



North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council
 NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND AGENDA
 In Person Meeting: Mayflower Hall
 5311 O'Donnell Ln, Glen Ellen, CA 95442
July 16, 2024
5:30 PM



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

Start: 5:35pm

Eagles: Good evening, welcome. Call to order. Pledge, land acknowledgement, roll.

Galindo: 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.

Present: Dawson, Dickey, Eagles, Galindo, Nardo Morgan, Newhouser, Peña

Absent: None

2. Approval of June 18, 2024 minutes

Resolution

Eagles: Any amendments to minutes?

Motion

First: Dickey

Second: Newhouser

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3. Public Comment

Receive

(Limited to items not appearing on the agenda)

Eagles: Any public comment on items not appearing on agenda?

Nardo Morgan: Glen Ellen Historical Society on Saturday will be having lecture in this room, presentation on historic cemetery at SDC.

No public comment.

4. Supervisor Gorin Update

Receive

Eagles: Supervisor Gorin joining us via Zoom?

Whitman: Not here yet, we can take after item 5.

5. Warm Springs Road Traffic Calming Proposal (15mins)

Receive

- Receive presentation from Councilmember Dawson on ideas for traffic calming measures for Warm Springs Road

Eagles: Councilmember Dawson is going to lead this item.

Dawson: Personal background, lived on Warm Springs Rd for 35 years, been able to cut through O'Donnell and walk into town back way, avoiding road where cars go fairly fast. A year and a half ago, somebody bought property behind me, tried to talk to him about leaving pedestrian pass through, he refused. County suggested go to planning commission meeting, said we don't do things like that, have to talk to regional parks. Started thinking about some ways make the situation incrementally better. Warm Springs Rd, but also bigger idea, pedestrian friendly community and designating Glen Ellen as that. Basic format, going to talk about the problem, pedestrian and covers cyclist safety to some extent too. Toward the end, talk about existing improvements and possible improvements, could brainstorm more. In my mind, three issues: speed, space, and awareness, both of drivers, cyclists, pedestrians themselves. Pedestrian fatalities and injuries have been getting worse in California the last ten years. Gotten slightly better since the pandemic. This is all from the California Department of Transportation. If you get hit by car at these speeds, your chance of dying or serious injury. Warm Springs, 30 mph doesn't seem that fast, if hit pedestrian, chance of being killed 1/4, chance of serious injury 1/2. Reverse is also true, if slightly decrease your speed, significant increase in safety. Lack of space, if I'm coming through here on foot, somebody is coming I'll step off the road.

Newhouser: Utilities are very close?

Dawson: Telephone poles. County has designated Warm Springs Rd as class two bikeway in the future. Imagine fitting a four foot shoulder for a bikeway, impossible. Lack of awareness, started wearing white hat, want people to see me. People from the Olea Inn, seen them wander down Warm Springs Rd into town for dinner. Not really aware, dangerous. Looking down toward Arnold, intersection with Henno Rd. 25 mph advisory sign, shows intersection coming up. Other side much more poorly signed. How come 25 mph advisory going one way, 30 mph the other way? Inconsistent, supposed to go 25 or 30? Think Janice Thompson in the Transportation Department could tell us, what's easy to change, what's the low hanging fruit? Best practices in state literature, speed limit shouldn't change more than every half mile at the most. Idea going to come back to, what if we could designate core of Glen Ellen as pedestrian friendly community? Encourage drivers and pedestrians to be more aware, more safe. Here's an inspiring tale from downtown: few years ago, Janice Thompson was here, cross this crosswalk probably 20 times a week. Came out really quickly to repaint the crosswalk. Year later, placement of crosswalk sign was behind tree, people going past the market could see it. Asked county to reverse signs, came out and reversed sign, does feel quite a bit safer now. Not perfect, but incremental improvement. Way I want to think about this, lots of incremental improvements over time. One idea, move that 30 mph sign up the hill to the Chauvet intersection. One thing I want to ask Janice Thompson, can the MAC purchase signs, put them up or have the county put them up? Advisory signs, maybe much less red tape than changing the speed limit. Rumble strips, one out on Bennett Valley Rd, small incremental improvement to remind people to slow down. Really want to hear other people's ideas, last thing I'll say, mention a couple things. Bunch of things that already happened - stop sign at Chauvet and Arnold. One thing MAC could do, declare Glen Ellen core as pedestrian friendly community, put in a letter to transportation department. No specific actions, just a framework we can work under this umbrella. Leave it there, any questions or further ideas?

