



# North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Notice of Meeting and Agenda  
Kenwood Fire Station Training Room  
9045 Sonoma Highway, Kenwood, CA 95452  
**April 19, 2023**  
**5:30 PM**



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

### Call to Order: 5:35pm

Dawson: Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance. Angela, land acknowledgement?

Nardo Morgan: 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.

Dawson: Vicki, call roll?

Handron: Roll Call

**Present:** Dawson, Handron, Nardo-Morgan, Oldroyd

**Absent:** Eagles, Newhouser, Dickey, Galindo

Dawson: One more thing, statement about MAC. Thank you to member of public, community organizations, press, and councilmembers for participation and engagement and dedication to community. MAC serves communities of Kenwood, Glen Ellen, as well as former SDC at Eldridge. Represent people who live in work in outside of incorporated areas. In many ways a country town council. Established by Board of Supervisors as a two way communication channel. MAC serves as community voice at county government, place to learn about and access resources, place to identify challenges and opportunities. Bylaws limit us to topics of transportation, health and human safety, community projects, and emergency preparedness. Others can be added by Supervisor. No limit on subject matter in public comment section at beginning of meeting. Thank you to Kenwood Fire Department for letting us use room.

## 2. Approval of February 15, 2023 minutes

Resolution

Dawson: Any corrections? Motion to approve?

Nardo Morgan: First

Handron: Second

Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

## 3. Public Comment

Receive

(Limited to items not appearing on the agenda)

Dawson: Received no written public comment. Anyone who would like to speak?

Public Comment:

Daymon Doss: Kenwood Fire Protection District appreciate you having meeting here, first live meeting. On the way to post office and grocery store when learned about the meeting. Hope you have more meetings here in the drill room. Community meeting room for Village of Kenwood, many use it. Welcome, so good to see you live. Angela gave excellent presentation at Rotary in Oakmont background on Sonoma Developmental Center.

Dawson: Good to have you. Any other public comment?

Public Comment closed.

#### 4. Supervisor Gorin Update

Receive

Gorin: Great to see you all, it is wonderful to have your in-person meeting. Thank you Daymon for hosting us. Daymon has been great at having us understand financial needs Kenwood Fire District, get them in financial position so they can consolidate with Sonoma Valley Fire, will take some heft to get funding they need for stability. We turned in board request. Hopefully MAC can send letter of support for that. That the challenge we have trying to stabilize fire districts so they can consolidate into larger areas. Other board request 1 million for Larson Park improvements, also have earmark requests with some of our legislators, if come through we can substitute money and have money to do other things. Another board request for Sonoma County Museum, wants to have permanent history exhibit, need funding and looking for funding from community. Put in board request for \$50,000. Those are the three requests I submitted. Also working on grant from Infrastructure Act, "reconnecting communities" to consider funding Verano and Donald Gap intersections. Gotta love Caltrans, says pedestrian safety is important, wait two years and we'll have funding. Article in Sonoma Index Tribune today about challenge of working with Caltrans. Two bridge replacements going on HWY 12, Sonoma Creek and Hooker Creek in progress. One at Sonoma Creek will take two years, one lane when constructing. Hooker Creek will close down HWY 12 for 45 days, traffic will be diverted. We had second reading of Well Ordinance at 4/18 Board of Supervisors meeting, approved on 3-2 voted again, I said really, we have declining groundwater in Sonoma Valley and we're not requiring new well permits to meter and report on a regular basis? We have no idea how much water being drafted by rural residential folks, could be a lot. That is moving forward. Other ordinance approved on second reading is camping ordinance. Telling homeless folks where they can't camp – parks, public property, certain distance from creeks. Less of a challenge in D1 than Santa Rosa and river area. Have tent popping up in Boyes Plaza. Outreach made by local organizations, no interest in services, county ordinance will be effect in 30 days and sheriffs will move along after that. Same thing could happen in other public areas after that. Close to finishing negotiations Nelson building, county services health and human services, CDC, health navigator for health center, rest of building tenanted with Catalyst Fund – other nonprofit services that would have synergy with county services provided. We had a great tour day today of the Sonoma Valley for county communications team to give better idea of Sonoma Valley and Valley issues. Toured SDC, Mattson, 8<sup>th</sup> St East bike path that Regional Parks has requested matching grant from Ag and Open Space to purchase land from railroad. Arnold Dr. bike lanes public meeting hope you all attend, vital transportation corridor.

