

McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting, ZOOM Platform

Time: February 23, 2022 6:00 PM

Minutes

Approved March 23, 2022

1. **Call to Order: 6:00**

2. **Check Attendance and Call to order 6:00 pm**

Members Present: Maya Conrad, Bonnie Oliver, Pat Kaspari, Lisa Dugan, Twila Sanchez,
Greg Orsini Kevin Dreyer, Kevin Jenkins

Members Absent:

Guests: SGT. Mathew Helm, Humboldt County Sherriff Department; John Ford, Director of Humboldt County Planning Division (HCPD); Michael Richardson, HCPD Supervising Planner; John Miller, HCPD Senior Planner and Tom Mattson, Director, Humboldt County Public Works.

3. **Review & Approve Minutes: January 19, 2022 and January 26, 2022**

The minutes of the January 19, 2022 meetings were reviewed.

VOTE: **Motion** Lisa Dugan **Second** Twila Sanchez

YES: Pat Kaspari, Lisa Dugan, Twila Sanchez, Greg Orsini and Bonnie Oliver.

NO: none

ABSTENTION: Kevin Jenkins

The minutes for the January 26, 2022 meetings were reviewed. A motion was made by and seconded by to approve the minutes as submitted.

VOTE: **Motion** Lisa Dugan **Second** Twila Sanchez

YES: Pat Kaspari, Lisa Dugan, Twila Sanchez, Greg Orsini and Bonnie Oliver,
Kevin Jenkins.

NO: none

ABSTENTION: none

4. **Community Safety Updates:** SGT. Mathew Helm presented a safety up day to the Committee

5. **Public Comment Period for Items not on Agenda:** Mychal Evenson is a candidate for Humboldt County Auditor Controller and introduced himself to the committee.

6. **Event Announcements:** Scott Binder reported on the Trash Bash Saturday, Patrick Kaspari, MCSD Community Forest Open House, both on Saturday. Hillarie Beyer announced the Center in McKinleyville opening soon.

7. Discussion/Information Items

- A. **Town Center Ordinance Central Avenue Options:** (Tom Mattson, Director, Humboldt County Public Works, John Miller, Senior Planner, Humboldt County Planning Division) Discussion to include of review the proposed Central Avenue design revision (4.2.1) included in the Draft McKinleyville Town Center Zoning Regulations (link: [Draft McKinleyville Town Center Zoning Regulations](#)) and Attachment 5 from the memo for the 12-8-2021 MMAC meeting (link: [memo for the 12-8-21 MMAC meeting](#)). Discussion also to include the 23+ email correspondences received on the topic since our last meeting, now posted on <https://humboldt.gov/2564/McKinleyville-Town-Center-Master-Plan> .

Discussions of the Central Ave. cross sections kicked off by John Miller w/ a PowerPoint presentation. Tom Mattson supported John's presentation on the proposed traffic calming concept.

Discussions included two lanes with diagonal parking, the potential of a third center lane instead of a center island and also extending the traffic diet treatment north and south of what was proposed by county staff.

The committee weighed in on their opinions on the road diet as it pertained to walkability and drivability. The next discussion was about the covenants and burden area along Central Ave. in front of the business.

Each member was asked to individually weigh in on their opinions.

Kevin Jenkins: We have heard loud and clear that we must provide for walking and bike safety on Central Avenue. There are legal questions around the Burden Area and the nature of what the County possesses. I would like to see more open area, such as for dining and merchandise.

Twila Sanchez: Walking and biking should be the priority, but I don't understand the concept of the pedestrian access to buildings from the thoroughfare. Don't relinquish the Burden Area, it should be more like community property.

Greg Orsini: Walking and biking should be a priority as long as it does not impede the ability to drive to the Town Center. I would like to hear an answer to Kelly Garrett's question (we need to know what interest the County has in property in the Burden Area)

Lisa Dugan: Walking and biking safety is the priority. I like Kelly Garret's idea and want to see more information.

Pat Kaspari Walking and biking should be a priority, but it is a matter of degree or balance – traffic vs. bikes and pedestrians. We should retain the Burden Area for public purposes.

Maya Conrad: Walking and biking is the priority, that is loud and clear, slow down traffic. I want to hear from County Counsel regarding the Burden Area. If the Burden Area is necessary to achieve multimodal objectives, then retain it.

Kevin Dreyer: Slow traffic, but what comes first? When does the tool to slow traffic get chosen? Regarding the Burden Area, I have trouble with requiring that future uses be consistent with the Zoning. I would like to see flexibility (farmer's market, food court, parklet) or retain for pedestrian and bicycle use.

Bonnie Oliver: Walking and biking is the priority. Regarding the Burden Area, I have to have legal issues hold things up. We should plan to not use for walking and biking. I like the idea of it used for something other than parking...amenities other than parking. What ever County Counsel advises.

Thank you to John Miller for helping fill in the blanks on this section.

No action was taken.

- B. Review of MMAC Subcommittees:** The Landscape Committee hasn't met is some time. Designations for landscaping in focused areas have been discussed with Humboldt Public Works but has been idle for some time.
Homeless Committee to be determined and Lisa Dugan interested in participating.

8. Subcommittee Reports: See Item B

- 9. Board General Comments:** McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Member's Choice Award annual banquet is March 25th at Pearson Park.

Karen Sheehy, Chronic Absenteeism Prevention Coordinator for Northern Humboldt Union School District will be giving a presentation at our March 23 MMAC meeting. She'll discuss her work and how Covid 19 has impacted and continues to impact local school attendance.

Chair Person Oliver announced that she will be arranging for brown Act Training for the committee. Greg Orsini voiced concern that Humboldt County Counsel might be a more appropriate choice for the training. Discussion continued and it was determined that April Sousa would be more than capable of providing basics on the Brown Act. Chair Oliver offered that she would contact County Counsel for feedback on this matter.

- 10. Next Meetings:** Special Meeting March 16, 2021 and Regular Meeting March 23, 2021.

11. Adjournment 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Gregory Orsini