

County of Placer
FORESTHILL FORUM

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Minutes – July 12, 2010
Foresthill Municipal Advisory Council

Members Present:

Roy West, Chair
Sharon Page, Vice Chair
Gail McCafferty
Michael Whittle

County Staff Present:

Pat Malberg, Field Representative, District 5
Paula David, Contract Secretary

Members Absent:

Luana Dowling, Duane Frink, Larry Jordan

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The regular meeting of the Forum was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Roy West.
2. **ROLL CALL PERFORMED BY CONTRACT SECRETARY-** A quorum of the board was present.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Chairman Roy West led the Forum in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 7, 2010-**

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of June 7, 2010, as written.

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5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR JULY 12, 2010**

MOTION: Approve agenda.

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6. **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Amy Bakker, of Seniors First, a federally funded program based in Auburn, announced they will be starting Meals on Wheels in Foresthill. Volunteer drivers are in place, as well as food storage requirements; they are now looking for clients. She urged people to take a flyer and get the word out.

7. **COUNTY UPDATE-** Field Rep Pat Malberg updated the Forum on the following:

- A. Bath Tower Project: contract has been awarded and construction should start soon, as soon as the tower is up it will be made ready for reception;
- B. The letter from Attorney Scott Finley in response to last meeting's inquiry regarding the County/FROG lawsuit is available for perusal;
- C. There will be a workshop for the Vet's Hall Board on August 23 at 10:00 am;

- D. Update on Primary Election results: Jack Duran is replacing Rocky Rockholm in District I, and Kathy Martinis was re-elected Auditor/Controller;
- E. Budget Review by BOS: there will be public hearings on August 17 and 18 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and August 24 if needed. The final budget will be voted on by the end of September;
- F. Chipper Program now requires a \$40 cost sharing fee;
- G. County Projects:
 - 1. Belcara—the preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration is on hold pending resolution of mitigation for impacts to site woodlands;
 - 2. Blackhawk rezone—in environmental review, after several more steps it will be presented as an Action Item before the Forum;
 - 3. Foresthill Heights—environmental review is complete, now waiting for entitlements application;
 - 4. Gissy Minor Land division—withdrawn by applicant.
- H. Jennifer participated in the July 4th celebration in the park and had a wonderful time.
- I. Jennifer wanted to send her condolences on the passing of Carmen Wilson.

8. **FORUM MEMBERS COMMENTS**-Roy West pointed out the correspondence binder available on the back table; Sharon Page asked for an update of the Russian Hermitage.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS-

- A. **Foresthill Fire Protection District/Fire Safe Council**- No report
- B. **Placer County Sheriff's Department** – Sergeant Walton reported 303 calls, four priority 1, 12 priority 2. There were two Search and Rescue incidents recently with successful endings. The Cops and Coffee event at Foresthill Joe's was very well attended and successful. They plan on having another one.
- C. **CHP**- Eric Karla reported statistics from May 1 to present: 9 collisions, 5 on Foresthill Road, 3 in area or on city streets, one on Forest Service roads; 2 DUI arrests. He asked that people keep contacting the office for service as the contacts establish the need for continued staffing of the area, which to date remains well staffed. Officer Karla received comments from the audience regarding weekend drivers on Foresthill Road between Moshiron and Monte Verde--they drive too fast and there have recently been several accidents as a result.
- D. **U.S. Forest Service**- Chris Fischer reported:
 - There have been multiple lightning strikes, but no resulting fires;
 - Watch out for increased truck traffic due to logging;
 - Campgrounds and staging areas at Sugar Pine are at capacity on weekends, not so much at French Meadows. There have been injuries and accidents because of all the people;
 - French Meadows spillway widening project is on-going, but with no impact on recreation use;
 - He introduced Victor Lyon, the new wildlife biologist on staff.

10. COMMUNITY REPORTS-

A. **Foresthill Chamber of Commerce-** Rhonda Armstrong reported:

- The Home and Business Showcase on May 22 was well-attended;
- Farmer's Market resumed on 6/9, 4:00-7:00 pm, including Peddler's Fair;
- COC coordinated the park booths on July 4th, another successful event;
- Classic Car Show and Rally scheduled for July 18 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm;
- Heritage Festival will be on September 4th and 5th;
- Tourism Committee has produced a brochure currently available on the website;
- COC has purchased a full-page ad in the Placer County Visitor's Guide;
- They are working on facilitating a bartering service;
- Next regular meeting is on July 14, and a mixer is scheduled for July 30.

B. Foresthill PUD- Roy West reported the next board meeting will be this Wednesday, the 14th, and a special meeting on Thursday to discuss the proposed rate increase, which will be at Memorial Hall; there will be three board seats open in the next election.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS-

A. **Parks Project Sub-Committee--**

- Crafters will be at the next meeting to discuss the proposed benches in front of the hall;
- Park benches will be installed by the Boy Scouts (2 table/bench combos);
- The kiosk in the parking lot will be moved next to the fire bear carving;
- Sebastian will be coming to next meeting to discuss the installation of security cameras;
- There was concern expressed that the County Parks Commission could possibly reallocate the approximately \$17,000 left in the park funds;
- County is proposing an additional BBQ/picnic area elsewhere in the park.

12. INFORMATION/ NON-ACTION ITEMS-

A. **Proposed Changes to Code Enforcement Process, George Rosasco, Supervising Planner, Placer County Planning Department,**

Mr. Rosasco handed out a flow chart of the current code enforcement process, emphasizing that enforcement is complaint-driven. Proposed is the addition of a hearing officer, the goal is to get people to comply.

B. **Foresthill 4-H Activities, Jo Ellen Sellers, 4-H President**

Ms. Sellers explained the activities available to area kids, ages 5-high school, through 4-H. They are an all-volunteer organization sponsored by the County and UC Davis.

C. Start Smart Update, Dave Martinez, will be postponed to a future meeting.

13. ACTION ITEMS-

A. **Foresthill Library – Community Recommendation**

Steve Stevenson, Friends of the Library, was asked by Chairman West to present an overview of the library funding issue; Forum members and the community in general seemed to be overwhelmingly in support of the library being located at this site; Pat Malberg reminded people not to get ahead of themselves, even if the County purchased the site, it still might not be used for the library.

MOTION: Recommend to Board of Supervisors that the County purchase the PCWA property with the intention of it being used for the Foresthill Library.

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14. FUTURE BUSINESS, CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS- The next meeting will be on August 2, 2010.

15. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Contract Secretary Paula David