Whitman: On 24<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom, will send link to councilmembers.

Gorin: A project 10 years in the making. That's what I have to report, great to be here.

Dawson: Thank you. Comments, questions?

NM: So much going on with the Mattsons? What's happening? Not sure what you can say.

Gorin: Had two moldering plywood houses that he purchased, tore down, proposed beautiful houses. Still under construction. Pushing him to complete two other projects in Springs. Both projects, not a lot of progress made. Talked about collaboration with county on Community Plaza, but community did not like because no progress on his properties he owns. Has sold some things – San Francisco couple bought property from him, Haystack Farms, growing food for Ceres and Christmas giveaway programs. Happy property owners who have sold to him. Sellers happy, Mattson happy holding on to them. Think it's financial game, does not need the rent. Not his fault that center plaza building vacant, vacant long before he bought.

Handron: Hooker Creek bridge question. Will be closed 24/7?

Gorin: Not 24/7, just when working on it, 45 days. Will be inconvenience for sure. Really will be mess on Agua Caliente, Arnold, Madrone. Only 45 days, Sonoma Creek will be inconvenience. You will see k rails, chopped down vegetation. Only do active construction during times August-October because habitat preservation, biological preservation. Limited August to October, fire season.

Dawson: Any comments from public? Alright, will close Supervisor presentation.

Gorin: Will also say know new city manager well for City of Sonoma, David Guhin, will be great asset for City and County.

## 5. Sonoma Water Sanitation Budget Presentation

Receive

- Receive budget presentation from Jake Spaulding and Emma Walton, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCSD)

Dawson: Move on to presentation from Sonoma Water. David Royal, Maintenance Manager, Lynne Roselli, Finance Manager, Andrea Rodriguez.

David Royal: Thank you for introduction. Here Sonoma Water, to talk about infrastructure, budget, and upcoming rate changes to sanitation district in Sonoma Valley. District operations began in 1953, taken over by Sonoma Water 1995, have been managing ever since. Service area 4500 acres. Design capacity of plant is 3 million gallons avg daily dry weather flow. Wet winter numbers can jump up considerably, thankfully lots of storage at plant. Highlights of treatment facility recycle water there, use for irrigation and for wetland/salt marsh enhancement. Purple Pipe is reclaimed water, Sonoma Valley High School beneficiary of that water. That one use, other discharged out to Schelle or Huderman Slew. Infrastructure improvements: ongoing sewer trunk main replacement projects. These began in 2003. Most likely continue through 2029. Purpose is twofold: upsizing pipe, large amount of inflow and infiltration that enters collection system, attempt to minimize overflows, great efforts to put in larger trunk mains get water to plant as fast as possible. Sewer lateral inspection program, get handle on inflow infiltration we experience. A lot of times especially in older systems, roots will aggressively get in joints seeking water especially at times of drought, wreaks havoc on pipe and diminishes flow. Residents putting wipes down toilet which are not flushable, will get backed up by roots. Picture of staff from collection crew, put smoke into manhole, where smoke comes out of ground, illegal connections to down spouts. Efforts to get handle on water migrating into collection system that should not be there. Another project installation of headwork screens, what does is intercepts debris before gets into treatment process. Automated, example of ways that we're making system more efficient and effective. Fiscal year 23/24 upcoming: treatment plant clarifiers/seismic retrofit construction project, coming out of LHMP work, determining seismic vulnerabilities, one example, grant funded. Trunk main project. Director Gorin mentioned Hooker Creek project – Sonoma Water section of collection system vulnerable to seismic activity, project not attached to bridge, will make more resilient system if earthquakes. Just kicked off Master Plan development for full Sonoma Valley. Sonoma Creek bank repair at Kohler Creek like Hooker Creek – heavy winter, erosion has exposed manhole and siphon that goes under creek.

