



## North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

**August 17, 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.

### **Join Zoom Conference Meeting:**

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**9 Meeting ID:** 931 9828 4431

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**Join by Phone:** 1 (669) 900-9128

5:30 p.m.

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

**Called to order: 5:37pm**

**Roll call: Vice Chair Handron**

**Present: Chair Dawson, Councilmember Nardo-Morgan, Councilmember Oldroyd, Councilmember Dickey, Councilmember Eagles**

**Absent: Councilmember Newhouser, Councilmember Cooper**

### **Land Acknowledgment:**

We acknowledge that the citizens and community served by the NSV MAC, occupy the unseeded ancestral lands of the Coast Miwok, closely related to Pomo, 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 to honor all the diverse peoples in our region.

**Chair Dawson,** meeting will be rescheduled if the meeting appears to be hacked. Items seven and eight on the agenda have been removed from the agenda because presenters were not able to make it. The NSV MAC serves the communities of Kenwood in Glen Ellen, which includes the former SDC at Eldridge and as the most local arm of County government, we represent people who live and work outside of Incorporated cities like Sonoma or Santa Rosa. We are in many ways a country Town Council. Like other advisory councils in Sonoma County, we were established by the Board of Supervisors to act as a two-way Communication channel. The MAC serves as our community voice at county government as a means for us to learn about and access county resources and as a place to identify challenges and opportunities and innovative solutions in partnership with our supervisor. Our bylaws limit us to issues concerning transportation, health and human safety, community projects, and emergency preparedness, but others can be added at the request of our supervisor. There are no limitations on subject matter during the public comment section at the beginning of the meeting. Vice Chair Handron has an update on what's happening at the SDC front.

**Vice Chair Handron,** Hannah will be sending councilmembers an email in preparation for the August 24th meeting. The basic idea is for councilmembers to pick a particular topic in the EIR to review and prepare questions during the meeting. Those topics include the wildlife corridor and open space, housing density and overview, adaptive reuse of existing buildings, cultural resources, historic preservation, utility infrastructure, fire and emergency preparedness, traffic, commercial space in job creation, and cumulative effects. If people could be thinking about which areas they want to prepare for that would be great.

### Sharing future meeting dates:

- **August 24th** is the triple MAC meeting with the NSV MAC, the Springs MAC, and Citizens Advisory Council.
- **September 9th** is the deadline for proposals under the state's RFP and councilmember contributions to the MAC response letter will be due on that date
- **September 15th** is the planning commission meeting on SDC. There will be no vote at this meeting from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **September 21st** is our next MAC meeting where we're going to review and approve the response letter and it'll be submitted to Permit Sonoma
- **September 26th** is the deadline for the draft EIR response to Permit Sonoma
- **October 17th** Permit Sonoma will complete their final plan and EIR
- **October 19th** is our October MAC meeting
- **October 27th** the Planning Commission will vote on final plans and EIR
- **November 8th** the supervisors vote on the final EIR and site specific plan
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## 2. Special Guest Opening Remarks

**Chair Dawson**, Nick Johnson is our special guest today. He loves living in Glen Ellen and he went to Dunbar School. He's a young person who left a while and then decided to come back.

**Nick Johnson**, I've lived here all my 30 years. My family has been in Glen Ellen for 83 years. Many of the things that I love about Glen Ellyn is it's been my family's home for almost nearly 100 years. I love the fact that I can walk down the street in the same place where my grandmother and grandfather walked. Walked to church, the store, the same streets that my father and Uncle walked when they got home from overseas. I vowed to stay here for as long as I possibly can. I know there's other places. I spent almost a year in Tulsa, Oklahoma for trade school. I missed our trees, mountains. It's a beautiful place to call home. I'd like to touch a little bit on SDC and the future. Both of my parents worked there. My father was a stationary engineer for almost 40 years. I want to say I wish he could be here with us in this meeting, but he passed in 2020 due to cancer. Personally, I have been speaking with various other members of our community about the future of SDC. Let's use it for what it was actually intended for, which was to help those who can't help themselves or need help, just like our veterans, just like my father, my uncle, and many members of your family as well. If we can somehow, I don't know how, but use it for what it was intended for, a recovery center for those who gave all. It would seem like a good thing to honor them by letting them recover at SDC. I know there's tons of work that needs to be done with it. I know it's not easy. I've been keeping tabs on the news and everything else that has been involved with that but instead of expanding Glen Ellen, I think we should keep it the way it is but also help those who need it most, in my opinion that's our men and women of the armed services of America. Thank you guys for having me on this program here, so I'll turn it back to you thank you.

