



North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Kenwood Fire Station Training Room

9045 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood, CA 95452

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5:30 PM



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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Call to Order: 5:34

Eagles: Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance. Arthur, land acknowledgement?

Dawson: We acknowledge that the citizens and community served by the NSV MAC, occupy the unseeded ancestral lands of the Coast Miwok, closely related to neighboring indigenous peoples: Pomo, Wapo, and others. Asking forgiveness for past transgressions they and their ancestors experienced, we humbly invite them to join us in person or in spirit as we give gratitude for their ongoing stewardship of this place since time in memorial. Recognizing how much we benefit from their continuing presence as culture keepers and teachers, we commit ourselves to building positive and lasting relationships with our local indigenous community and to honor all the diverse peoples in our region.

Roll Call

Present: Eagles, Dawson, Newhouser, Galindo, Dickey

Absent: Handron, Oldroyd, Nardo Morgan

Eagles: Thank Kenwood Fire for letting us use their space. Know there will be update on space later on in agenda.

2. Approval of April 19, 2023 minutes

Resolution

Eagles: Any amendments or corrections to the minutes? Or a motion to approve?

Motion:

1st: Newhouser

2nd: Dawson

Approved 5-0

3. Public Comment

Receive

(Limited to items not appearing on the agenda)

Eagles: No written public comment received in advance of the meeting. Anyone here wish to speak?

No public comment.

4. Supervisor Gorin Update

Receive

Gorin: Good to see you all again. Love coming here. A lot of press releases after short Board of Supervisors meeting. One of interest, many have been asking about In Response, Safe Team in Petaluma, the mental health crisis workers to avert law enforcement involvement in response to mental health crises. Good discussion with lots of data about work in Rohnert Park, Cotati, Petaluma, and Santa Rosa as well. Effective program in eliminating involvement of law enforcement, challenge is if someone in a mental health crisis, where does a team member take that person, because crisis stabilization unit not enough beds, not enough clinicians in the county or anywhere, health centers or hospital. Something happened during COVID that dissuaded some from continuing in the field. County has recently negotiated with bargaining unit representing a lot of mental health workers, offering incentives for clinicians to work for county.

Equity boost and reasonable size COLA so working at parity. Also giving big incentives to law enforcement. Signing bonus, \$25,000. Significant, mental health half that. Working with Health Services to make recommendation for similar program to operate in unincorporated areas of county. State has said any MediCal eligible person in county should have access to mental health response services. Thinking about it, coming back in September, proposing eventually four mobile vans to go around county. Now have two outfitted, sharing one with Petaluma. Can imagine response time moving between Petaluma and Sonoma Valley. Opioid settlements we are working through, eight to ten lawsuits with drugstores and pharmaceutical companies, will have money to allocate toward substance abuse facilities in county. Know there is facility in Sonoma Valley close to Flowery School that has been converted to substance abuse facility, hope we can find some funding to place some from county there. Last thing to report really challenging for Homeless Action Sonoma to compete for funding they need to put quick haven huts, finding money for staffing. City of Sonoma and county working together, maybe a model for shared services in the future. May have told you last time, put in budget requests for Larson Park, Donald St. Gap and Verano Intersection. Looking for Ag and Open Space funding for putting bike path on 8th St East for bike path to Schelleville. Today had conversation with Assemblymember and State Senator trying to crack the nut of Caltrans. Any intersection that has Caltrans involvement is slogging through inadequate financing and improvement. Saw that another woman was killed at intersection of Arnold Dr. and Leveroni. Please drive carefully, people upset about speed of traffic, having lots of fatalities.

Dickey: Question about mental health, is that voluntary? What if you're in crisis and don't recognize it?

Gorin: There is a classification called 5150, could be involuntarily committed for treatment. Then not automatically released, have to comply with treatment system.

Dickey: So law enforcement still involved in those types of cases?

Gorin: Right. Safe Team and In Response might be involved as well. Might not know that our jails are our largest mental health institution. That is why we're building, enormous amount of money, on mental health facility at main adult detention facility. Concerned financially and service wise. Fortunately Sonoma Valley is not hot spot for fentanyl and opioids, that's river area and Rohnert Park. We're flying the plane as we're constructing it pretty much describes.

Dickey: We can see the widespread nature of it.

Gorin: Don't know how care court will operate, homeless will have discretion. We have passed camping ordinance. People can't camp within certain distance of creek, in parks, public property such as post office. Have camper who has entrenched himself, homeless services providers have outreached and not interested. Will be evicted, getting process in place. If they're over and over again found not to be compliant, would be sited go to care court.

Dickey: 5150?

Gorin: A little different. Right now don't have facility. Even if had a care court, how would we construct those facilities for those folks. It's complicated. You living in Glen Ellen, do you notice folks camping in creek?

Dawson: Definitely.

Newhouser: Historically they have, but not recently. Also on Carmel, next to park. Regulars, maybe used to live around here. Kind of recognize them. Haven't noticed any major encampments.

Dawson: Biggest incident I remember, took away bench.