Lynne Roselli: Proposed budget and rates for 23/24, going to Board of Supervisors for approval on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Budgeted expenditures \$32.7 million. Majority for routine operations and maintenance, as well as non-routine maintenance projects. Capital projects 42%, substantial, cost to implement projects seen on previous slide. Budgeted revenue, \$24.2 million, 80% comes from sewer service charges. Another large part revenue bond proceeds. AA bond rating for district. Use bond funds to help fund capital program and spread out over years to avoid rate spikes. Proposed rate increase 6%, average 4.5%. Tried to keep rates lower during pandemic and fires and floods. 6% increase equates to \$72 per year for single family dwelling. Driving rate increase is inflation, construction costs, fuel costs, supply chain, aging infrastructure, projects. Refinanced 2013 bonds, \$450,000 savings went back into district funds, will help to keep rate increase down. Grants and loans district awarded over years, \$10 million in grant awards, \$14 million in state revolving fund loans, \$15 million in revenue bonds. Next year's budget have \$12.7 million in reserves, bond funding, and grants helping to offset overall cost to system, how able to keep rate increase to 6%. Without, would be closer to 30%. Anticipating grant awards for future projects. Hooker Creek and Kohler Creek, seeking FEMA grant funds for projects to help offset costs.

Andrea Rodriguez: Always looking to engage with customers and community. Every spring send out newsletter, projects in district, how can participate in rate setting process. Always reminding people wipes clog pipes. Main message in community, jam up system, wreak havoc downstream. Put wipes in trash if going to use them at all, don't put in sewer

system. Did tour, if you or community groups interested in tour, we can do that. Can follow on social media platforms and share with your constituents.

Gorin: Example, lateral got clogged near Donald St gap at mobile home park, could not get ahold of owner, managers, Permit Sonoma and Sonoma Valley Sanitation working late into the evening to unclog.

Rodriguez: Questions?

Greg Carr: Capacity dry flow 3 million, 16 million in wet. How much sewer replacement will reduce 13 million difference?

Royal: Don't know, doing studies to find out. Over times pipes crack. When have big storms, ground water level rises, finding way into cracks. Clay pipe problem. Will help move water through system faster.

Carr: Any way to measure over weather events?

Royal: Tested this out in the river area, sent crews across the district, able to pinpoint area of the district where water coming in. Gives opportunity in real time during a storm event to see where problems coming from. Really going to take major capital projects to replace the main.

Caitlin Cornwall: Locations for work on Kohler and Sonoma Creeks?

Royal: Just down street from downtown Glen Ellen, single property owner on peninsula where creeks meet, one manhole. Done environmentally friendly attempts, willow wall to save creek bank, needs deeper dive into engineering fix. Hooker creek just downstream from bridge.

Dawson: Curious about development for SDC, how does that factor in for what you do?

Royal: Collection system SDC put in at turn of century, maybe before. When state decommissioned, state let us go in to address concerns, make interventions, able to cut by half. As long as replace collection system, happy.

Dawson: Extra homes, how will affect plant?

Royal: Think there's capacity enough, make sure water coming down from system from homes and not from environment.

Whitman: Formally open public comment?

Dawson: Public comment?

No public comment.

## **6. District 1 Planning Commissioners Presentation**

Receive

- Receive presentation Greg Carr and Caitlin Cornwall, District 1 Planning Commissioners
- Overview of Planning Commission duties, information on recent Planning Commission items

Cornwall: First ask you, what do you want to hear about?

Dawson: Is anyone trying to evaluate cumulative impacts Hanna Center, SDC, Elnoka? Any sort of framework, and if not, something can be done to create it?