Dickey: We have franchise easements on both sides of Warm Springs Rd. Clearly undeveloped. How does county respond when question about it?

Eagles: What's a franchise easement?

Dickey: When develop county roads, have to provide along the roadway for power poles, underground lines, sewer lines, water lines, gas lines, all in those franchise easements. Oftentimes you'll see property owner build right up onto roadway. Created fenced inside property that's inside that easement. All the way to Bennett Valley some kind of easement. Right along Warm Springs, both sides, a lot of ground there.

Dawson: Not flat though.

Dickey: But it's owned by the county. Let's say decided to build some kind of walking path, does not have to be poured concrete, gravel, something nice and side, clearly defined.

Dawson: Let's walk it sometime. Places could not put walking path, bike trail. Amount of development it would require, money, would be ridiculous.

Nardo Morgan: Difficult, have walked it a lot, some places that are just terrible.

Newhouser: Respectfully disagree. Think county should reclaim that land, even in areas where uneven, bridge too narrow. First step is to reclaim it. Fences keep getting built in that setback. Some grandfathered in, some gone through Permit Sonoma, I've gotten letters of those public notices building the fences in the right of way. Lose that setback. My question, when the county allows these developments to occur in the setback, can it ever be reclaimed? Losing it in perpetuity? I would aim high, don't shoot down suggestions as they come in, aspire to have pedestrian friendly community. Compromise could be that it's on one side, at least for pedestrians. Other comment has to do with speed limits, have been practicing driving slower. If do 20 mph on Warm Springs Rd, doesn't take long for cars to pile up behind you. I've done that, tendency is to want to speed up. If going to push for lower speed limits, don't want just the core. Extend out to Sonoma Mountain Rd.

Nardo Morgan: Agree with Mark on this. What I want to know, any indication that this can actually happen? What are the steps to take?

Dawson: Great to aim high, but also means amount of effort required to get there, years and years. Not willing to wait that decades. We should all walk it sometime, looking for incremental improvement.

Newhouser: Why can't we do both?

Dawson: Can, this is where we start though. Can put out the big picture, but in the meantime, let's do some other things.

Nardo Morgan: What are the steps?

Dawson: In my mind, on Warm Springs, get the signage up. That stuff seems easy to me, if county would allow us to put up advisory sign, could be in a month or two. Don't want to make perfection enemy of the good.

Eagles: Just answers what your tactical priorities would be. In terms of process, do you want the MAC to consider a letter for September? Janice due to speak with us in September?

Whitman: Yes, confirmed for September. Whatever ideas you coalesce around tonight can be presented to her in September.

Dawson: Would be willing to write the letter. Term as council member pretty much up, willing to hang in a little longer to get this started. To further answer your question, couple years ago surveyed roads which ones in need of fixing. Why not if had this pedestrian friendly community umbrella, every year MAC could say, where are we going to focus this year? Slow process, incremental improvements can be significant over time. Have to be patient.

Nardo Morgan: One thing that could really help, local businesses to sign on. Tourists wandering in the street in middle of the night, tons of tourists, don't know what they're doing. If get them on board with you, maybe the church, people that live nearby.

Newhouser: Want to help too. Did have Janice Thompson before, some of these questions came up before. I've worked with her on Firehouse Triangle Project, think she responds best to actual plan, proposal. Gives them something to really react to, more likely to actually respond. So busy, so much work to do. Happy to help out, keen interest in this. Low hanging fruit getting paint on asphalt. If county not willing to fund it, we can fund it. Thank you for doing this.