Newhouser: Former "mayor" or Glen Ellen decided to rip out bench.

Gorin: Mayor?

Newhouser: Informal, former fire chief.

Gorin: Probably aware that they're moving forward with bridge replacement. Could choose different route, or be patient, it's one lane, shouldn't be too bad.

Newhouser: Highway 12?

Gorin: There's two, one up here by Hoff Rd, two years. One on Hooker Creek close to Madrone, will route traffic down Agua Caliente, Arnold, up Madrone. In one season, not two.

Galindo: Would be nice if could happen before kids go back to school.

Gorin: They are restricted on when they can do constructed on creek. Has to be during fire season, August through October.

Dawson: Have been mentally telling myself not to go Highway 12.

Gorin: Arielle said that she had delay at Hooker Creek after SVCAC meeting because they were working at night.

Newhouser: When replaced bridge at Bennett Valley and Crane Canyon, Matanzas, built a temporary bridge. Had full access full period of construction.

Gorin: When was that?

Dickey: Relatively recently

Newhouser: Large span, very efficient project.

Dickey: They rerouted, not able to do on Highway 12. Also, not a Caltrans project.

Gorin: People mad at county for two years of replacement of Boyes Bridge. Community went ballistic, then got used to it, relief when complete. Traffic like water, finds it way around.

Dickey: It is uncomfortable to think about it took them two years, what happens when we have an earthquake?

Gorin: It's taken me eight plus years to get a couple of feet of asphalt on Arnold Dr. Will probably take twelve years to complete. Do not get me started.

Eagles: This is the bike path?

Gorin: Just bike lanes. Widening Arnold two half mile sections north and south of the traffic circle. I've met my match.

Eagles: Because of easements? Or just lots of stuff bogging down progress.

Gorin: Bureaucracy. Was public opposition with trees in Valerie Brown's time. Held a public meeting, was not a whimper. People in support. Whatever on track is, it's on track.

Eagles: Question about Caltrans and Verano/12 intersection. Assessment of how to make that safer, a Caltrans assessment, yes?

Gorin: Three ways to access intersection have dedicated left turn lanes, the fourth way from the City on Verano turning south does not have dedicated left turn lane. City is moving forward with installing lighting two corners. Met with state staff, said do what it takes to jumpstart. Caltrans doesn't have funding for two years. Trying to cut through.

Dawson: I saw a few months ago in Lakeport stop signs with blinking red lights. Not sure how powered, but effective.

Gorin: Trying to figure out how we get lighted crosswalk across Highway 12 at a couple of those crosswalks.

Eagles: Wide streets, it's tricky.

Dickey: So much activity at some of those intersections.

Eagles: Turning lane, confusing, even if paying attention.

Dawson: Downtown Glen Ellen blinking lights might help a little bit.

Gorin: What I think Glen Ellen needs, and I've been looking for funds for bike and pedestrian safety, traffic calming.

Dawson: Lights would be cheap.

Gorin: Where saloon is, a little chaotic. We need roundabout, may not enough room. Good conversation, I'm impeding your progress.

Eagles: Any questions? Public comment? Moving on.

No public comment.

5. Dunbar Elementary School Acknowledgement

Receive

- Tracy Salcedo, acknowledgement of Dunbar Elementary School

Tracey Salcedo: I am the Dunbar librarian. Dunbar School is closing, will no longer be traditional public school. As a result, all students have been transferred to other schools, large cohort to El Verano. A smaller cohort to Sassarini, the rest to Prestwood. It's been emotional, confusing, poorly coordinated closure. Wasn't done conforming to best practices. There are ways to close schools, certain language for that, board did not use that language, were able to push Dunbar ahead of what should have been. Lack of planning, people just now finding out where will be placed, some of us don't know where we will be placed. Dunbar is 166 years old, is celebrating what it is and has been. Events school is planning, you all are invited. June 3rd, community celebration start at Dunbar at noon. Family, friends, anyone with a connection or who cares. Have performers. From there, plan to move it to the saloon. Community celebration, want to have people tell their Dunbar stories, collect them, create archive for people to look at what Dunbar was, what became, and use for historical purposes. Other events very kid focused. Buckaroo day for whole school, all day thing, May 25th. Could use music for Buckaroo day, Matt?

Dickey: Cowboy music? What time?

Salcedo: Friday, all day. Also will have jumpy house day, June 6th, then field day, June 7th. Want kids to be able to play, either Kenwood or Glen Ellen Fire Dept will show up. Last promotion is June 8th. All invited to come to Dunbar, or send to me, send links to Dunbar, hope to wrap whole school in paper chain. Writing names of people who have gone to Dunbar, messages, wrap school in hug. Talent show Friday on the stage. Kids are excited, more resilient than adults are, lesson to learn from them. Future of Dunbar School looks like for at least year Woodland Star Charter School will take on campus, not set in stone. Good news for Glen Ellen, to still have kids in Glen Ellen.

Dickey: Is Woodland Star running as satellite campus, or relocating?