**Chair Dawson**, thanks Nick. We appreciate you being here. I encourage you to come share your thoughts at the triple MAC meeting, if you're interested. Any questions for Nick?

**Councilmember Nardo-Morgan**, Nick I just want to applaud you for coming on as a young person. We appreciate that you have stayed in our community. We thank your family for their service in the military to our country. It's really wonderful. I'm not trying to get your hopes up, but a good friend of mine has a construction company and about four months ago he was actually contacted by DGS. he came out he builds veterans he builds homes for veterans. They asked him to come out and he surveyed the east side and looked over many of the buildings there and gave them some sort of proposal, so I want you to know that that is something that is being looked at. That's from personal experience that I had so I just want you to know that there is hope.

## 3. Approval of July 20, 2022 minutes

**Chair Dawson**, Do we have any corrections or amendments to the July minutes?

Councilmember Nardo- Morgan moved to approve minutes.

Vice Chair Handron seconded.

July minutes are unanimously approved.

#### **4. Public Comment**

**Sonya Carabel**, My name is Sonya Carabel. I'm with Unite Here Local 2, which is the hotel workers union for Sonoma County. From our perspective, Sonoma county's economy has multiple deeply interrelated problems, extreme inequality with many businesses that cater to ultra-wealthy tourists, while exploiting their largely immigrant workforce, displacement of low-income residents due to skyrocketing rent and housing prices, increased wildfires caused by global warming, and mounting pressure to develop historically protected open space. The system is not working for anyone and the Sonoma Developmental Center cannot be more of the same old development that creates profit for the owners at the expense of the community around it. The SDC is an opportunity for a different kind of development; a sustainable development that works to solve the issues that the Sonoma Valley faces. The project should include community benefits agreements or CBAs that have been used in a wide variety of projects of the last few decades, especially projects on public land and with major planning approvals. They legally bind the developer to commitments that the community has prioritized, which can vary from affordable housing to open space preservation to providing grocery stores if it's a food desert, free child care, living wages for workers, whatever the community feels like they need. Our union, Unite Here, has been involved in negotiating agreements, community benefits agreements, in Santa Rosa, Oakland, San Francisco and more. Sonoma Valley could push for whatever feels the most important to them in this project based on their community needs. An example in Santa Rosa, I want to touch on really quickly is the smart train railroad square RFP included community benefits. I'm running out of time but specifically I want to suggest that the specific plan should include a requirement for a development agreement that addresses community benefits. That's how we can make sure that we have a voice in the future to advocate for this project to meet the resident's needs in Sonoma Valley and not just be a vehicle for profit, so thank you so much for your time and look forward to continuing this conversation.

**Alice Horowitz**, thanks so I just wanted to say that all of those dates on the list, I have listed them on the Eldridge for all, so if you go to [eldridgeroad.org](http://eldridgeroad.org) at the top, you can find important dates for your calendar. I have all those different dates and I have website links, zoom links, or calendar of the organization. I really tried to make it super easy and have it all in one place so that is there. Then the other thing I wanted to just throw it out there and I know that this is in Terry Shore's written comments that she put in, but I am seeing a lot of chatter about the self mitigating aspect of the EIR, and it looks like there is no mitigations in the summary of the EIR for any environmental impacts, so the question is does this mean that the specific plan has enough conditions, quote on quote in it, to remove all environmental impacts so no mitigation is required under sequa. Everybody's confused about the self-mitigating thing and that there's no environmental impact, so just wanted to get that question out there on the record and hoping we can get some detailed answers about that from Permit Sonoma. Thanks.