Nardo Morgan: Flashing stop sign, supposed to be by store?

Dawson: Not specific, one of the ideas.

Nardo Morgan: Another idea, rather than stop sign, there's a thing by Boys and Girls Club, walk across and the whole thing is blinking. Think people pay more attention to that than a stop sign. Get stores and lodge to sign a petition, say we support this.

Dawson: Appreciate all the ideas, looking at the low hanging fruit. Things like four foot bike lane, years in the future.

Eagles: You mentioned that could break it down by road, I like your vision of Glen Ellen walkable community, pieces make sense in that context, strong way to approach it.

Dickey: Like Mark said, having a plan available to them. Don't want to dictate terms to them as go along. Having that as an aspiration for them, allowing them the latitude to create what can be done. Part of job to identify those easements.

Nardo Morgan: Is this something you could submit to the general plan.

Newhouser: Could be a part of the design guidelines.

Dawson: What's the timeline?

Eagles: Ways away.

Newhouser: Nice component. One last comment, based on what Matt just said. Not only having plan to bring to Public Infrastructure, know there is going to be pushback. Not going to be able to do lots of things. From experience, if have Supervisor's support, goes a long way. Going to have to get our new Supervisor.

Nardo Morgan: When write up proposal, would link it to 30 by 30, climate change. Walkable communities, releasing carbon.

Dawson: Would like to enlist county as partner in this, better to come in with general idea, or better to have a plan. Do they feel too directed if say something like that?

Dickey: Speed limits are established by CHP, they dictate terms. Lowering and raising speed limit determined by traffic counts. Prolonged effort.

Dawson: Thinking advisory signs don't require nearly as much bureaucracy.

Dickey: Don't have much enforcement capacity either.

Dawson: How often does anyone enforce speed limit out here?

Dickey: They will if call CHP and complain.

Newhouser: Can talk strategy later. Want to have very specific plan. In narrative, can talk about options. If not speed limits, could be traffic calming devices. Different ways to achieve result.

Eagles: Agree, don't want to lock them in. But state objectives very clearly, then options.

Dawson: Something in the state literature establishing speed limits, have to study in more detail. Pedestrian safety is consideration.

Eagles: Thank you, can we move to public comment?

Public Comment 1: Katie Everidge, live on Warm Springs Rd. Heard about this through an email Arthur sent. I've been tracking, see the Olea people, huge groups walking in middle of the road, dangerous. When people going up the hill, start gassing it. On other side, people coming down. And pedestrians in the middle of the road, not wise to how dangerous it is. See it all the time, one of the first photos Arthur showed, see there's a curb on the side, ditch, able to put in ditches and culverts there. Had to put in curves because was flooding the road. The number of people I see walking that balance beam part of the road, started taking pictures. Love the idea of rumble strips. There's been accidents in front of my house, have people so distracted coming down that road, have address sign, people have crashed into it two times. A lot of areas besides Warm Springs that I also walk and are very dangerous. Lots of people would love opportunity to walk down to the market, downtown. Agree with going up to Sonoma Mountain, maybe have a sign there saying now entering pedestrian area. Maybe Arnold all the way to SDC 25 instead of 40, then goes to 30. Used to be 25 mph in the last few years.

Dawson: Happened on Madrone?

Eagles: Yes. Katie, want to give suggestions?

Everidge: Bennett Valley perfect example, have the incident signs. Something like an incident sign, pedestrian signs, rumble strips or cups on the road. Sign that shows your speed. Would love if cops could patrol, but where would they park? As far as trying to make safer for pedestrians, could make one side? Even putting up those plastic reflective bollards, so when walking, feel like have safe zone, drivers see.

Dickey: Wonder if Olea does any advocacy for safety with guests?

