

MARK WEST AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES,
APRIL 10, 2024, 6:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting
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A) Call to Order:

Chair Fies called to order, the regular meeting of Mark West Area Municipal Advisory Council (MWAMAC) at 6:03 pm.

1. Roll Call

Members present: Chair Karen Fies, Stephanie Bisordi, Ron Calloway, Heidi Would, Haley Skerrett (arrived after the Minutes were approved).

Members absent: Becky Menzel

Others Present: Aggie, Maggio, Secretary, MWAMAC

2. On a motion by Calloway, second by Would, the Minutes of the regular MWAMAC meeting of March 13, 2024, were approved. The motion carried on a voice vote. (4-0)

B) Presentations: ACTION ITEMS

To proceed as follows: 1. Presentation 2. Council Member Questions 3. Public Questions

1. Mark West Area Community Park, 4614 Old Redwood Hwy. Property - Chair Karen Fies

Her update included:

- Three things to complete prior to applying for the Permit:
 - Water Engineering Plan (Pete Lescure).
 - Cultural Resource Management Review and a septic inspection (Sonoma Land Trust).
 - Septic Tank Inspection
- Community Soil (CSF) is still under contract with the Mark West Area Community Fund (MWACF)
- Josho, from CSF, and Chair Fies are meeting with vendors about playground equipment.
- The ribbon cutting is Saturday, May 11, at noon.
- Chair Fies wrote a grant to American Water Foundation. We should hear around the end of April.
- Ag and Open Space is opening up new grant monies. We have to submit a pre-application by June 24.

C) Presentations of Referrals from Permit Sonoma: ACTION ITEM

Consideration of proposed projects will proceed as follows: 1. Presentation by project applicant 2. Questions by Council Members 3. Questions and comments from the public 4. Response by applicant, if required 5. Comments by Council Members 6. Resolution (ACTION, if indicated)

1. Application from Permit Sonoma

The Council can't take action as it came after the agenda was posted.

- Property - storage for recreational vehicles and boats on Old Redwood Hwy. opposite Stokes Ranch with about four buildings with various uses
- The applicant wants to make it a larger RV parking and storage, including an office and residence building.
- Does the Council want to put it on the agenda for next month? Responses: No
- The Council will reply "No Action"

D) Jenny Chamberlain's Announcements/Reports/Discussions: Information only, unless stated **None**

E) Council Member Announcements/Information/Discussions/Disclosures: Information only, unless stated

1. The Fire Department Mother's Day breakfast is at Keiser Park in Windsor, May 12, from 8:00 am to noon. It is free for all attendees.

2. The Mark West Chamber Social is tomorrow, Thursday, at 5:30 at Next One Staffing on Round Barn Boulevard.

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F) Subcommittee Reports & Discussions: ACTION ITEMS

1. Neighborhood Improvement Funding Program (NIFP) Subcommittee (Fies).

MWACF is expected to submit an application for \$5,000 annually. When it comes in, the Council will take a straw vote about going to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), requesting recurring maintenance funds and a decision due to overlapping membership between the Council, who manages the NIFP fund, and the MWACF. Also, per current policies, the MAC cannot approve on-going funding.

2. Sonoma County General Plan for Mark West Area (Would)

The committee is now meeting again. Lori Barber is taking the lead on creating the survey. We are putting together a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a survey consultant; hoping to get some funding for that.

Lori Barber:

- Moving ahead on the survey.
- We are interviewing consultants for guidelines. No decision made.
- Good recommendations we've received:
 - Use multiple types of communication.
 - Have a time line
 - Keep in mind that this is an election year, so need to get started. Should be by May or June.
- The students who wrote the last proposal for this area have moved on. We will have work without their input.
- We now have a mailing list.

Would: Request that approval of an RFP for the survey be put on next month's agenda.

3. Community Development (Bisordi/Would)

We have the same mailing list information as the General Plan Committee, so can send our postcards out.

G) Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

This time is set aside to receive comments from the public regarding matters of general interest not on the agenda but related to MWAMAC business. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the MWAMAC cannot consider any issues or act on any requests during this comment period. Each person is usually granted three minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair.

1. Pete Lescuré pointed out an article in the Lark (Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce) about the Sheriff Department. It's great to have the good news out there and good of Sheriff Engram for being a good communicator.

2. Lori Barber asked why can't the Council take a stand on the Koi Casino?

Response - Chair Fies: We are an advisory board to the BOS. To take a stand now, we would have to go to the BOS, for action to approve our comments on the Casino. The Council did write their opinion to the BOS, when those comments were being accepted. Individuals submitted their own comments.

Comments were in response to the official Bureau of Indian Affairs request for comments. Individuals can/are encouraged to write their personal comments. There will be plenty of time for more public comments.

If this moves forward, we can invite Supervisor James Gore to come to a meeting to hear our input.

H) Future Agenda Items:

Potential projects and/or suggestions for future MWAMAC meetings

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1. Community Services District (CSD)
2. Possibility of an update: COPE program (being prepared for emergencies) in Wikiup (or possibly Map Your Neighborhood - knowing where resources and/or community needs are) (TBD)
3. Possible speaker on home hardening and vegetation management (TBD)
4. Possible community clean up? Maybe in partnership with the Chamber (TBD) – Bisordi to take the lead
5. List of unmet needs projects for Larkfield/Mark West/Wikiup (TBD)
6. Discussion: Impact on Mark West area concerning the consideration of a casino on Shiloh Rd. (TBD)

I) Brown Act Training

Chair Fies presented a summary from the League of California Cities about the Brown Act. She and Ron Calloway explained many details.

A link to the document is attached to the Minutes.

J) Adjournment: ACTION ITEM

There being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Would, seconded by Bisordi, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote. (5-0)

Approved Date:

Chair

MWAMAC MEETINGS: 6:00 PM—SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Hybrid Meetings until further notice

Mark West School District Office, The Learning Center, 305 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa

(NOTE: Location or time may change due to anticipated greater community participation.)

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