

McKinleyville Incorporation Exploration Sub-Committee (MIESC) Meeting

November 15, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mary Burke, Tom Boyer, Lisa Dugan, Kevin Jenkins, Pat Kaspari and Tom Sheets

Committee Members Absent:

None

Guests Present:

Joey Blaine (MCSD Board Secretary)

Jesse Miles (McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce)

Colette Santsche (Humboldt LAFCO)

Call to order at 4:03 p.m.

A.1 Roll Call

A.2 Approval of agenda:

Motion: Kaspari **Second:** Dugan

Ayes: Boyer, Dugan, Jenkins, Kaspari and Sheets

Nays: None.

A.3 Approval of Minutes

None

B. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

C.1 Discussion of Proposed Arcata-McKinleyville Merge

- Jenkins commented on cultural differences between Arcata and McKinleyville. Arcata did not naturally grow northwards, McKinleyville has always had its own identity.
- Kaspari commented that any annexation process initiated by Arcata would have to go through the LAFCo process.
- Boyer commented that Arcata may just want to annex portions that are economically beneficial.
- Sheets commented that the cities in Riverside county that have recently incorporated were trying to be annexed by the City of Riverside, thus providing a part of the motive for incorporation.

C.2 Discussion of Next Steps and Direction Given by MMAC

- Jenkins commented that this subcommittee will continue to exist per MMAC direction and that he wants to be careful about taking position versus fact finding on incorporation.
- Boyer recalled that at a recent MMAC meeting he commented that McKinleyville already has most of the benefits of a city.
- Jenkins commented that the MIESC will evolve into proposed ad hoc committee. Additional members must be identified.
- Supervisor Madrone commented that an ad hoc committee is meant for a temporary process (typically less than a year). A standing committee may be more appropriate.
- Dugan suggested initial steps should be engaging Cal Poly Humboldt and also decide who should be engaged to grow the committee.
- Jenkins asked if MIESC should continue in current structure or should it be expanded?
- Kaspari recalled MMAC requesting recommendations and having the final input on the makeup of the committee.
- Lisa reviewed the MMAC Rules and Regulations as it pertains to subcommittees.
- Kaspari agreed that the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce and Arcata Fire should be invited to come to the table.
- Dugan commented there will need to be a change to the subcommittee rules and regulations to accommodate more members.
- Discussion ensued. The committee resolved that interested parties don't necessarily need to be committee members. Add interested parties to email list (County (Building and Planning, Public Works, Sheriff) Arcata Fire, Airport, HCOAG).
- Jenkins agreed that next step is reaching out to Cal Poly.

D. Future Agenda Items

- There were no suggestions for future items made.

E. Member Announcements

- There were no announcements.

F. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.