



North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Notice of Meeting and Agenda
June 15, 2022

PLEASE NOTE: In accordance with AB 361, Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020 State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sonoma County Public Health Officer's Recommendation for Teleconferenced Meetings, and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution 21-0399, the North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting will be held virtually.

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Meeting ID: 962 0337 9897

Passcode: 694989

Join by Phone: 1 (669) 900-9128

5:30 p.m.

Contact: Hannah Whitman, Board Aide for Supervisor Susan Gorin –

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Land Acknowledgment, Roll Call

Call to Order: 5:31pm

Roll Call: Vice Chair Handron

Present: Councilmember Nardo-Morgan, Councilmember Doss, Councilmember Eagles, Councilmember Cooper, Councilmember Oldroyd

Absent: Chair Dawson, Councilmember Dickey, Councilmember Nehouser

Land Acknowledgement:

All of us here tonight and everyone in the surrounding Sonoma Valley are on the ancestral lands of the Pomo Coast Miwok Patwin and Wapo tribes. These indigenous people have been here many thousands of years before us as traditional stewards and caretakers of the land. As custodians of our Valley, its history and its culture, we feel that it is vital for us to acknowledge, honor, and give gratitude to our first teachers. These first peoples of the land as an intricate part of what this valley stands for and who we are today. We acknowledge that the citizens and communities served by the North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council occupy the unseeded ancestral lands of the coast Miwok who are closely related to neighboring indigenous peoples, The Pomo, The Wapo, and others, asking forgiveness for past transgressions they and their ancestors experienced. We humbly invite them to join us in person or in spirit as we give gratitude for their ongoing stewardship of this place since time in memorial. Recognizing how much we benefit from their continuing presence as culture keepers and teachers, we commit ourselves to building positive and lasting relationships with our local indigenous community and with all the diverse peoples in our region.

Vice Chair Handron, If the meeting is hacked, the meeting will be terminated and rescheduled for a future date. Item number eight is no longer on the agenda and we will be continued on a later date. Unfortunately our guest speaker, Max, is not able to make it this evening. His presence will also be continued on a later date.

2. ~~Special Guest Opening Remarks~~

- ~~• Max Psaledakis, young Glen Ellen resident and firefighter~~

3. Approval of May 18, 2022 minutes Resolution

Vice Chair Handron, Are there any amendments or corrections to the May minutes?

Councilmember Nardo- Morgan moved to approve minutes.

Councilmember Eagles seconded.

May Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment Receive

(Limited to items not appearing on the agenda)

No public comment.

5. Supervisor Gorin Update

Supervisor Gorin was not present.

6. ~~Sonoma Developmental Center Update, Sonoma Land Trust (removed 6.10.22) Receive~~

- ~~• Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) update from John McCaull, Land Acquisition Director, Sonoma Land Trust~~
- ~~• Discussion of coalition of housing and conservation interests in conversation on Sonoma Developmental Center Request for Proposals (RFP)~~

7. Sonoma Developmental Center Ad Hoc: Open Letter (added 6.10.22) Resolution

- Review and approve Open Letter requesting that State Senators McGuire and Dodd hold a town hall for the community on the disposition of the Open Space and Core Campus of the Sonoma Developmental Center
- Open Letter will be sent to Susan Gorin, the Board of Supervisors, Permit Sonoma, Senator McGuire, and Senator Dodd

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DRAFT FOR REVIEW (6/13/22)

California Senator Mike McGuire (California Senator Bill Dodd)
State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 8620 (Bill Dodd is Suite 6620)
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via email: senator.mcguire@senate.ca.gov

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Arthur Dawson, Chair
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cc: S. Gorin, Board of Sups, Permit Sonoma, legislative aides, local media

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Public comment on the letter

Alice, Good evening. Thank you for writing the letter. It’s super important that we have a town hall. It’s way past time. You know we can do it outside, whatever, we have to do it. Thank you so much for your wonderful letter and for supporting that. I really appreciate it

Vice Chair Handron, thanks Alice. Does anybody have a motion to approve the letter?

Councilmember Cooper moved to approve the letter.

Councilmember Doss seconded.

Letter is unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Handron, the motion is to approve sending of the letter to Senator Mike McGuire and Senator Dodd with a change to the first bullet point removing, “has been assumed, and hoped for, and”.

Councilmember Doss, Question regarding the process. I'm not familiar with how to address a letter like this. The parentheses around Senator Dodd, is that a technical issue or why is that happening? It kind of offsets him from McGuire. I'm curious about the grammar. I don't know the rule.

Councilmember Eagles, I honestly wasn't sure about the process either and if we would write two separate letters. I did not want to do two separate letters, so that was either to McGuire or Dodd but maybe this is where I'd ask you all the advice or Hannah's advice. I don't know what the protocol should be on this, so I would ask that we reserve the right to write to both of them or to one or the other or to combine the meeting. We will maybe take advice on that. That's all that meant: not wanting to do two letters. There will be a final version I assume.