Salcedo: Sonoma Valley Unified may be consolidating further. Another elementary and middle school. Looking at Altimira and Woodland is adjacent. Woodland Star, idea is, would need to find new campus.

Dickey: That's why being considered, doesn't sound voluntary.

Salcedo: That's part of the problem. District has learned a lesson, now doing community conversations. When started doing things unilaterally, a lot of blowback. Once gets there, would be hard to uproot. Looking at a lot of reconfigurations. Will change a lot of traffic patterns, commute times. School district is not anticipating a reduction of transportation costs by closing Dunbar, because have to bus those kids to other schools.

Gorin: Any concept of neighborhood schools lost with open enrollment. Santa Rosa driving kids hither and yon.

Salcedo: Dunbar not neighborhood school, a community school. Can only think of one kid who walked to school.

Dickey: Woodland Star have that large enrolled population, K-8?

Salcedo: I hear 200, have not had conversation.

Eagles: Didn't mention Flowery? Or too late to start?

Salcedo: Flowery not a neighborhood school, dual immersion school, have to start in kindergarten.

Dickey: Possible you'll start working for Woodland Star at Dunbar?

Salcedo: Yes, something being talked about. Me, two custodians, and kitchen staff part of horse trading. Have mixed feelings, have curated that library for five years. Beautiful space, I just know I will miss the faces that I'm familiar with.

Dickey: Woodland Star folks may feel a little chagrined. Just went through reconstruction.

Salcedo: Part of the mystery, beginning of school year, previous administration under Superintendent Palazuelos pulled improvements for Woodland Star. All speculation, imagine already were probably already thinking about reconfiguration. Personal on part of Dunbar staff, we haven't have time to do things we could have done to make graceful transition. We've had since the end of March to start transition process for everyone. Still asking questions, still don't understand.

Dickey: Cohort broken up?

Salcedo: Upside, they will have much more resources. El Verano, will have two kindergarten teachers, three first grade. More chance to collaborate, more support for English language learners.

Eagles: Has been bumpy, appreciate you coming. Family had nine years at Dunbar, know it has been difficult process. Appreciate you coming, sorry this is happening.

Salcedo: Give School Board credit for care they're taking when thinking about it. Hope they continue doing it with Dunbar in mind, so next school that closes doesn't feel as uprooted.

Gorin: Thank you for your years of service.

No public comment.

6. Community Improvement Projects Ad Hoc

Resolution

- Discuss ad hoc committee's Community Project Master Plan Process and review s for approval

Eagles: Will introduce ad hoc, Councilmembers Newhouser and Galindo, and Handron as well who can't be here.

Galindo: I had nothing to do with, all credit goes to Mark.

Newhouser: Worked with Vicki on it. History, when first established this ad hoc committee, looking at opportunities to make community improvements. What first started it was the entry sign. Thought would be interesting to look at other opportunities: public art, amenities, bus stops and bike racks. Threw it all together, had a meeting, sign maker showed up. Lots of experience, sat and talked about things, on board to develop sign and go through permitting process. Thinking larger terms about community plan, ideas more comprehensive. Feedback given from designer is to do master plan. That's what we're floating here, concept for developing master plan. May sound ambitious. If we can get it kick started here through MAC, work with Glen Ellen Forum, bring professionals, artists, people with planning experience together, have more comprehensive plan. Public art as another component. Hoping, maybe too ambitious, stepped into it, butted heads with Glen Ellen Forum, I backed off, let Vicki and Nick discuss. He'd been working on six years, did presentation at Glen Ellen Forum meeting, got some feedback, some push back.

Gorin: What was it a design for?

Newhouser: Eight signs, three big in format, probably six months ago. Large format, creative, materials like pewter, stone, special types of metals.

Gorin: Not enough TOT funds for that.

Newhouser: And was going to donate whole thing. We'll see what shakes out. If more collaborative effort, could come up with some ideas more fitting to our funky little town and take into account bigger picture. Can put firehouse triangle thing too, committed to getting that done, just have to finish plan. Triangle could also be site for public art. Another argument for having a master plan, so it doesn't look hodgepodge, a concept that is carried through, have professionals weighing in, involves the county. Can only do things in public right of way, or at permission of landowners. Collaboration and permissions. Because there was some pushback, know there was some reluctance for MAC to take on when Glen Ellen Forum has claimed this. Ad hoc needs to get permission, because of political nature, sensitivity involved. Hope you've had chance to read this. Work with as many organizations as possible. Find people who are skilled, hopefully locals, who can help guide. Collaborate, facilitate a process for finds ideas, prioritize, vetting, getting public feedback. Get input on any plans coming forward. Advice we got from designer - start with small group, don't involve too many people, then take to the public, two or three versions. Because otherwise, too many cooks, won't get anything done. Then once get everyone together determine public support, feasibility. Then just outline of planning process. Welcome your feedback on any elements. Would be nice to know if conceptually support this. Open to being shot down. Great to kickstart, go large, and then go back to being small tackle low hanging fruit projects while Susan still in office. When does term end?

Gorin: End of December 2024.

Newhouser: Have some time, hopefully get a project or two done.