Nardo Morgan: No.

Dawson: When I was fighting for this pedestrian pass through, did send letter to county when I asked them to.

Eagles: Back to public comment.

Public Comment 2: Nancy Padian, on O'Donnell. My question, how you frame it: why are you not presenting data about cyclists? Have data on pedestrian accidents, why don't have data about bikes?

Dawson: Haven't looked into it, I think all things for pedestrians would also benefit.

Padian: I think you should add that. Another dangerous area, crosswalk when you're going from the post office to the park. Looks like the cars going as fast as they can, no enforcement whatsoever, really infuriating.

Eagles: Bridge is basically one big rumble strip.

Public Comment 3: Bean Anderson, couple of comments, first think that Katie has talked herself onto committee with Mark and Arthur. Two, totally agree with Mark and disagree with Arthur. This should be a plan and a proposal, let them say I can't do it as opposed to assuming they can't. Third, when bicyclists had no protection in San Francisco, what did they do? Road in the streets, drove everyone crazy. Now San Francisco is full of amazing bike lanes, all kinds of stuff. If want to raise awareness, another factor is to march down the street.

Dawson: Idea, after the meeting, those who are still here all we have to do is walk a minute.

Whitman: Kate, Supervisor Gorin wants to jump in.

Gorin: Apologize, today's meeting ran long, thought just participate virtually. Really wanted to be here to participate in this conversation. Want to thank Arthur, council's comments, community comments. Would say yes to all of the above. Think would be helpful is sit down and draft something, put it down on paper, maybe with a map. Know that I talked with our Deputy Director Janice Thompson, she's scheduled to be at your MAC meeting in September. You may remember that I put in a board budget request to hire a consultant to work with the community on traffic calming, board said don't have money for it. Working with folks at the county to identify somewhat expensive mitigations for SDC, such as a traffic circle. Joe and I have been riding our bike to Glen Ellen, routinely travel from Oakmont down highway 12, Dunbar Rd to Henno Rd, turn left into Glen Ellen. Do the reverse, Warm Springs all the way up. Know exactly what it feels like to be a cyclist. Most traffic pretty courteous. Arthur was my safety guard, we walked along Warm Springs Rd, eyeballed maybe a route for pedestrian connection. Important to start conversation on circulation element and the planning for Glen Ellen for the General Plan update. Having this discussion at the perfect time. Could be included in General Plan, design guidelines, all of the above. The important thing is, put it down on paper. Rules are changing, need to know from traffic engineer not always doable. We have to recognize, don't highway patrol at every corner. Thank you for your comments, my advice is to codify as much as possible the suggestions, then have conversation with Janice.

Dawson: Thank you Susan.

Eagles: Can close out this item if no further comments.

Gorin: Just want to say you are absolutely correct about guests staying at Olea Hotel, vacation rentals, live in la la land, have no idea about speed of traffic. Know how difficult it is to walk on side of road. Maybe have no parking zone on one side, pave that, or gravel it.

Eagles: Any other public comments?

No further public comment.