Carr: We'll cover that. What is a Planning Commission, I want to spend two seconds on. State law requires every local government to have Planning Commission. Mandated to advise Board of Supervisors on General Plan, plan amendment, on zone changes, development code, zoning. Local government can then decide more duties for Planning Commission, number of members, how membership to be distributed in jurisdiction. Sonoma County have ten Planning

Commissioners, and Board of Zoning Adjustments. 10 members, two from each district, rotate between the two titles, BZA and PC. Planning Commission does general plan and zoning matters, policy initiatives, for example vacation rentals, gas stations, SDC. BZA more for projects, permits. Just had hotel proposal in Guerneville. SDC another example: specific plan for particular property, more policy related, a requirement that there be a PC and Board makes ultimate decision. Makes decisions on permits but advises on plans, specific plans. Another example: City of Sonoma has five commissioners, that's it, does all whether a permit or policy initiative. Some have seven members, usually odd number for obvious reason. That's why we're here. In some cities and counties, very formal process for selecting commissioners. Sonoma County process for bringing on commissioners, process is up to individual supervisor. Ms. Gorin has two commissioners, will search, find people who are interested, presents recommended member to board. Board of Supervisors almost always approves what the Supervisor recommends.

Gorin: Not like judicial appointments, on consent calendar.

Carr: There have been in the past, over the years, some who have raised red flags, maybe a three-two vote.

Gorin: Caitlin and Greg have been amazing, and Dick Fogg before. Meet monthly with me, talk about larger and smaller items, like VJB for example.

Cornwall: Great having Greg, huge asset for First District. Lots of turnover of staff. Depth of work they do, lots of institutional knowledge not always what we wish. I've been on for two years-ish, not in big hurry but have been looking for a replacement for myself. Have been looking, invite you also to wrack your brains. Should be someone with familiarity of land and water issues, someone who will ask quantitative questions, listen to public. Important function of what we do to have a forum where public opinions, observations, and knowledge can come and influence decisions.

Carr: Can give perspective on Planning Commission as working person?

Cornwall: Major structural problem way it's set up, same as many appointed positions: very little compensation. I came on during lockdown, all remote, some long meetings but could fit in. Now in person, hour and a half of driving, poor compensation and amount of time to go to in-person meetings. Almost deal killer for working person. Means that decisions are being made largely by older, usually retired, more affluent. Nothing wrong with those people but that's not everyone who lives here. Structural problem. Might be changes coming at state level, not sure if county has made a statement to state about desire to change this, so both public and members can participate hybrid, in person or remotely. Right now there are provisions to participate remotely, but impossibly demanding.

Carr: When I started working for county in 80s, constantly a problem for Supervisors getting people to serve on Planning Commission.

Gorin: I have talked with number of folks about serving, and it is a big commitment. Part is time commitment, drive to Santa Rosa. Hard to find appointee to CD Committee, to advocate for housing. Virtual meetings may be easier. New cracker jack Executive Director, may be able to find somebody.

Cornwall: As a working person, can't as easily drive around and look at sites, a good thing to be able to do. Another thing I spent a lot of time on as a Planning Commissioner on Local Coastal Plan. Coast under lots of state regulations. Coast is important to Sonoma Valley, when it's hot, one of only places to go. I thought it was important to put lots of time to it, and took forever, but so important to Sonoma County. Even if doesn't seem important to Valley but are really important. Other issues I have punted to Greg because wearing my other hats, had some involvement such as Housing Element, SDC, Springs Specific Plan. Another reason good thing to have two commissioners.

Carr: What it takes to be good planning commissioner. Some people over the years that have been appointed where you think: what was that Supervisor thinking with that commissioner? And they turn out to be excellent commissioners. Big part about personality, working with others, on something controversial, how you facilitate conversation important as well as knowledge of land use, planning experience. Caitlin good at, I tend to blab too much. Ability to deliberate in peace, civility.

Gorin: Greg and I have talked about SDC, frustrating.

Carr: Pretty new commissioners on SDC, which didn't help.