Gorin: When formed MAC, knew would be some differences with the forum. Disappointed that you're not getting the folks here that the forum is. Work with ad hoc of Glen Ellen Forum. Don't want competing plans. May want to reach out to forum, get some design advice potentially. We're losing Kristen Madsen, director of Creative Sonoma, she would be a great source especially on public art before she goes elsewhere in September. I'm working with neighbors on Riebli Rd, want to have art panels to commemorate resilience after the fire. Has to adhere to sign code, written permission from property owner for private property or encroachment permit from county if public property. Has to be out of line of site. We can help you with a lot of that. Bringing groups together to say what that master plan looks like. Not sure how expensive a consulting company would be. Not seeing something specific enough, how expensive. Could potentially have TOT funds. Think small. Trying to figure out how much art project in Mark West would be. Dream to have art trail in Sonoma Valley. Would love to have public art in Glen Ellen, have had such trauma from fire. Whether it's public art, art is subjective, that's going to be point of contention. Theme could be resilience after fire, might bring community together.

Newhouser: Idea, I know about art and interpretive signage. After a while you ignore it, or people get tired of it. Concept I want to explore is rotation, gives opportunities for different artists, different themes, for those things that are less liked to move on and rotate in new stuff. Love the idea of an art trail, hope we could have more than one. Already have some, doesn't have to be sculpture. Intrigued at possible source of funds for planning process.

Gorin: Would have to be small. If county acts as lead agency, have to put out an RFP. Come up with budget, may or may not get response to RFP. Have to really define scope of work.

Newhouser: One idea offered, have local professionals who can help really with conceptual elements, and then hire someone who can do actual cartography and drawing. One way to make more affordable. Historical Society may have already done map of where there are historical elements in town?

Dawson: Pamphlet put together 20-30 years ago.

Newhouser: That long? Not necessarily to scale though.

Galindo: Like the one near Talisman Wine Tasting?

Dawson: Think I have copy.

Newhouser: Reason I asked is that some of the legwork is already done. Make a collaborative process. Think what happened was misunderstanding at what we were trying to do, trying to take away sign making from them. Doing in vacuum without collaboration. We want to do collaborative process, work with us.

Dawson: Communication is really important. Forum has gone down to quarterly. Fear of friction, Tracy came up with two wings of one bird. We should start trying to show up to Forum meetings and announce MAC meetings, have them present, a little more back and forth communication.

Gorin: Think it's important you work together. If come for funding, will say need to work with MAC. Anything with public land, will have same constraints.

Newhouser: I volunteered at time to be liaison, have experience, done a lot of public projects, comfortable working in that pool, can help facilitate. But still have to have willing partners to collaborate with. Something I need to work on.

Gorin: And might have great ideas.

Newhouser: Think what we all have to do including myself is let go of having control. Have to have collaboration and agreement.

Dickey: Would like to think that they believe community would have input eventually.

Newhouser: Where a sign could go, really limited. They wanted three major signs and six smaller signs that also indicated same thing but smaller in stature.

Dickey: I think conferring with them is really important. For no other reason that we have access to public funds.

Gorin: And they could as well. Have funded some of their projects, they would have to comply with the same standards, encroachment permits, all of those things.

Dickey: Having competing things, without communication, would have competing funds.

Gorin: And have heard from no one from the forum about potential funding for sign projects.

Eagles: Their sign project moving forward?

Newhouser: Don't know current status. Have on my schedule to talk to Nick. They're one of the first people I want to have participate as part of the committee. Part of the outreach, but want blessing of MAC before jump into deep end and inviting people.

Eagles: That's what I want to ask is what you need from us. You thought it would be valuable to have something from us, maybe a motion that we support collaborative process with forum. Or something else you were looking for?

Newhouser: It's really the scope.

Dawson: I have some questions, a clarification. Part of the starting small and going big, some repetition. Seems like a little disjointed, don't see how the chain works. Maybe just missing something. More specific question, is master plan more like a map? Later on gets refined through planning process, or?

Newhouser: Map is ultimately goal.

Dawson: Would that happen under plans and objectives?

Newhouser: Most plans always have description as well as a drawing to go with it. Felt like didn't have to explicitly say.

Dawson: Community projects master plan, four elements listed. What exactly would be in the master plan about signs? What are things that would be addressed under that category?

Newhouser: Under signs? Safety, beautification could be under that. Didn't want to give too much detail because planning process would reveal those elements. Is there an issue with not being fully realized at this stage?

Dickey: No.

Newhosuer: If we were to brainstorm that now, obvious is Welcome to Glen Ellen signs, maybe on each major artery roads into town. But have also talked about traffic safety, pedestrian safety, need for additional signage for that. And then the interpretive elements or even art could be considered a sign if decide to do something like that.

Dickey: When I think about what you're proposing, I think about it as what is a community benefit. Signs maybe, certainly pedestrian signage, what we can do in the roadways to make them safer, that's community benefit. Those things almost more of a priority in some respects. By same token, wonder if Glen Ellen Forum thinking about it that way or art installation, bike racks?

