group were important, she said. Paul Connors did not want such a directive to be too restrictive and require undue consultation. He added that the county's General Plan would be the main work assignment for MAC and Ceci Muela's background in planning would be of great help. She said that if any matter before MAC would adversely affect the GPC, she would talk to the committee before taking a position. Her actions would not be an individual decision or opinion. She would act with forethought. Bryce Jones believed she was well qualified to explain the GPC's views. A motion was made by Daisy Damskey and seconded by Paul Connors to make Ceci Muela the committee's MAC representative. It passed unanimously.

2. Bay Area Housing Bond

Bryce Jones presented the outlines of a pending 9-county housing bond measure. After a discussion of the tentative outlines of the measure proposed for the November 2024 ballot, it was decided that the bond issue should be the subject of a public meeting convened by the GPC. Steve Sachs said such a hearing was a good fit for the committee's goal of widening public awareness and explaining important matters to Geyserville voters. He and other GPC members said representatives of the measure should be invited to explain it, most likely after the details of the bond package are made final. Paul Connors suggested the GPC meeting in April, 2024, would be an opportune time. Bryce Jones offered to stay in touch with the sponsoring group and report back.

3. Communication Plan

A draft communications plan was discussed. Steve Sachs wanted to make clear who had the final say to avoid confusion. Paul Connors said he was satisfied with the current wording that put the president in charge of such publications. A motion was made by Marshall Kilduff and seconded by Paul Connors to approve the plan. It passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.