(Continued Item 4) Supervisor Gorin Update

Receive

Gorin: Talked about some of the budget items. There were some items funded, including pilot project at East Sonoma County Services Center. Navigator position there, and negotiating with the landlord for tenant improvements, to make it easier for departments to have county employees there to serve the needs of the community. Human Services working with Catalyst Fund to hold workshop working with service providers to work with their clients to fill out applications for eligibility assistance, perhaps on a Saturday. May be the number one need for the community, get people registered for benefits. Not easy, hoping for October, need to thank Catalyst fund for offering this up. Their goal is food security. Next item that did not get funded is an evacuation analysis of Los Guilicos, trying it a different way. Board recognizes it's not just District 1, it's a county asset. Know we heard from Bean and Alice about fire evacuation study, hope to build on that, potentially tap some sources of funding to get that fully funded. Yes I did appear at Sebastiani Theater to watch Small is Beautiful, it's worthy, pulls on our heart strings, not yet sure that that's based in reality. But I'm very concerned about the fire evacuation analysis, and hope it will help to inform opinions on the CAC, BZA, and the future board. I will admit a moment of weakness threatening to retire early, all of the projects that I've been working on will not come forward until next year. Did get board approval for some new vacation rental exclusion zones. Did not yet get votes on public art plan, hope that comes forward at some point so you can weigh in on that. TOT amendments on the ballot in November; right now we have uneven collection for different groups of folks, could not get four fifths vote, disappointing couldn't get that on the ballot. James Gore as you've read in the paper elected NACo president, doing good things. Morning agenda, may have read, the board direction to change the designation of our parks rangers from peace officers to public officers. Reality is, job descriptions are not going to change much. A lot of the things that they are legitimately concerned about, medical response, reality is number of parks have doubled over last ten or so years, park rangers call in deputy sheriffs a lot to handle many of the incidents that they are not able to handle. That is really why the board has been working with regional parks the last year to negotiate with labor groups, develop protocol manual. If you have some questions, can look at latter part of the consent calendar item on the video today.

Eagles: Councilmembers, any questions?

Galindo: Can you clarify the first part of the Sonoma Hub, working with the Catalyst Fund?

Gorin: Appointed Elise Gonzalez as their food security coordinator. Have reached out to La Luz Center, SOS, Vintage House, FISH, number of other organizations to help the clients you all serve. Because challenged to apply for eligibility and food assistance. An experiment, asking eligibility workers to come in on a Saturday to work with clients of the organizations, contact person from the organization will come in with the clients they are serving, so very efficient process. Hopefully it will be much faster response for folks in the Valley.

Galindo: You had mentioned last time there was a challenge countywide as to why they didn't have that service run a little more smoothly. County working on that?

Gorin: Just chatted briefly with Angela Struckmann, working to expand hours of eligibility workers, recruit bilingual eligibility workers at the services center. More eligibility workers meeting the needs of our community as we go forward. Some changes in progress.

Eagles: Anyone else? No more from councilmembers, anyone here from the public? On Zoom?

No public comment.

Eagles: Thank you Supervisor Gorin.

6. Letter to Sonoma County Public Infrastructure: O'Donnell Bridge (15mins)

Resolution

- Review draft letter to Sonoma County Public Infrastructure summarizing community input from June 18 NSV MAC meeting on future O'Donnell Bridge usage and access

Eagles: Just to set this up a little bit, last week had big discussion about the bridge. Had a lot of comment from the community about what they might like to see, what the concerns were. Drafted a letter, MAC rules we can't collaborate on the letter in advance of the meeting. Basically, I wrote the letter, edit away. Went back, listened to the transcript. Not meant to be exhaustive of all the comments, hope it reflected the main comments. Know there are suggested changes from councilmembers.

Whitman: I can introduce those briefly, saw that Supervisor Gorin has her hand raised.

Gorin: Thank you for the good conversation last month. Did have good conversation with Deputy Director Thompson, relayed comments and concerns people had. She immediately contacted Chief Akre. Good news, had update from Chief Akre yesterday, all of the concerns you had about evacuation, improving the look of the bridge so can get rid of the sawhorses, all doable. He recommended it be a bollard that is not locked, could simply pick it up and move it for flexibility during the parade, evacuation, etc. He's pleased to be included in the conversation, just wanted to let you know that the anticipated issues may not be issues at all. Encourage you to invite both Steve Akre and Janice for discussion in September.

Eagles: Ask a question, is it worth sending the letter regardless? Don't know that's it's anything especially surprising. Any harm in sending?

Gorin: No, it codifies the comments and concerns expressed last month, I think that's your role. Can just say I understand that Deputy Director Thompson is already in conversation with Chief Akre and that solutions are being worked on. Just acknowledge the work that's being done.

Eagles: Maybe we can add that at the end.