Gorin: Sharing from Springs MAC, projects they're working on. SC Transit provided to them free white frame bike racks. Wrapping with vinyl tape, location on corridor to place. Trying to navigate with Caltrans to paint utility boxes along corridor. Could be considered for Glen Ellen as well. So far those are the two projects they're working on. On backburner I have concept of community plaza, not ready to share ideas yet. Might call it Master Plan for placemaking. Place where community could gather with benches, or public art. Arthur knows all about placemaking. Might be interesting to explore that concept.

Dickey: Property across from market now for sale.

Gorin: What's it zoned for?

Dickey: Commercial, think they're subdividing. Think idea is large parcel that goes from Williams to Arnold. Talking about dividing so part on Williams would be separate from part running parallel to Arnold. Would be cool place for open space.

Newhouser: That could be part of this, whether or not interest in small park in town.

Dickey: Or even public parking. When SDC developed, won't be able to park.

Newhouser: Don't think I'll add parking. Like idea of placemaking, really about community benefit. Whether we have space to do that, or little small improvements in space we have.

Gorin: Those small elements add to fabric of community. Don't diminish just because small, doesn't mean it doesn't have value.

Eagles: Love this, but scope is big. What would you most like to focus on. Four or five things? Start there to get started because a lot here, hate to have you and Patricia and Vicki bogged down in too much process.

Gorin: Maybe first phase signs, then next phase.

Eagles: A lot of process here, don't think need it all.

Dawson: Another question on process, place I got confused here number three, don't see process coming before that. How different from community engagement on second page.

Newhouser: A little less comfortable pushing forward without some input. Would be great to do some kind of survey, some kind of public outreach to accumulate input. Tight knit community, lots of smart people. Have talked to Elisa

Stancil, her thing is a town clock. When comes down to it, if people attached to ideas, will help make happen. Process of gathering ideas, didn't define because felt like wanted to explore.

Gorin: Could put out on Nextdoor, or Kenwood Press. Or survey, but if putting out survey, have to be very discreet, focused. Maybe three questions. Encourage you to meld collaboration with forum first.

Newhouser: That's going to be next step. If MAC supports moving forward, we can amend this to what people are willing to support. Then go to Glen Ellen Forum. Go step beyond that, that's why I put in other organizations. Have representatives from any group willing to participate. Glen Ellen Forum would be primary source of collaboration. Any feedback reaching out to other organizations.

Dawson: I would support.

Eagles: Just a matter of your time and groups time.

Dickey: Easiest avenue is to talk to Glen Ellen Forum first. They've organized themselves in existing process. Maybe have already conversed with those groups.

Newhouser: I'm not attached to leading this. Welcome opportunity for someone in any of these groups to step up and take leadership role.

Gorin: I would encourage you not to waste a lot of time reaching out to twelve different organizations. Spend time your own ad hoc and the forum, then do outreach, maybe come up with a couple of ideas. Could spend next year outreaching and end up in same place.

Dawson: Suggest public meeting early in process?

Gorin: Outside of this group, and outside the forum?

Eagles: But once the scope is narrower.

Newhouser: What to take out?

Dawson: How to get ball rolling, to get excitement in the community.

Dickey: Nick has worked on this for six years. Strong ideas already. Go to them first, get concrete ideas of what they want to do. That will be pretty informative. That will help you.

Galindo: I think we need to pick one or two of four, and compare with what the forum has already started. Maybe we're on the same page.

Newhouser: I need to clarify what my interest is. Patty know you have expressed interest in art element. My primary interest is overall process in doing the master plan, plan to be as comprehensive as possible. That's what's exciting to me. Takes away from single element that could create conflict. Not attached to how sign ends up happening. What I want to see is a plan that could be developed collaboratively within the community, present it to community. People could pursue projects to fulfill elements of the plan. That's why I went through trouble of step to step process to accomplish that. I'm hearing that too much to take on, but I think this is bigger than MAC, bigger than forum, about the whole community.

Gorin: I'm a fan of phasing. Not eliminating, but what do you want to accomplish first, then phase two, phase three. Go for it, but see if you can figure out where Nick is going.

Newhouser: Not sure if have incorporated feedback from public meeting, really interested in seeing what they have going.

Gorin: Unless they're funding it privately. Still have to adhere to encroachment, all county regulations on signs.

Newhouser: And they know that. Does it reflect what the community wants.

Gorin: They will have to work with you to get the feedback of the MAC.

Dickey: I would focus on signs and smaller art installations as focus. Looks doable, community would support more. When start talking about beautification, hopefully both lend themselves to that. When talking about landscaping, buildings being painted same color, very non defined thing. And then the amenities, benches, bike racks, clocks, more expensive. Hard to find space for them. Start with signs and art, go to forum and see what they already have figured out for that. You have feedback from us, they have feedback from the community. Maybe shorter term possibility, come together and ask about those two items. I hear what you're saying about master plan, remind you that we don't know what Glen Ellen will look like in the next five to ten years with development on Arnold. Pretty tough to come up with master plan in face of headwinds change we're facing.