Cornwall: To question about cumulative impacts. Theoretically at end of year get to General Plan update. I was on other side of table from Greg on last General Plan update. Really hard to get cumulative impacts perspective to be taken up by staff. Lots of work, not what usually asked to do, don't have tools. Constructing feasible request of staff, with lots of lead time, might be worth doing. From last time, learned General Plan has EIR. In EIR are standards county is committing to meet. Is there any follow up from those standards? I was particularly interested in adding up exemptions to riparian corridor impacts, for example, over lifetime of General Plan. Could be asked for, would have to be part of some kind of workplan. Have funding for. Could be partnerships with nonprofits to raise money to track commitments.

Carr: Lesson to be learned about planning. Hopes and desires of consensus of people in whatever environment cannot be achieved. Too many things outside of control, lack of funding. Good to learn skepticism of what can and can't be done. Tends to weigh down during general plan. Looking at impacts, all this development is not going to occur whether agriculture, housing, manufacturing. Take best shot, end up with list of things we need to do to make this work. When come back later on what you have done and haven't done, both lists are lengthy. Programs, policies that needed funding that never got funding. A lot of hopes, without a lot of background.

Cornwall: Annual report required to be submitted to OPR that reports on progress, incredibly informative document.

Carr: Request for that kind of analysis needs to be made at first discussions, will be starting at the end of this year we're told. Public as well as technical agencies will ask, what do we need to do as part of this General Plan, budget is determined by what it costs to do that work. List will be exhaustive, and then will be pared down by Board of Supervisors, priorities set by board. When we started in 2001, last General Plan update, had done all that, lengthy list, went out to community, doubled list. That's how we got Water Element. Good to have healthy skepticism of what can be achieved, but don't let that limit what you ask for. If don't ask, will never be on list. Can be frustrating, looking back now, example, never did oak conservation plan.

Cornwall: One of the closest things to cumulative impacts study has been at SCTA, traffic, have had to guess what will be developed. Asked the question, no one else asking that question.

Carr: Traffic is biggest cumulative impact. Can do traffic model, now going to be VMT, little different. Last general plan, learned that even if we do no more development, traffic level will be unacceptable. Level of service F. Ended up, had to, saying that level of service F, worst level of service, is acceptable in some places: 12 through Sonoma Valley in Springs, sections of 101, biggest problem east-west streets feeding HWY 12. Argument for rail: only way to get decent level of service in corridor, to get viable rail system, get people out of their cars during commute. Somewhat successful, generational change. Also east-west traffic – we're all north-south in this county. Connecting Stage Gulch, HWY 37, 12 through Santa Rosa all breaks down when looking at east-west. Pitch for more frequent bus. I'm giving them reasons not to be a Planning Commissioner. I love land use, love analysis, love debates. Other than being on BOS, Planning Commission is only avenue to grapple with county issues, too bad it can't be more successful. I had hopes that SDC would give us good cumulative impacts analysis of Sonoma Valley, state changed law on environmental analysis so don't have to look at all other development in works.

Nardo Morgan: When did that change?

Carr: Several years ago, before SDC, I begged them to do both.

Dawson: When next General Plan update done, will allow more things to happen?

Carr: General Plan we have now goal was set for 2020. For growth to that period. Setting aside fires and floods that have kept growth down, growing beyond what was planned for.

Nardo Morgan: General Plan has EIR? Who writes the EIR?

Carr: County, county will likely hire consultant, up to county to accept it.

Nardo Morgan: County writes and accepts?

Carr: Wouldn't want to give it to State of California. They know less than we do.

Cornwall: I've always thought would want to hire staff to do. So much learned in EIR process, lost if leaves with consultant.

Carr: Less interest in overseeing consultant's work. SDC EIR was terrible. Housing Element EIR is better. Few things in it I will bring up, overall fair legitimate approach.

Nardo Morgan: Don't know how SDC EIR went through, no level of mitigation

Carr: Can do that, but wasn't self-mitigating. Last thing want to talk about what we've been doing lately. Recommended gas station ban, approved by Board at recent meeting, for new gas station. Site specific (airports, bus yard, fuel pumps on property for their own use) can remain. Recommended regulation fractionalized homes, "Pacaso."

