

**McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee**  
**ZOOM PLATFORM - ONLINE MEETING**  
May 26, 2021 6:00 pm

**MINUTES**

**1. Attendance**

Members Present: Maya Conrad, Bonnie Oliver, Twila Sanchez, Barbara Georgianna, Greg Orsini and Kevin Dryer.

Members Absent: Kevin Jenkins

Guests: Steve Madrone, 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor, Sean Campbell, Arcata Fire District Battalion Chief, Andrea Hamre, Jonathan Fisher and David Kack, Western Transportation Institute of Montana State University and Beth Burks of Humboldt County Association of Governments.

**2. Review and approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Twila Sanchez and seconded by Barbara Georgianna to approve the minutes as submitted.

**VOTE:**

YES: Maya Conrad, Barbara Georgianna, Twila Sanchez, Kevin Dreyer and Bonnie Oliver.

NO: none

ABSTENTION: Greg Orsini

**3. Community Safety Updates**

Arcata Fire District Battalion Chief Sean Campbell:

Chief Campbell reported that they have five new recruits that are going through their training academy to fill vacant positions. Maya Conrad asked about concerns related to our state's severe drought and the related fire danger. Chief Campbell discussed the recent brush fires east of McKinleyville and urges residents "If you see smoke call it in" (i.e. call the Arcata Fire District or 911). Chief Campbell also thanked Kevin Jenkins and McKinleyville Ace Hardware for providing security devices to prevent continued theft of flags at the fire stations.

**4. Public Comment Period for Items not on Agenda: none**

**5. Event Announcements:**

- Maya Conrad announced with the State of California lifting the Covid 19 restrictions on June 15 there is a possibility that MMAC could return to in-person meetings. Local Humboldt County Public Health and State guidelines for resuming public meetings will be followed. Stay tuned for more information.
- Maya Conrad shared that Humboldt County has the highest per capita rate of Covid 19 in California and she urged community members to get vaccinated.

- Maya also shared Humboldt County’s “Draft Amendments to the Inland Zoning Ordinance and Local Coastal Program Pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units” and shared a link (which seems to have an error) to the document in the Zoom Chat notes.

## 6. Discussion / Information / Action Items

### A. McKinleyville Transit Study update:

Andrea Hamre, Jonathan Fisher and David Kack (Executive Director) of Western Transportation Institute of Montana State University gave an update and a power point presentation on their Interim Report of the McKinleyville Transit Study. The power point slides included a number of tables and graphics from their report which can be found at: [https://www.mckinleyvilletransitstudy.com/uploads/1/3/3/7/133791725/20210526\\_mckinleyville\\_interim\\_report.pdf](https://www.mckinleyvilletransitstudy.com/uploads/1/3/3/7/133791725/20210526_mckinleyville_interim_report.pdf) . David Kack encouraged everyone to complete their survey at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKBRsCTIL64dWuU1sLf51yUBp1wHOA DVX2dt4wflZaeMbGxQ/viewform> .

- Maya commented that we will need a public relations and education effort to get McKinleyville residents to try new transit options. David Kack agreed that there is a need to educate people on the costs of single car ownership and use and also offer some “carrot and stick” measures (like eliminating free parking) to encourage this cultural shift. Andrea Hamre added that there is already a “culture of sustainability” here in Humboldt County which may make this easier.
- A community member asked whether there was any focus in the data collected on specific population groups within McKinleyville such as students, seniors and those who will be using the services provided at the new Center in McKinleyville.
- Another community member stressed the importance of considering the HSU student population and providing better transit options for those travelling to and from McKinleyville for school or work.
- Kevin Dreyer expressed support for the trial run of a Micro-transit system and noted that the planning should anticipate that the airport in McKinleyville will be getting busier with the addition of two new airlines and new route offerings.
- Greg Orsini said that the data in the report on population and area of McKinleyville does not match MCSD’s current numbers.
- Bonnie Oliver asked whether a Zip Car and/or bike sharing program was considered in the study and whether this might be useful in McKinleyville.

MMAC thanked the Transit Study team for their presentation and work and the Transit Study Team thanked MMAC for the chance to present at the meeting.

### B. McKinleyville Multimodal Project:

Maya Conrad shared the Project Summary and Objectives that were presented in the McKinleyville Multimodal Connections Project Task Force meeting that was held on May 17, 2021. Bonnie Oliver, who attended the zoom meeting, shared some highlights from the participant input session of the meeting. The public input community outreach is planned to begin this summer. Supervisor Madrone stressed that it is McKinleyville’s turn to receive some County funds to implement the recommendations of the Transit and Multimodal Studies.

**C. Rules and Regulations Subcommittee Update:**

Bonnie Oliver shared an updated draft of the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations for the Operation of MMAC and Barbara Georgianna led the discussion to get input on the remaining sections of the document that were not addressed in our April 28, 2021 meeting. The discussion included sections on the position of MMAC Treasurer, Ex Parte Communications, Conflict of Interest, Subcommittees, Responsibilities of the County and Responsibilities of MCSD. Many questions that were raised require input from County Counsel, the Clerk of the Board and the MCSD General Manager. The Rules and Regulations Subcommittee will pursue getting input from these parties.

**7. Subcommittee Reports:**

Twila Sanchez reported that she and Barbara Georgianna met as the Subcommittee on Homelessness. She shared information about the ongoing community efforts to meet the needs of the homeless including daily meals, weekly distribution of personal care items, two little free pantries and three B & B portable toilet facilities. “Project Room Key” is ongoing to provide motel rooms and True North is meeting with the Arcata House Partnership to discuss a “Tough Sheds” installation on Boyd Road in Arcata that could also serve some of McKinleyville’s homeless folks. Kevin Dreyer added that the local schools are also providing free meals to families in McKinleyville.

Greg Orsini reported that the Roadside Landscaping Committee has not met since the April 28, 2021 meeting.

**8. Board general comments: none**

**9. Next Meeting**

Our next regular MMAC meeting will be Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The format is to be announced.

**10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Oliver