Whitman: Would you first like me to review the changes that were submitted by council members to me in advance of the meeting?

Eagles: Sounds great.

Whitman: Chair Eagles sent me a strikethrough. A suggestion from Councilmember Newhouser to add to bulleted list, suggestion from Councilmember Nardo Morgan to add sentence.

Gorin: Would suggest correct spelling of O'Donnell Ln.

Eagles: Mark let's keep second bullet in mind. Sounds like if have removable bollard, would allow temporary access.

Newhouser: Remains to be seen whether or not what Chief Akre said is allowed by county. If they don't vehicles on it, they don't want vehicles on it. Important to know what they are comfortable.

Eagles: Do you mean they could cross any time?

Newhouser: To address a concern that was raised when the roads are closed, which from my understanding is once a year for the fair.

Eagles: Wanted to make sure I was clear. Bullet would go in and take the other sentence out.

Newhouser: Do we want to talk the No Parking signs? Thought that was a good discussion from the audience last time, didn't see that reflected.

Eagles: Was discussion of whether talk to the church about parking, wasn't sure if I had that right. If makes sense to residents, leave in.

Newhouser: For clarity, parking opposite side of the road from the church?

Anderson: Could be both, but mostly the opposite side, which usually doesn't happen except on Sundays or during the fair.

Eagles: Take Councilmember Newhouser's two bullets, add them to the first page, and clean up redundancies? Any comments?

Nardo Morgan: Looks good.

Eagles: And if you guys like the bullet point that says no parking better, good with me.

Newhouser: Vegetation trimming could be added a bullet, for an action item.

Eagles: Might just identify who reaches out.

Newhouser: Don't think we need to have that in there. Actually leave it like that, leaves it open to whether the county does it or the neighbors.

Eagles: Angela, your comment, we talked about historical significance, because not directly pertinent to access and usage didn't mention it, happy to put that in.

Nardo Morgan: Good knowledge to have.

Dawson: Is funding for the bridge repair identified?

Eagles: Supervisor Gorin can respond to that, my understanding was Caltrans doesn't want much to do with it, no timeline or funding identified by county at this time.

Dawson: Pretty sure police know who hit the bridge, what if county said you need to pay for this? Think that person should be approached.

Newhouser: Outside the purview of the MAC.

Dawson: If taking ideas for county to act on, maybe that could be an idea.

Dickey: Not going to require him to repair it to current standards. One of the reasons they want to close it, because even if do the repairs, doesn't really satisfy current standards.

Nardo Morgan: Historic landmark, maybe grant money?

Eagles: Supervisor Gorin said last time, not that going to be hugely expensive or that funding will never be identified, just not on the short list now.

Newhouser: Think it's lovely Angela suggested adding cultural and historical element. And also, don't know if mention in the intro, how important it is for pedestrian egress?

Whitman: Still have Councilmember Nardo Morgan's section, if could get direction as to where you want that to go.

Eagles: At the end?

Newhouser: Close by saying, this bridge is culturally and historically significant, very important to the community, we'd like to see its continued use be preserved. Preserved and maintained for future public use.

Eagles: Could add, per Supervisor Gorin mentioned earlier, Deputy Director Thompson and Fire Chief Akre have started discussions, Supervisor Gorin?

Gorin: We understand that discussions already are occurring between Sonoma County Fire and Sonoma County Public Infrastructure on resolving some of the issues and look forward to future report addressing some of these concerns.

Eagles: Councilmembers, good with that? Public comment?

Public Comment 1: Debbie Lammers, live on Henno, thanks to Susan in a brief connection a while back, the corner that is used as adjunct parking lot is actually private property. Connected to lot across the street. Certainly encourage any expenditures to put in mirrors, encourage property owner to manage the vegetation. Very difficult left turn.

Public Comment 2: Katie Everidge, maybe a bullet trying to enforce the vegetation?