Gorin: Coming up next week, thank you for work on that and vacation rentals, tackling this Monday.

Carr: Pacaso is tricky, litigation in St Helena over their time share ordinance, litigation hasn't been determined yet. We're following more or less following St Helena. Cannot regulate ownership, can only regulate the use. What the trigger is is the agreement, that partial owners sign. Agreement I saw can only use property 14 days at a time, so acting like a short term rental even though different ownership. The agreement provision that limits to 14 days is what triggers definition, only allowed in recreational zoning, is what recommendation ordinance say. Vacation rental coming up too. Recommend lot more restrictions on vacation rentals.

Gorin: Recommended X zone to Tree Haven, Bristol and Schultz will be considered in phase two.

Carr: Expanded area in Kenwood. Other one in Valley is Hughes Chicken Colony. Corner of Ramal and 121.

Gorin: High concentration of vacation rentals and second homes there. Planning Commission recommended 5% cap.

Carr: Options for X zone or percent cap.

Cornwall: I tried to get it lower.

Gorin: 8:30 on Monday is vacation rental program, x zones and caps. Afternoon timeshare ordinance.

Cornwall: One of the things that comes through constantly is people getting permission to increase height of fences, lot line adjustments to allow enough set back to add another residence, small changes.

Gorin: Tried to fix that after fires, rebuilds all built 7-10 foot high fences.

Cornwall: Sat on winery at dump road (Carneros), permitted for winery and tasting room, instead want expand production. Trend of small-time agriculture increasingly can't make a living just producing stuff. Increasing coming forward looking for permission for events, promotion, can't make it otherwise. Fascinating topic for general plan. What does it look like in the future supporting agriculture, creeping definition of agriculture being more about weddings and tasting.

Carr: Probably followed winery events. Hard to unlock the Board of Supervisor from tourist dependent. In 1980s when BOS trying to stifle rural growth, concentrate in urban areas, then county administrator argued against that because of revenue. Put board in position to rely on agriculture. Reason why having successful ag economy is one big revenue stream for county.

Gorin: Produces thousands of jobs, thrive hospitality and wine tourism.

Carr: Difficult thing to unlock. General plan should just confront tourism versus local serving in all aspects. Looking at vacation rentals, Pacaso, wineries, hospitality in general, how much is appropriate. Public has to jump in on that. If just wine industry/hospitality that board hears, no chance.

Dawson: Pet peeve TOT funds, money goes back into visitor center. What are TOT funds intended for? For mitigating effects of tourists.

Carr: To be clear it is discretionary, no legal reason has to be used to mitigate tourism. For a while, TOT was used to subsidize affordable housing.

Cornwall: Not a Planning Commission question.

Carr: But, when advocating for policy in General Plan, keep hearing about lack of funding or barriers, a lot of times if know it's discretionary, can use TOT for it.

Dawson: TOT funds MAC?

Gorin: Yes. Supervisors have two discretionary generated by TOT. Community Investments Funds, used for nonprofits and events and Tourism Impact Funds, accumulated proportionately. Fund two MACs, other larger projects in valley, quit funding parking enforcement in Springs.

Carr: Three things important to valley on calendar this year. Housing Element in May. Springs Plan in summer, projections from staff. Third is start of General Plan. Huge land use issues involved in those things.

Nardo Morgan: How much impact can general public have on General Plan?

Carr: I think a lot, hard to see impact, long time. Took seven years last time. Part of problem was first hearing scheduled on 9/11. Board appointed people then to serve on Water Element, etc.

Cornwall: Not going to be done that way this time.

Carr: Very time consuming, three advisory members per district, advisory commission to Planning Commission not even the board, lengthy process by the time deliberating at Planning Commission, no one showed up anymore.

Cornwall: Lots of citizens organizing already organizing, figuring out how to sustain push over number of years.

Dawson: General plan by 2028?