Eagles: Good beginning, could tuck into master plan. People more inclined to jump in if see things happening. Have our support with caveat from Susan that need to work with forum. Need formal vote?

Whitman: You're providing direction.

Eagles: And you definitely have our support.

Newhouser: And direction is fine. Thank you for your time. Communications and the collaboration will determine real direction.

Gorin: And you've been a constant on this for a really long time. Thank you.

Dickey: Triangle feels like demonstration project to some degree. Talked about a lot, place for signage and art. Good place to start to see how the community can come together around this subject.

Dawson: Maybe a pilot project.

Dickey: When worked for Dept of Energy called it a demonstration project.

Newhouser: That project illustrates why I'm interested in master plan. We had always included a Welcome to Glen Ellen sign in that project, it's in the plan that was submitted to county. Pursuing encroachment permit once have final plan. Next big hurdle is estimates. What threw off kilter is have been planning for several years, wasn't until several years in that there was parallel process of whole other sign network. Uncomfortable, but made me realize importance of having a plan. What happens, thought that if have transparent process and master plan, recommend by person developing the signs, thought brilliant.

Dickey: Here's what I would suggest. Need to go back to Nick with downsized list of things hoping to accomplish and find out how forthcoming is with his ideas and his plan. We already heard from Supervisor Gorin that not going to support something that doesn't have community input, not going to put in public right of way.

Newhouser: Fine, but I don't know what to pare down. Master plan is a master plan.

Dickey: I don't know how define that at this point. When I think of master plan, I think of things that are large, where is the infrastructure, where are the roadways. Does parking get included.

Newhosuer: Just these four things.

Eagles: I think we don't have problem. Have talked this out, have good direction. We're good.

Newhouser: And can talk later too with specifics. Welcome anyone's input. Work with Vicki and Patti, can move forward and collaborate with community.

Eagles: Thank you.

No public comment.

7. NSV MAC Norms & Expectations

Resolution

- Council discussion and direction on adopting respectful public comment resolution

Whitman: I can introduce, came up at last meeting, there had been a recent incident at the Springs where public comment got a little unruly, so Supervisor Gorin had suggested to both MACs that they adopt a commitment to civility that would appear on your agenda as it does on the Board of Supervisors agenda. The language here today is ripped straight from the Board of Supervisors agenda just swapping out their name with the MAC. I can read it out loud.

Draft:

COMMITMENT TO CIVILITY: The North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council has adopted rules of procedures which include a commitment to civility. To assure civility in its public meetings, the public is encouraged to engage in respectful dialog that supports freedom of speech and values diversity of opinion. Councilmembers, staff, and members of the public are expected to establish and maintain a cordial and respectful atmosphere during discussions; and foster meaningful dialogue free of personal attacks. Members of the public must also adhere to the speaking time limit,

Gorin: Since you have so many members of the public, you'll really have trouble keeping civility. When I was chair in 2020, the f bomb dropped right and left, I said I've had it. We had to agree amongst Board members, if Chair says we're going to adjourn for recess, will get up and walk out and that dude will be escorted out by Sheriff.

Dickey: Any dudettes, or just dude?

Gorin: We have both currently, nasty.

Newhouser: Who will escort from MAC meetings?

Gorin: Fire department here. This individual at Springs MAC meeting, talking about Verano intersection, let loose, dropping f bomb, children in audience. Out of control. So they're having discussion on how to handle public comment that is out of control.

Dickey: Seems out of character.

Gorin: Don't expect you all to have it, but important to put on agenda as a reminder to have on your agenda, we as a nation world are veering toward nasty language.

Dickey: Incivility.

Gorin: More we can affirm that we are a community, working together.

Dickey: Should read at beginning of each meeting?

Newhouser: There are abbreviated versions. Something like that written on agenda, and then acknowledge at top of meeting.

No public comment.

Eagles: Motion to approve?

Dawson: First

Dickey: Second.

Vote: 5-0.

8. NSV MAC Meeting Date, Location, Format, Community Engagement Resolution

- Council discussion and direction on potential change to MAC meeting date and location
- Discuss potential hybrid meeting format, community engagement

Eagles: Item 8, meeting location, date, format, and engagement.

Whitman: I can provide a little background. Primary focus of this item to see if you would be willing to move your meeting date in order to accommodate finding a more permanent home for MAC. Would be Kenwood Depot, currently conflict with your current meeting date with the regular meeting of the rotary. Very lucky to have Kenwood Fire host us but this space will not always be available to us, need to check in monthly to see if have conflicting events. Same goes for Dunbar School, another check in monthly to see if available. For Kenwood Depot, available meeting dates first second or third Mondays, or fourth Thursdays, the caveat there is would make it back to back with SVCAC if go with Thursday. Wiped out Fridays because assumed no one would want to meet on Fridays, and Tuesdays because Supervisor Gorin has Board of Supervisors meetings.

Gorin: But usually Board meeting is over by time you meet, but not always.

Dickey: Does dovetail into hybrid meeting, that's how you could attend.