**Orlando O'Shea**, Thank you. I wanted to talk about the clear mandates that give priority to the SDC population in any kind of planning and there's many people in this population, my son included, that are not being integrated into the general community successfully. There is a large portion of the SDC population that's not being integrated and there's not nearly enough discussion about this mandate that's very clear and at this point I do believe that you're in violation of that mandate, so I really want advocate for the enhanced behavioral support home model to be discussed on the SDC site as was very clear in that mandate for this population. I've talked to Ryan about this and I just really want to keep pushing for this conversation to be very clear on putting that in the forefront as the mandates we're very clear about. So thank you very much for your time.

#### **5. Supervisor Gorin Update**

**Supervisor Gorin**, Oscar has been such a help to me and Sonoma Valley. I've often reached out to him about emerging issues and the Latinx community and the various service providers. We allocated funding in the budget process and

finally found a home for discussion regarding this with human services and Oscar in particular. Every time there's an RPG or an award through ARPA or any other funding for food, I always check to see if they funded this organization, none of them in Sonoma Valley, so how does that food actually become available in Sonoma Valley? Series provides a few meals here, Food For Thought provides a few meals here. We did connect food for all and farmed tables with fresh produce but it was like banging your head against the wall because I didn't think that the county really understood the valley and the organizations that were already involved in the food distribution. I just sent Oscar an email today. We're going to convene a group of organizations to help you understand what they do and how they provide food to the county and why they are not part of the larger distribution that the county often has created. I think that the city has hired Kathy Capriola to do some of the background for that, so I'm anxious to have a more complete understanding and involvement of food distribution in Sonoma Valley. Part of my function is combined is connecting the resources in the central core to the nascent Sonoma Valley and I would say I give me a C in that regard, not to lack of trying though. I'm still trying. Each opportunity, I'm having this conversation. The county is moving forward with potentially negotiating with a property owner to lease a building potentially with an option to buy, to locate Health and Human Services; maybe probation maybe some other county functions. I know that there are a variety of community organizations that would love to have the opportunity to sublease the other part of the building to create a community hub there. I think there's a real opportunity to have that intersection between county services and community services. I've been working on this for 6 years so just going to keep working on it, but to find a building that would meet our needs has been truly the linchpin of the discussion. We want a service center in Guerneville to provide that interface with our constituents. My report is exactly that because we did not have a board meeting this week for good behavior. We are not having a board meeting next week, but August 30th is going to be a humdinger of a board meeting. It's the act pass program, it's the least presentation on the local coastal plan, and I know Angela, you may be interested in that because you live in the ocean, but it's a little far removed for most of us, so I haven't even dived down into it. There are a couple of other pithy issues that are coming forward on August 30th. Stay tuned. It's happening. I sent out my E-Newsletter and I reported on some interesting things that happened at the NACo National Association of Counties Conference. Of course the election of James Gore, and some of the policy committees I've been involved in. I hope you get the district newsletter because Sonoma County tourism is setting up a tourism survey. We were a little hard on them when we met yesterday, when we said we weren't exactly fans of tourism, even though we depend on the economic vibrancy in Sonoma Valley. How do we attract the folks who will make a difference? Who will be great stewards, who will add benefit to Sonoma County as a whole, who will embrace environmental attitudes that we have? Pleasure working with you all. Thank you.

**Chair Dawson,** I'll just say one thing about the tourism issue. It seems like there's a certain point tourism could really benefit a community and then once it gets beyond a certain point, it starts to detract. A pet peeve of mine is that the visitors bureau gets all this money to attract more visitors, which brings more TOT money, which gives the visitors bureau more money to do advertising. I did research a couple years on how other counties are set up and it seems like most are set up so that the TOT money mitigates the impact of Tourism, rather than encourages tourism.

