

MARK WEST AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 12, 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), 6:02 pm.

1. Roll Call

Members present: Chair Karen Fies, Stephanie Bisordi (via Zoom), Heidi Would, Becky Menzel

Members absent: Ron Calloway, Haley Skerrett

Others Present: Jenny Chamberlain, Chief of Staff for James Gore, 4th District, County of Sonoma

2. On a motion by Menzel, second by Would, the Minutes of the regular MWAMAC meeting of May 8, 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. Update: Mark West Area Community Park, 4614 Old Redwood Hwy. Property - Chair Karen Fies

Still in the planning phase; which includes:

- some cultural resource management
- septic tank inspection
- grading plan (Pete Lescure)
- filing for our permits (upon completion of grading)
- continuing with more grant writing.
- The Mark West Area Community Fund (MWACF) has drafted a suggested Stage of Phases for the park for the next year or two.
- As soon as we get approval from Sonoma Land Trust, for that and Ag & Open Space, the park phases a newsletter will go out to all the community members who are on the website list.
- Weeds need mowing again.

**C) Presentations of Referrals from Permit Sonoma: ACTION ITEM **None****

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)

**D) Jenny Chamberlain's Announcements/Reports/Discussions: Information only, unless stated**

1. Currently, the subject at hand is the budget. It is a tight budget this year. Lots of good requests from different departments. No one is getting everything they want but getting enough to get work done.

2. Jenny reported that she won't be at the MAC meetings in July and August; Keith will attend.

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

1. The Mark West Chamber Social is always the second Thursday of the month. See <https://markwest.org> for location and host. Stephanie reported that this month the social will be located on her ranch from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**F) Subcommittee Reports & Discussions: ACTION ITEMS**

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

The request from MWACF, we've been waiting for, is supposed to come next month and, if the Council decides to support it, it will then go before the Board of Supervisors, for approval of the recurring funds and due to a possible conflict of interest as some board members serve on both the MWAMAC and the MWACF.

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

Lori Barber is working diligently on the survey and it is coming along. Still waiting on getting more bids.

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3. Community Development (Bisordi/Would)

Nothing until we are able to get the addresses.

**G) Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items None**

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 Lescure: Congratulate the County on removing the palm tree on Ascot Dr. and Old Redwood Hwy.

2. Catherine Dodd: Windsor COPE had a fire prevention workshop and it was videotaped. She suggested finding a way to get it to the community. Maybe a link to the MAC website? Concern that there isn't a lot of traffic on the MAC website.

3. Catherine Dodd: The price of postage stamps will go up in July. You may want to consider buying some in bulk now.

**H) Future Agenda Items:**

Potential projects and/or suggestions for future MWAMAC meetings

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) Adjournment: ACTION ITEM**

There being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Would, seconded by Bisordi, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote. (4-0)

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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.)**

**Be sure to check the MWCAC website for meeting agenda, location & time**

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