Newhouser: When we changed meeting time, it was to accommodate Kenwood Press. This time of the month so they could get agendas into their paper.

Dickey: Keep in the third week on the month.

Dawson: Show of hands?

Newhouser: If keep in third week, what are options?

Whitman: That would be Monday.

Dawson: And Susan, you would be okay with Tuesdays?

Gorin: Fine with me, I would get there when I get there.

Newhouser: Clarify, are we trying to rotate monthly between Glen Ellen and Kenwood?

Whitman: Looking less feasible, given the option. Depot would be permanent home.

Gorin: Consideration is technology, how could be set up for hybrid. Springs MAC uses school board space which is already wired, pretty easy to set up for broadcast with KSVY. Who would do that for this MAC?

Whitman: Given the technology they have I can facilitate a hybrid meeting with an Owl. We've never had live broadcast on KSVY.

Gorin: Owls are awkward, often they work, not the best but they work.

Dickey: And would be projected on a screen?

Whitman: Yes.

Gorin: I know Lynda Hopkins' MACs use the Owl, seems to work for them.

Dickey: And have broadband?

Whitman: Yes, and have microphones which is one of the issues with this space, where we can broadcast for people at home participate via Zoom, but we can't hear them here.

Eagles: No requirement to have on KSVY?

Whitman: No.

Dickey: Monday or Tuesdays of third week?

Newhouser: And can schedule out for say a year?

Whitman: Yes. \$25 per meeting.

Dickey: What's cost for Owl?

Whitman: County communications team has some we can rent out.

Eagles: I think either is fine, leaning toward Tuesday?

Dawson: Leaning toward Tuesdays.

Dickey: I would agree.

Gorin: I always find Monday evening meetings exhausting.

Newhouser: Okay, going to be third Tuesday.

Eagles: Hopefully not going to be a conflict for those who are not here.

Whitman: Will propose that if it is a problem for those not here, we keep this same meeting date and revisit on agenda again next month.

Dickey: Reason we're talking about hybrid meetings is because no one here, community engagement. Maybe we don't meet every month? Might be realistic approach to this group. Does Lynda Hopkins MACs meet every month?

Whitman: I believe every other month.

Gorin: When she does meet, accumulation of things, a lot of people attend.

Dickey: Do you think that is because of an accumulation of issues, or because of putting it off to every other month.

Gorin: Probably both. When this MAC first started, Arthur had aggressive outreach suggestion. Might think about more community outreach, survey. If had hybrid Zoom, would you participate more frequently?

Dickey: It is a concern. Agenda is part of that. Not a lot of compelling public discussion.

Gorin: When did have discussions about SDC, did have a lot of people.

Dickey: Going forward, if want to have public participation, need to have discussions that have compelling element.

Eagles: Open to suggestion, have run out of ideas in that category, which may be a good thing I don't know.

Dickey: SDC has not gone away, in quiet moment but will have heat to it eventually. Some groups may want public forum to make presentations. May be worthwhile to reach out to them.

Gorin: Have had discussion with Keith Rogal. Right now in listening mode. Talking to subject matter experts, like water, parks. Going through thousands of comment letters, listening to hours and hours of testimony in public meetings. Title of land will not transfer until litigation is somehow resolved. Listening, would not want to have big community room, big Zoom workshops, rather smaller focus groups to hear from community.

Newhouser: This someone from PRMD?

Gorin: No, the developer chosen by the state. Question of how get input, listen to community to develop project. Wants to have lots of small up front meetings. MAC is Brown Act committees, if want to meet have smaller groups.

Whitman: We might be moving more towards items not on the agenda, do we want to move back toward meeting date?

Newhouser: How do we steer this process so that we're actually addressing attendance. More compelling things, like Matt was saying. Think we maybe need to pool ideas for later discussion, assignment, go home and think of ten compelling things we should be discussing.

Gorin: Or talk with your friends?

Newhouser: Yes, and have agenda'd at the next meeting. Maybe come up with a list and prioritize. As example, I'm dying to hear the Next 100 Years project, what they're thinking.

Dickey: Think they're not in a public information position, but I'll inquire.

Newhouser: Main idea is to have assignment, have everyone come with ten ideas. Look at notes we had a few meetings ago about attendance, had some ideas then, but maybe have not taken next step. Multiple elements here: not just subject matter, it's our outreach. I think we have outreach committee. It's not until you have a compelling issue, a contentious issue.

Gorin: Same is true at Board of Supervisors. We do have hybrid, people commenting online. It's the ebb and flow of what issues are important. But also, how you spread the word to let people know.

Dickey: Do you think it's helpful to have a hybrid meeting?

Gorin: Yes I do. Short answer, can't put that genie back in the bottle.

Dickey: Convenience factor. So if have hybrid, you don't have to be here in person?

Gorin: I wouldn't have to, but I probably would be.

Whitman: And I can also provide you as councilmembers with some updated guidance about virtual participation, which is more of a hurdle if you're a councilmember than otherwise. We can also have presenters beam in virtually.

Dickey: Would also be easier to have someone do minutes if it's a hybrid meeting?