Vice Chair Handron, I would think that you could do it in one of two ways, either have both of their addresses at the top of the page. One on the left hand side and one kind of in the middle of the page so that they're both together at the top and address it to both of them, or you can address it to one and do two different letters.

Councilmember Eagles, do we want two town hall meetings or just one big one and is that an appropriate thing to ask to two senators? This is what I don't know.

Hannah, what you're approving today is the content of the letter, so if it's a small change to the address or the two, I don't think that goes against your approval of the content of the letter. An open letter, part of that is because the MAC is an advisory body to the supervisor to the port of supervisors and not necessarily to the state, so they're phrasing it as an open letter, is kind of how we decide on that, so it's being sent to the supervisor as well. To the question you were asking is that what you're approving is the content, the body, and we can make small changes to things like formatting or address or things like that.

Motion unanimously passed.

8. ~~Community Improvement Projects Ad Hoc Committee Update Receive~~

- ~~• Receive update from Ad Hoc committee members and Glen Ellen Forum~~

9. NSV MAC Member Terms and Appointments

- Receive information on NSV MAC member terms, appointments, and reappointments

Hannah Whitman, gave a short presentation on the **NSV MAC Appointment Process Review**.

Upcoming Expiring Appointments

- Four MAC member appointments set to expire July 14, 2022
 - These appointees are:
 - Chair Arthur Dawson: Glen Ellen
 - Councilmember Daymon Doss: Kenwood
 - Councilmember Kate Eagles: At Large

- Councilmember Angela Nardo-Morgan: Glen Ellen
- The membership of the NSV MAC is seven members with two alternates

Bylaw Review: Appointments

- **Section 2. Appointment Authority.** The District Supervisor shall submit selected candidates to the Board of Supervisors for appointment. Appointments shall be posted in accordance with the Maddy Act (Government Code section 54970 ET seq.).
- **Section 3. Terms.** A membership term is a two-year period. North Sonoma Valley MAC members may be reappointed. Members may serve a maximum of two terms (4 years in total). No member or alternate member shall serve more than two years unless their appointing authority approves an exception to allow the commissioner or alternate commissioner to serve an additional term or terms.
- **Section 4. Initial Terms.** The Board of Supervisors shall classify the initial members into two classes. Class A shall consist of four members; Class B shall consist of three members. One Class A alternate and one Class B alternate shall also be appointed. Class A shall have an initial membership term of two years. Class B shall have an initial term of one year. Therefore, each member's term shall be two years. The district supervisor shall determine which member shall serve the initial two-year term.

Next Steps

- The NS MAC will have one vacancy
- Should any current MAC member wish to not renew their term, we will need to fill those vacancies as well
- Please let Hannah know if you do NOT intend to reappoint
- Interested community members may submit an application:
<https://sonoma-county.granicus.com/boards/w/808bd6e42edf8e0f/boards/38082>

Q & A

Vice Chair Handron, councilmember Doss represents the Kenwood areas, so are we looking for a replacement from the Kenwood area?

Hannah, I have that on my slide, correct.

Councilmember Doss, there's several folks who know I'm moving on and they may or may not submit an application. I don't know what their final decision will be.

Vice Chair Handron, is it appropriate to ask if those other council members whose term is expiring, if they are planning to remain? Kate, are you going to stay on?

Councilmember Eagles, I think I will. If people want to be on, I want to give people the chance to do this. I don't want to take anyone's spot who would like to do this for a while. You want to rotate folks.

Councilmember Nardo-Morgan, I agree with Kate on that. I would love to stay, but I would like to see you know more diversity, maybe a young person, give someone else an opportunity, but you know at this point we're kind of new and I don't know. I'm leaning towards staying at this point.

Vice Chair Handron, Hannah do people apply when there's not a vacancy? Do you have any applications?

Hannah, I believe we have two on file that have been received over the past year or two. It can be a more fluid process. Supervisor Gorin will consider any and all applications that come in, along with the intentions of MAC members who would like to continue on.

10. Reports and Announcements from Councilmembers and Ad Hocs Receive

Due to time constraints, the Chair requests this be limited to crucial or time sensitive items

Councilmember Nardo-Morgan, I would like everybody to know that it is Glen Ellen's sesquicentennial. Glen Ellen is turning 150 years old and so we put this together pretty quickly with the Glen Ellen Historical Society and the forum. We're going to have a little celebration on Monday night. That's the actual date that it turns 150 years old, June 20th. The Jack London Lodge has graciously given us their back patio. We would love every Community member near and far to join us. There will be light refreshments, a really big birthday cake, a no-host bar and we hope that you will come up with some memorable stories and whatever you want to do, a poem, a song, from our town there will be live music performed by Royal Jelly Jive. It's a free event, so please join us from 5:30pm to 9pm on Monday night. This isn't so much the ad hoc committee, but we did have a very lovely peaceful well-attended protest on the SDC property. A lot of press was there, it was really wonderful to see people come out and support. We were there because some developers were showing up and we wanted to make sure that they knew that the community really wants to be involved in the process.

Councilmember Eagles, It was Monday June 6th.