**Supervisor Gorin,** We have to remember that Sonoma County Tourism does have a revenue funded through some of the same mechanisms, but at a much lower level, as well as the chambers of commerce, which have some value for us. We're still in the process of trying to figure out a more sustainable funding source for that. Please know that I have two small sources of discretionary funding coming from TOT, that's proportional to that raised in the district, and of course our community investment funds. That's the fund to support many nonprofits and service providers with small amounts of money to proset their operation and their advertising. We do have a source for tourism impact funds. We really see the operation of both MACs, notetakers, translators, and rent if we come back to in person meetings. It's the source of funds from which I contribute larger amounts, 10-20 thousand dollars for the SV Collaborative to fund their efforts on housing and funded a larger amount for face to face mobile van, pets lifeline van. Looking at 10-15 thousand to really support larger efforts in Sonoma Valley. I use that to fund food for all and a couple of other food providers in the last couple of years, so we use that potentially to offset some of the tourism.

## **6. Portrait of Sonoma County 2021, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (added 8.11.22)**

**Oscar Chavez (from the Human Services Department),** Thank you for the invitation. I want to provide an update on the portrait of Sonoma report, which as some of you might know was first published in 2014 and we have an update. Before we get started just want to share some information about our current demographics which should not be not news to all of you. We know that as of the latest census, in Sonoma County:

- 59% White
- About 29% Hispanic/ Latinx
- 5% two or more races
- 4.5% Asian
- 1.5% African American
- 0.6% American Indian or Alaska Native
- 0.6% Other
- 0.3% Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander

These smaller populations often don't get the attention that our two dominant communities get. When we look at Sonoma County we are graying, or white population is growing older and we are browning, meaning that our Hispanic population, which also tends to be much younger, so we have an interesting dynamic where we have an older white population and a much younger Latinx/ Hispanic population. You will also notice that these two populations in our communities are really geographically divided along race and class, meaning that we have a high concentration of affluent white communities and a concentration of lower-income communities and that's something that the portrait of Sonoma highlights and it's something that we want to talk about to figure out what might we do different to create a more inclusive community here in Sonoma County.

One of the things that we did in 2014 was to start having a different conversation about what does well-being in Sonoma County look like? Many of you have probably been to the state of the county, where we invite an economist to come and talk about the state of Sonoma County relative to GDP, gross domestic product. The Economist usually talks about low unemployment rate, the increase in the value of our homes, the different industry sectors, the fact that we have a relatively lower poverty, that we have higher incomes in other parts of the state and while those measures are extremely important, they say nothing about the well-being of people, so we wanted to think about what does human development look like, and how might we shift our focus away from those traditional metrics to really think about what we can do to improve well-being? We work with an organization called Measure of America, who developed the human development index and this is not new. It's been used by the United Nations for many years to really benchmark how countries compare against each other. We are now able to have a human development score for each of the states and now each of the counties here in California, so we're able to get a good picture about human development and you know how we benchmark against other counties.

**The human development index score looks at three primary measures of well-being:**

1. A long and healthy life
2. Access to education: K-12 completion rates/ college completion rates
3. A decent standard of living: primarily focused on median wages

They take these three measures and they assign a score to each of the census tracts. When we did this report there were 99 census tracts. As a result of redistricting, we have more census tracts but the idea here is that by signing a score to each census tract, we're able to make comparisons between neighborhoods. The scores are 0-10, 10 being that the residents living in that tract have everything they need to live a healthy life; ag and open space, healthy food options, environment, good transportation systems, etc. Neighborhoods with the lower index score lack those opportunities, so they tend to be in neighborhoods where you have less investments in schools, less homeownership rates, less number of people with college degrees and so this gives us a good opportunity to make comparisons between different neighborhoods.