Whitman: Probably.

Dickey: Wonder if woman who does our SVCAC interested?

Whitman: Not interested, unfortunately.

Eagles: Matt, hear you on every other, think I would like to keep consistency for now to monthly. Keep tightly defined as we can, keep the momentum as we go hybrid.

Dickey: Concepts is in the longer greater health of the MAC. Whatever we decide, that's the one foundational aspects we need to consider.

Gorin: Pull on assets of county, directors, what do you want to hear about?

Dickey: Vacation rentals.

Gorin: Have someone come to talk to you about that, heading into phase two. Important to queue that up.

Dickey: Could we have Tennis?

Gorin: Would be happy to jump on virtually.

Eagles: That's another thing we've struggled with last few months, presenters have to show up in person. If can jump on as a speaker, much easier.

Dickey: Support meeting once a month.

Eagles: It's a good point, consideration, see how it's going.

Newhouser: Don't want to sit on two hour meeting.

Dickey: Concepts we want to discuss, lay that out.

Gorin: Board has calendar of significant interest, what going to discuss for the year. Maybe Hannah can send out to see if anything particularly relevant to MAC.

Newhouser: That would be helpful.

Dickey: Susan, is Keith Rogal obliged by negotiating window with DGS to make presentation to Board of Supervisors?

Gorin: No, because doesn't have project. Spending time wisely to do research.

Dickey: So many unknowns associated.

Gorin: Is a difficult time for Glen Ellen.

Dickey: My understanding, if go all the way to a judge, have to be done 18 months.

Gorin: Think it will move forward in next year, one way or another. My concern is state's ability to maintain site security, fire services. Way described to me is state had this amount of money, have this amount less, will probably program something but concerned about continued services.

Whitman: Going to reign us in, getting off track.

Newhouser: Process for preparing agenda. Opportunity to get input from fellow councilmembers, relevant issues, make sure we spend enough time on standing agenda item where we give input on ideas for next meeting, and come prepared with ideas. Speaking for myself, what is important, what are my neighbors concerned about. Pick things that are relevant, timely.

Gorin: Thank you, suggest item on outreach, how you move forward. Might suggest invite Nick in to do presentation on ideas for placemaking.

Dickey: Have you invited here?

Newhouser: Not yet. Maybe have refined presentation.

Gorin: May be opportunity to collaborate.

Newhouser: Welcome opportunity to collaborate with them, if that's what council chooses.

Dickey: Method by which we can be more inclusive. Glen Ellen Forum working over here, having them addressing us regularly would be beneficial.

Newhouser: We should invite them.

Eagles: Formal of where they are. We did approach them a couple months back, and they declined, having issue with participation.

Newhouser: Have been going through difficult time. Struggling just like we are with attendance, gone to quarterly.

Gorin: Every volunteer organization going through troubles.

Dawson: Their meeting earlier this month was well attended.

Eagles: Close out this agenda item, move on to next item.

No public comment.

9. Reports and Announcements from Councilmembers and Ad Hocs

Receive

Eagles: Any announcements?

Gorin: Board having budget hearings second week of June. I have put in a number of requests, mostly directed at Springs Larson Park, Donald Gap, Verano intersection. Put in information requests on how we put in bike paths, bike lanes. How things are funded. Also wrapping up negotiations with bargaining units.

Dawson: Will be Wildlife Fair in Jack London on Saturday, Sonoma Mountain Preservation.

Newhouser: Went last weekend to tour Vernal Pools property acquisition with Sonoma Land Trust. Lot of things blooming.

Eagles: Have to sign up for that?

Newhouser: Yes.

Dickey: Property where things getting dumped, that part of it?

Dawson: Yes, that is part of it.

Dickey: Happy that's being protected.

Newhouser: Yes, like 170 acres.

Dawson: Connects all the way to Annadel.

No public comment.

10. Consideration of items for future agenda

Receive

Eagles: Have any immediate ideas? Will plan further out next meeting.

Whitman: Can always send me an email directly, if you have any ideas I can bring those to Chair and Vice Chair when we review the agenda.

Newhouser: Would need to be at least two weeks in advance, because you all meet before then. Probably better to have the discussion at the meeting.

Eagles: And yes, usually at the end of the meeting, everyone's tired.

Dickey: Having list of idea that we could sort of discuss would be meaningful.

Eagles: Can't share ideas via email before?

Whitman: Can share with me.

Newhouser: Can have a master list, posted for the public.

Eagles: Can look at summary from last year, see who spoke to us then.

Dickey: On next month's agenda, naming the Owl.

Whitman: And I think what will be helpful, which Supervisor Gorin mentioned, is that calendar of future agenda items going before the Board of Supervisors which I will send to you all.

Dickey: I have some ideas, have list will get to Hannah. Next 100 Years, not ready to speak publicly, but compelling.

Eagles: And we have the forum. Maybe broader conversation from them?

Newhouser: Yes, hear from board what they're doing, what we could help them with.

No public comment.

11. Adjourn

Resolution

Eagles: Motion?

First: Dickey

Second: Newhouser

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