Councilmember Cooper, Arthur asked the transportation committee to comment. The two items were the Glen Ellen Pathway and Sonoma Valley Trail. We will be pursuing those two. I have a question, Ken Tam, who is the project manager for the Sonoma Valley Trail, which would involve all of the communities that we work with. I spoke with him and he'll be very willing to come on and bring everybody up to date with everything happening with that. Do we vote on that? Would everybody be interested in hearing him bring us up to date on that?

Councilmember Oldroyd, I'm interested in him coming.

Vice Chair Handron, that's a great idea. That would be our next agenda item.

Councilmember Oldroyd, Things that I've been looking at and talking to people about are safety items of roads, streets, and paths in Kenwood. The one that's popped up with importance for the community is

having a safe path from the Kenwood Depot to the town. There's a busy road and alongside the road there's no walkway. It's a steep drop off, so everyone is pushed into the traffic for like a half a block. More people would walk from the town to the depot rather than driving. Short distance, but dangerous.

Vice Chair Handron, Hannah is that something that we can incorporate into a future agenda item?

Hannah, I believe so. It may be something I can reach out to the ad hoc on to sort the conversation and bring back agenda items.

Councilmember Cooper, Can I just add that people are wondering why Boyes Spring has nice sidewalks and Kenwood has a number of streets that are difficult to walk on. A lot of people walk. We might expand that to something a little broader. You know, walkways in Kenwood.

Vice Chair Handron, I feel like I've moved rather quickly through the agenda and I don't want to rush anybody, so if there's any other other comments, announcements, or reports or anything.

Councilmember Doss, Yes I would like to inform everybody about an application called Watch Duty. It's a phenomenal free app, go to your app store and get it. It gives you instantaneous information about fire information, new fire, what's the status, who's fighting them, what equipment is on duty. In the last week, I don't know if you realize that we are in full-blown fire season. In the last two weeks, we had eight fires in our region. You would be amazed how this application comes on your phone and quickly gives you information about it. I would just recommend you to consider. If it makes you nervous, you don't want to know that much information, you can always turn it off. For me, for the fire department, as part of the fire district I like to know what's going on and this gives you information, pictures. There are so many cameras now around Sonoma and Napa County that within a minute or two you typically have a picture of the smoke of any new fire that's reported. The firemen watch it, they have it on their apps. It's quicker than some of the old systems that we have. It is a very fast application. Please share it with your friends because I think it's a really good heads up.

Councilmember Nardo-Morgan, Thank you so much for that information. I think it is really valuable. You said we're already on fire watch, it's June, which is so amazing and actually that's where Max is. He is out right now fighting fires, with the fire crew. He's an extraordinary young man so let's all think really good thoughts for him.

Councilmember Doss, Thank you for that. Good thoughts for Max. All the other teams are full speed right now they are 24/7 ready to go whether it be a small fire district like Kentwood or a larger one like CAL FIRE. It's pretty amazing how quickly Watch Duty sends an alert. Fire services have a different attitude now than they had five or six years ago. They respond very quickly, not only with fire equipment trucks etc. but with airplanes, helicopters. They're not waiting till it gets to be 10 acres, 100 acres, no, when it's a quarter of an acre that's big enough.

I've learned so much, especially about Kenwood and Glen Ellen. There's a big difference between the two and there are issues that are very important to each. I'm really glad that you're working together.

Vice Chair Handron, thank you for your service and contributions to the MAC.

Public comment:

Lori, this is for Councilmember Doss. I downloaded the Watch Duty app but it says, "allow Watch Duty to use your location" and then underneath it says, "allow once", "allow while using app" or "don't allow" and I don't know what to click on.

Councilmember Doss, I did, "allow while using the app".

11. Consideration of items for future agenda Receive

Vice Chair Handron, We have discussed the transportation ad-hoc having a further discussion with hopefully someone representing the Sonoma Valley Trail and the Glen Ellen Pathway. Any other recommendations for future agenda items?

Councilmember Doss, Is it appropriate for us to get information regarding new state park developments? There's a new park, new to me anyway, called Calabasas. It hasn't opened yet but it's going to open soon and it's over by botanical gardens somewhere in that area. I've never been in the park but it sounds pretty amazing and probably part of the wildlife corridor system too. How can we get information about state parks and how they run together and new ones that are being planned. I don't know if that's even appropriate for us, but I'm trying to think of something I know happening along Highway 12, between Glen Ellen and Kenwood.

Vice Chair Handron, Hannah I'll defer to you but it seems to me that's something that would be of interest to people who live in our area, hearing about state parks even though we're a county organization. Sharing the information about state parks is probably something that would fit within our purview do you agree?

Hannah, I think that's absolutely appropriate and sort of something parallel that I know the Springs MAC has had Caltrans come present about things about highway 12 to them, so having a state agency present an informational item is definitely something within your purview.

Councilmember Eagles, It was reported on about a year ago in the paper. In fact Christian is on but I know we don't have it agendied now, but looks like it has been on the cards, but maybe not formally opened yet. Christian from IT is on the line. Anyway we won't go there now, next time. Thanks.

12. Adjourned at 6:23pm