

County of Placer
FORESTHILL FORUM

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Minutes – April 6, 2015
Foresthill Municipal Advisory Council
Foresthill Memorial Hall, Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park

Members Present:

Chase Dowling, Chair
Sheryl Petersen, Vice-Chair
Larry Jordan
Sharon Page
Duane Frink
Michael Whittle
Gail McCafferty

County Staff Present:

Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor, District 5
Terry Ivaldi, Placer County
Paula David, Contract Secretary

Members Absent: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The regular meeting of the Forum was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Chase Dowling.
2. **ROLL CALL PERFORMED BY CONTRACT SECRETARY-** A quorum of the Board was present.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The Forum was led in the Pledge by Chair Chase Dowling.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 2, 2015-**

MOTION: Approve minutes from March as written.
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5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 6, 2015-**

MOTION: Approve Agenda as presented.
PETERSEN/ FRINK UNANIMOUS 7-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT-

- Larry Jordan announced the fundraiser on April 19, "Peppermint Patty for Sage", for the purchase of a service dog;
- Gail McCafferty mentioned the American Legion Auxiliary Spring Craft Fair on April 11;
- Chase Dowling mentioned the Iowa Hill Chili Cook-off on May 9.

7. FORUM MEMBER COMMENTS—See above

8. **COUNTY UPDATE-** Supervisor Montgomery reported:

- Board of Supervisors: adopted a resolution to execute a contract for evaluation of high collision tendency roads for possible installation of safety signs;
- Adopted two fuel reduction management programs, at Mosquito Ridge Road and Todd Valley Pond;
- Discussed possible closure of two Placer County libraries (not Foresthill);
- Received the final report on Placer County homelessness;
- At last meeting took action to ban e-cigarettes in County buildings and cars
- Came to an agreement with FPUD on keeping median plantings thriving considering water restrictions.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS -

- A. Placer County Sheriff's Department-** Deputy Sheriff Bill Walton reported 84 calls for service, 14 priority one, 19 priority two; several stolen cars have been recovered; arrests have been made of people hanging from the Foresthill Bridge and posting pictures of themselves on social media; reminded people to please call for patrols if you have concerns regarding your neighborhood.
- B. CHP-** None
- C. Foresthill Fire Protection District/Fire Safe Council –** Chris Reams, Fire District Board of Directors, reported on the recent structure fire and presented an argument in favor of a County-controlled fire agency. Chief Ian Gow reported 75% of calls received have been medical, and they will be having their budget meeting next week. Gary Kirk reported the structure fire was considered highly suspicious and a suspect is in custody.
- D. US Forest Service-** Victor Lyon reported:
- Proscribed burning has been stopped;
 - They will be up to 7-day per week staffing by the end of the week;
 - American Fire salvage project is approximately 75% complete;
 - Campgrounds will be opening in April and May, the Forest Service will be operating the campgrounds, rather than a concessionaire.

10. COMMUNITY REPORTS-

- A. Foresthill Chamber of Commerce:** Laura Nelson reported:
- Poker Tournament was successful;
 - Lodging and Tourist Committee is underway;
 - Scott Nelson mentioned the Golf Tournament on May 30th.
- B. Foresthill Public Utility District:** Sherri Wicks reported that revenue is up 14% over the past year, while water delivery is down approximately 36%. The next board meeting is on Wednesday at 2:00 pm.
- C. Bioenergy Meetings update:** Duane Frink reported they have received the final feasibility and value-added reports and they will be made available to the public.

11. INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS-

- A. Placer County Visitor's Bureau – Destination Placer:** Executive Director Mora Rowe presented a Power Point presentation discussing statistics on tourism in Placer county, previously overlooked activities, such as hunting and fishing, how to share tourism information, outreach goals and current partners.

12. ACTION ITEM

- A. Placer County Winery Ordinance Update:**
Senior Planner Sheri Conway presented the update, discussing the current ordinance, the changes proposed by County staff, and additional considerations

asked by the local Vintner's Association. Several Forum members asked clarifying questions regarding the ordinance proposals, then the comments were opened to the audience. Marilyn Jasper of the Sierra Club voiced their objections, and Stuart Perry of Fawnridge Winery spoke of his support and handed in a petition of over 200 signatures supporting the vintner's requests. Tina and Craig Wilkins, Villa Castellano, also spoke of their support.

Each Forum member spoke of their opinion, mostly supportive with a few comments of concern regarding noise and the public use of private roads.

MOTION: Support adoption of the proposals made by the Vintner's Association as presented on slides 3, 4, and 5 of the Power Point presentation.

WHITTLE/ FRINK 6 YES, 0 NO 1 ABSTAIN (PAGE)

MOTION: Support proposals made by the Planning Commission (slides 6, 7) where no vintner's proposals have been presented.

FRINK/ PAGE UNANIMOUS 7-0

13. **FUTURE BUSINESS, CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS—**
Next meeting is scheduled for May 4. Ken Grehm, bridge in Iowa Hill may be on agenda.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Submitted by Contract Secretary Paula David