Gorin: Regarding the vegetation, might send a note to Steve Akre, take action on getting property owner to take care of the grass. County can work with the property owner on installing a pole with a concave mirror, so mirrors on both sides of Henno Rd. Vegetation is one, line of sight also important there.

Lammers: Would that be something the county would be able to manage, even though it is private property?

Gorin: Have been working with neighbors on Plum Ranch Rd, want concave mirror as it intersects with Calistoga. Is a way, work with the neighbors, we pay for the encroachment permit. Put that on your pedestrian suggestions.

Dawson: Writing it down now.

Eagles: Hannah, this is going to Janice Thompson, yes? Can copy Chief Akre.

Lammers: Cc to others should include whoever most appropriate to work with property owners to make that intersection safer.

Peña: How does the vegetation have to do with the bridge?

Eagles: Bridge limited to access on one point only, road getting more use, issues getting in and out more noticeable.

Lammers: Henno on both sides of Warm Springs.

Everidge: Go to bullet three, remove the word possibly. Then, going back to bullet points underneath it, if we can combine those, repeating trims vegetation twice. Advising bridge weight limit but bridge is still closed?

Eagles: Wasn't sure what the ask was.

Everidge: Some people's desire is to keep it vehicular bridge, to keep integrity of the bridge, weight limit. Since that's not what's being said, maybe don't need to say weight limit. Do need sign that says closed. Taller sign, closer to the road.

Newhouser: Don't know yet. If the road is determined to be usable for vehicular traffic, add signage.

Everidge: Get what you're saying, are signs. What I think we need is additional sign that indicates bridge closure.

Dickey: May I make a point? Bridge is closed now, because it's not safe. In order to be safe for vehicular traffic, has to be rebuilt and redesigned. Agreed, not going to happen. Looking at mitigation measures, effort to make sure can be used in evacuation and once a year when have fair. That's it. All these other words confuse the fact that it's closed.

Everidge: Put a sign to indicate bridge closure. Then, want to go to comment that was added. Part you crossed out that Kate had written included vehicle traffic for restaurant workers and guests at the Inn. Just on that day, Glen Ellen Fair.

Lammers: When Arnold is closed.

Dawson: Such as, during the Glen Ellen Village Fair.

Everidge: Issue still, quad and ATV.

Eagles: Let's take that out.

Newhouser: Getting into the weeds here, one thing that needs to be corrected is convex mirror, not concave mirror.

Eagles: We can check that. Let's finish public comment.

Lammers: Private ownership at this part of Henno, not full time residents. Won't be easy to deal with property owners if not around.

Eagles: Maybe talk to Chief Akre about that.

Anderson: One thing that's missing, right now, on every map says it's open. Every delivery truck gets confused. Whatever process is to inform Google Maps, say this bridge is closed.

Newhouser: State in clear bullet sentence.

Eagles: Request county reach out to Google Maps.

Newhouser: And make sure corrected, something like that.

Eagles: Add Chief Akre to ccs. Any other comments? Zoom?

No further public comment.

Eagles: Even simple letter never an easy process, thank you.

Motion

First: Dawson

Second: Nardo Morgan

7. Reports and Announcements from Councilmembers and Ad Hocs

Receive

Eagles: Reports and announcements, just informational.

Newhouser: Briefly, Firehouse Triangle Project initiated before end of June, significant progress in last week. Excavation complete, soil amended, rock delivered tomorrow. Moving along.

Nardo Morgan: Susan probably has already heard this, I was on SCALE committee that challenged the EIR for the SDC Specific Plan. Just got letter from Vicki Hill. Keith Rogal resubmitted his plan under builders remedy, county just sent letter to Mr. Rogal that it is incomplete for processing, has to resubmit again.

Dickey: CAC, next week is our meeting. Review a project on Hill Rd for riparian corridor violation. Somebody near bottom of Hill Rd that filled in the creek in part, Fish and Wildlife stepped in and said no. Expedited hearing so that they can go ahead and do approved repairs.