When we looked at the difference between the 2014 and the 2021 report, when we looked at race the human development index declined for Asian and Black communities, although the Asian community

indicators have decreased over this time, they still hold the highest human development index score. Overall, one of the things that I want to point out is that you know using the term Asian is really an insufficient category because there's such diversity among the Asian community and there's a wide range of inequities within the subgroup but the data for the Sonoma County is not desegregated so we can't really break it up by different Asian communities. We can also see that well-being increased for our Latinx and White residence by almost a full point here. You may also notice that the Native American, Indigenous, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander populations are not reflected in this comparison and this is because the algorithm that is used to calculate the human development index requires minimum data to estimate life expectancy. They were lacking for the populations because of the small sizes and that's one of the things that we want to figure out, how can we begin to collect better data about residents whose numbers don't show up in the same quantities as others. We want to do that to you know storytelling and really understanding and hearing from those communities. What is most interesting is that our Black community has suffered the greatest decline and they're facing the gravest realities here in our communities. We can link that to some of the historical and structural racism that existed in our community, the laws that have disproportionately impacted our Black/African American community. This graph helps us to understand who is doing better and where we might want to focus more attention and here in Sonoma County, we can clearly see that we need to further understand the challenges that our black African American communities are facing.

One of the things that we also want to look at is education by race and a human development difference between the different races here in Sonoma County. The human development index score for our African American community and our Latinx community is significantly lower than our white community in Sonoma County. We also see the disparities between high school completion and college education completion. This also helps us to ask questions around what might we do different in our community to ensure that we can close the academic achievement gap, particularly for our Latinx students, where we can see that at least 36% of our population is not completing a high school and only about 4.2% or points or 13% have at least a bachelor degree. We know that there's a strong correlation between higher education, greater income leads to greater opportunities for home ownership and we know that home ownership has been an important vehicle in the United States to accumulate wealth. If we want to begin to address some of these challenges that are impacting our communities we have to think about what are those upstream measures, the things that we could be doing differently to increase greater opportunities for those that are disproportionately impacted here locally. The power of this report is that it allows us to see the differences among the race, class, educational attainment, earnings and life expectancy. One of the things that we know is that immigrants that come to this country are actually healthier than the general population, but the longer they stay in this country, the worse their health gets. We also know that immigrants who come to this country will come here and work and when they get older and age, they might go back to their country of origin so we don't capture when they died.

I want to touch on the impact of COVID-19. This report doesn't speak to the impacts of COVID-19 because it is looking at data prior to the pandemic. We can see from this slide that the Hispanic/Latinx community makes up 27.3% of the population but it accounts for 45% of all the covid cases. The Black community accounts for 1.3% of the population, but accounts for 2% of cases. Our communities of color were the communities most impacted. Essential workers, and the low income population account for more infection and death rates. Some are multigenerational households that did not have the opportunity to isolate in a different room or who had to work, so we begin to see the impact of the structures that we have in place and how they impacted our community members. One of the things that demographer, Dr. Manuel Pastor, said that the COVID was the disease that rebuilt the illness of our society, meaning that you know a lot of the structures that were in place prior to the pandemic, further created the conditions to have more death amongst our communities of color. We were not prepared to fully support our community and particularly our vulnerable and lower-income members of our community. What kind of investments can leaders make?

We can also use this data to make comparisons and look at which parts of our county have higher human development index scores.

### Human Development Index by census tract: Bottom

1. Roseland- 3.38
2. Comstock- 3.46
3. Bicentennial Park- 3.68
4. Rohnert Park B/C/R Section- 3.75

### Human Development Index by census tract: Top

- East Bennett Valley- 8.65

Bennett Valley in 2014 was also the highest census tract, so what we want to do is ask questions. How is it that in the Roseland and East Bennett Valley are just two miles apart but they live in completely different worlds. What kind of Investments could leaders make to help drive up human development in the Roseland Community? There has been some slight improvement. It has gone up by a few points. There have been several things that have happened in that neighborhood; the most obvious one has been the annexation of Roseland into the city of Santa Rosa. There's been investments in more charter schools, more schools, the junior college has opened up a campus, there's been more economic development, there's been an increase in affordable housing, there's been a lot more entrepreneurial type of growth within that community and there continues to be additional investments. It's important because other communities can look at this information and say what might drive human development in neighborhoods where we see vast differences in opportunities? This becomes a very powerful tool not only for city leaders, philanthropists, business committee members, but also residents.

