

McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee
Minutes
August 28, 2019
Azalea Conference Center
McKinleyville Middle School

Approved 9/11/2019

Members Present: Barbara Georgianna, Kevin Dreyer, Greg Orsini, Kevin Jenkins, Maya Conrad, Bonnie Oliver, Dennis Mayo [MCSD alternate for Mary Burke]

Absent: Mary Burke, Stephanie Weldon

Guests Michael Richardson, Planning Department

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m. by chair, Kevin Dreyer

Salute to Flag

Approval of Minutes

Greg Orsini made a motion, seconded by Maya Conrad that minutes of July 31, 2019 meeting be approved as modified.

VOTE: YES: Barbara Georgianna, Greg Orsini, Kevin Jenkins, Kevin Dreyer, Maya Conrad
NO:
ABSTENTION: Bonnie Oliver

Unanimous approval

Community Safety Updates

Lt. Miller, Sheriff's Office – Calls for service in past month – 955 calls for service; 73 reports written, 31 arrests; 13 felonies; 31 misdemeanors; 12 burglaries; 13 thefts; 39 disturbances of the peace; no homicides and no domestic violence calls. Deputies are on 12 hour shifts due to no. of unfilled positions. Most areas of the report show a decreased in number.. this seems to indicate patrols are having a good effect.

As per the posted agenda under community safety updates which says "*Hopefully SO will include a discussion regarding discharge of firearms in residential neighborhoods, and illegal fireworks: What laws, and ordinances are there currently? What about enforcement?, is Tannerite (exploding targets) legal? Where? Are existing laws and county ordinances enough?*" the Sheriff was asked to comment. Sheriff indicated that willfully discharging a firearm in a residential neighborhood is a Penal Code 246.3 violation and is considered a misdemeanor. A map was distributed to all committee members indicating "no shooting zones in Humboldt County. Discussion about recreational shooting vs. hunting, self defense, protection of property. Sheriff encouraged public to call if it is felt there is a violation.

Sheriff Officer Bryan Maus [firearms expert] added some comments. Discussion about Tannerite. Tannerite is ILLEGAL. It is not sold in Humboldt County, is classified as an explosive. ATF has regulations also.

Officer Rick Gomes, Arcata Fire District -calls for service in McKinleyville were 129 during month of August; 3 motor vehicle accidents [severe injuries]; 2 fires; numbers for entire district were greater.

Public Comments

Supervisor Madrone in commenting about firearms, believes that all cities should have regulations about discharging of firearms within the prescribed area. He felt that if an email were received by him from Sheriff Honsal asking for such a regulation in the McKinleyville area he would strongly support it and it would allow for better enforcement.

Several members of the public expressed concern regarding decreased hunting areas and recreational shooting [skeet] locations with new regulations.

Pop-Up Museum held in the McKinleyville Shopping Center will be continuing for another month according to Kelly Garrett. It is open 3rd Friday of the month 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Dave Couch commented that an ad hoc committee needs to be set up to deal with circulation patterns in addition to traffic and trails. Is there a circulation plan in the McKinleyville General Plan?

Agenda Change

Much time spent on preceding items –Agenda item regarding discussion/edits to MMAC bylaws will be moved to a later agenda.

Ad Hoc Committee for Safety, Alternative Transportation and Trails - Maya Conrad

There were 12 participants at the first meeting. Decided to call committee, “*Committee for Active Transportation.*” Many items discussed in the committee. Cal Trans has a sustainable community transportation grant due in October so there is urgency to meet that deadline. Committee plans to focus on priorities of active transportation how to create better access within McKinleyville and coming into McKinleyville. At this point, biggest priority is south gateway into McKinleyville Hwy 101 – Central Avenue – Anna Sparks Way. Another area of focus – Hiller Road - McKinleyville Avenue – Ocean Ave. Other priorities are: bike/pedestrian facilities standards and maintenance; finishing existing connections like Midtown Trail; establish “bike & ride” potential locations.

Next meeting will be September 18th, 6-8 p.m. here at the Azalea Conference Center.

Ad hoc Committee to beautify ingress and egress to McKinleyville

Did not meet.

Proposed Zoning Language Changes Michael Richardson, Planning Department

Several changes were discussed at the August 26th BOS meeting:

AE – Agriculture Exclusive Zone – modify this to have a 2-acre building envelope
BOS suggests Planning Department engage affected communities for further clarity

TE – Timberland Exclusive Zone – decreased the number of acres to be included
Ridgeline development restrictions – how do you define ridge line and from what perspective;
Talked about increasing setbacks but need to be careful

No action taken by MMAC, discussion only.

McKinleyville Town Center Ordinance

Discussion about ordinance and how to proceed. Kevin Jenkins made a motion seconded by Dennis Mayo to hold a special MMAC meeting that will focus solely on creating a special committee member matrix and develop a timeline for developing the Town Center Ordinance.
approved as modified.

VOTE: YES: Barbara Georgianna, Greg Orsini, Kevin Jenkins, Kevin Dreyer, Maya Conrad, Bonnie Oliver

NO:

Unanimous approval

Committee members agreed to hold a special MMAC meeting to discuss the town center ordinance process on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at this location.

A few copies of the McKinleyville General Plan will be available for committee members.

Next Regular Meeting

Next meeting will be September 25, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Georgianna