Newhouser: If not mistaken, that's confluence of Asberry Creek. On Sonoma Creek?

Dawson: Asberry's downstream from there quite a bit.

Dickey: Bring it up, curious if anyone has heard anything about it anecdotally.

Eagles: Turning into discussion. Anything else from CAC?

Dickey: Time Freeman appointed county Planning Commissioner, his position as Chairman will be voted on Wednesday. New members, Rebecca Hermosillo stepped down, her replacement sworn in on Wednesday. Assume Susan reviewing applicants for her position.

Eagles: Anything else?

Gorin: Just wanted to provide brief update on SDC. Encourage everybody to review article written by Tracy Salcedo in the Kenwood Press. From the county's perspective, working with plaintiff's attorneys to suggest wording in the permanent writ that will be issued by the judge. Still not been solidified or codified by judge, going out at some point. From board's perspective county's perspective, Specific Plan and EIR successfully litigated and they're dead. Focusing on the revised proposal submitted by Grupe, Eldridge Renewal. Information in article is correct, information provided correct, not an accepted approved application yet to send out. Expect once get technical comments in, may be approved in the future. Will withhold comments on any attitudes I have about the plan. Thank you Matt for serving so well on the CAC, yes Rebecca is stepping down. Busy meeting with all the county departments, met with two Planning Commissioners at my house a week or two ago, talking about SDC, Hanna Center, Springs Specific Plan. Just update on that, Permit Sonoma does not want to bifurcate the release of that plan, and approval of plan, moving it all to 2025. Meaning I can comment with abandon, cannot prejudice myself, I will be retired. Hanna Center project is accepted, has been released to the public, can go online and review that. Will move through the entitlement process. Think EIR is being developed now. Stay tuned.

Eagles: Thank you. Anything else?

Anderson: Like to correct the record, Mark is correct, convex mirror.

Eagles: Comments online?

No public comment.

8. Consideration of items for future agenda

Receive

Eagles: Hannah, would you mind queuing up items we have for September or October?

Whitman: Janice Thompson is confirmed to come back in September. Heard also interest in Chief Akre joining that as well, will reach out. MAC has extended invitation to Rebecca Hermosillo join us in September. Item from last meeting the Emi Thierault, from Permit Sonoma, join us, have not confirmed.

Eagles: Can push some stuff, maybe push Emi back to October.

Whitman: Also, we elect a Chair and Vice Chair every September, that will be coming back as well.

Eagles: May be seeing some change. We can be a nine person body, if you guys or someone you know would like to serve on the MAC, please reach out.

Nardo Morgan: How many joined online?

Whitman: One online attendee.

Eagles: Angela and I were approached by Diana Roton who runs ropes course in SDC, now it's state parks, asked to do a lot of justification. Potentially going to say no more. Agenda for September, not sure in what form. Know we can't discuss that fully now.

Dickey: Long meeting.

Peña: Observation, agenda item scheduled for 15 minutes, lasted an hour, number six, lasted 45 minutes. Just an observation.

Eagles: Fair, tried to tighten this up a little bit, guess we have not succeeded.

Dawson: Idea, other groups I've seen, work through the agenda and don't make it to the end, gets folded over to the next meeting.

Nardo Morgan: Missed the days, here until 9:30 at night.

Newhouser: Really should shoot for two hours max, really try to wrap up sooner.

Peña: Think people should be given opportunity to speak, maybe some kind of time limits.

Eagles: And I won't be Chair anymore!

Dickey: And live editing very time consuming.

Eagles: If no other suggestions for the agenda, public comment?

Lammers: Glen Ellen Forum meeting Monday, August 5. We will have Steve Ostroski, California parks department Bay Area division director. Invited ropes course, not sure if she'll be there. 6:30pm. Talking about land transfer.

Eagles: Any further public comment?

No public comment

9. Adjourn

Resolution

Motion

First: Nardo Morgan

Second: Dawson

End: 7:53pm

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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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