Carr: Staff said five years to get it done. At first think start with 2040 plan, but now think 2050 plan. Doing public safety and economic justice now already. Argument for doing in parts. Problem is land use and transportation interlinked. Could separate out open space. But people don't want to talk about development without open space.

Dawson: Any questions?

Gorin: Question still stands we need a Planning Commissioner.

Nardo Morgan: Thank you for your service. Caitlin brought brilliant point of people having to drive to meetings. Adds to carbon footprint. Have friend on several commissions who's a little bit disabled and can't get to meetings, what can we do to change that?

Carr: Have to talk to state legislators.

Nardo Morgan: Dodd, McGuire?

Carr: Some legislators don't want any virtual at all.

Cornwall: Aguiar Curry.

Carr: Do you know more about some allowed to do hybrid?

Gorin: Difference is the quasi judicial function of Planning Commission and CD Committee. I am on BCDC and have complained about 5 hours driving, did get permission to participate virtually. All those that have been advised by county counsel are now meeting in person.

Handron: Requirements for Planning Commissioner?

Gorin: Would be good to reside in D1, more aware of issues in Sonoma Valley and Santa Rosa.

Carr: District boundary goes St Helena Rd, Calistoga.

Handron: Legal status?

Gorin: Would be better.

Nardo Morgan: Age limit?

Carr: A couple recent appointees have been younger. 4<sup>th</sup> District, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Gorin: Evan Wiig lives in D1, Coursey asked my permission to appoint him.

Carr: Likes rural housing.

Gorin: Director of CAF, small agricultural operations, want to have someone living on land. Have anybody contact me if interested. Not advertising, but have them come and see me.

Whitman: Open public comment?

Dawson: Public comment?

No public comment.

## **7. Reports and Announcements from Councilmembers and Ad Hocs**

Receive

Dawson: Any reports announcements?

No reports or announcements.

## **8. Consideration of items for future agenda**

Receive

Dawson: Potter Valley diversion?

Gorin: Could. Had presentation yesterday on regional effort on putting something on ballot bonds for housing, might be interesting. Sandra Lowe involved in initiative lowering voter majority for bonds, supermajority at this point. Both Lynda and I, getting horrendous RENA numbers, no money for planning. Especially river area, Springs area, also thinking about Glen Ellen. Not enough money for planning for traffic/roads/pedestrian safety. Looking for funding for Glen Ellen for planning.

Nardo Morgan: They \$78,000 for manhole covers Sonoma Water, none for Glen Ellen.

Gorin: Everything Sonoma Water gold plated.

Nardo Morgan: Planners for SDC selected, Rogal, would they ever come?

SG: Talking to Rogal tomorrow to talk about timeline, opportunities for meeting with community, hearing from community. Title not transferred until litigation resolved. He's going to use time to listen to community. Assure you he's been paying attention every step of way. I will help to put that in his mind to create focus groups, listening groups. Maybe at MAC meeting? Not sure. I'm going to listen to him about what listening he wants to do.

Dawson: I would support hearing from him at MAC or some other way. Any other items?

Gorin: You have not had occasion, but Springs MAC had unfortunate public comment. Dropped f bomb, out of control, disrespectful, MAC and Caltrans staff felt threatened. Springs MAC will be talking about code of civility on agenda, similar to board, maybe have training on how to deal with comments that are out of control. If want to have that discussion, just very briefly.

Dawson: Good to nip in bud. Better to have thought about it before happens.

Nardo Morgan: Commenter upset about SDC?

Gorin: Mostly upset about Verano intersection. Out of control. Need to have some kind of boundaries. Conversation on how to diffuse, conversation among yourselves.

## 9. Adjourn

Resolution

Nardo Morgan: First

Oldroyd: Second

Motion to adjourn unanimous 4-0: 7:24pm

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Note: Consideration of agenda items will proceed as follows:

1. Presentation
2. Questions by Councilmembers
3. Questions and comments from the public
4. Response by presenter, if required
5. Comments by Councilmembers
6. Resolution, if indicated

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