### What We Know: Data Baseline:

- The four Louis census tract neighborhoods with an **HDI under 4.0** are Roseland (3.38), Comstock (3.46), Bicentennial Park (3.68), and Rohnert Park: Sections B/C/R (3.75)
- The Human Development Index **declined** significantly for the **Black community**
- The data used in the POS comes from U.S. Government sources. As a result of this, **data included in the report was deficient in capturing some voices** such as people with disabilities, transgender, and non-binary communities, and Native American and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander populations, Indigenous, undocumented, immigrant communities.

### Limitations of Human Development Index

- Binary gender categories and invisibility of some marginalized communities
- Assesses schooling and not access to traditional knowledges
- Measures income and not wealth

### Moving Forward

- Quantitative data can only tell us so much so there is a deep need to fill in what we're missing by tying those numbers to community experiences, stories, and voices through a community **Freedom Dreaming Circle, Community conversations** and **demographic focus groups** the main outcome of the community collaboration process is to realign and calibrate the data base line by having **communities define their most urgent priorities.**

The inequalities that exist today are not natural or inevitable, nor are they a product of chance; they are

the result of decisions made by people in power. Different decisions that can lead to better, fairer outcomes.

**Stay Connected:**

**Portrait of Sonoma County 2021 Update:** <https://upstreaminvestments.org/impact-make-a-change/portrait-of-sonoma-county>

**Measure of America Portrait of Sonoma:** <https://measureofamerica.org/sonoma/>

**Map of Well-Being in Sonoma County:** [https://measureofamerica.carto.com/viz/8d706483-f90e-42b5-8ba4-903b1a7c7662/embed\\_map](https://measureofamerica.carto.com/viz/8d706483-f90e-42b5-8ba4-903b1a7c7662/embed_map)

**Vice Chair Handron,** It seems like the common denominator in those areas tend to be primarily neighborhoods of color. Do you have any information of legal status, whether documented or undocumented and how that contributes to inequities?

**Oscar Chavez,** We don't have a good system of tracking status. A lot of people are reluctant to share that information. The last estimate from a number of years ago, had a number of about 20,000 undocumented residents in our community. A lot of our undocumented community did not have access to resources because we have historically not provided services to undocumented residents.

**Councilmember Dickey,** Thank you. Really interesting. Privacy makes this sort of data collection difficult, so I'm wondering how do you overcome that when you're trying to accumulate this sort of information? What percentage of the population responds to your inquiries? Does it feel as though you're compromised when you try to gather information?

**Oscar Chavez,** The portrait revealed was the fact that we didn't have sufficient data or the data was inadequate to tell the story of certain groups. With the American Rescue Plan Act, we are collecting that kind of race, ethnicity data, but we are getting concerns from our nonprofit partners about sharing that kind of information with the government because of the way that that government honestly in the past has misused some of that data. We are trying to figure it out. We also want to work with CBOs to talk to them about the ways we will use the information and data and have more transparency.

**Councilmember Dickey,** Obviously the populations that we are trying to accumulate data from, have trust issues. I would think that that would be the greatest obstacle to overcome. The white population is probably most responsive because they feel more confident about knowing their position in life, their position within the power structure of the county.

**Oscar Chavez,** We can't give up on the important need to collect data, to better serve those who need it most. With the American Rescue Plan Act, we have a one in a lifetime opportunity. The county dedicated nearly \$40 million to a community resiliency grants program, specifically designed to address those who were hardest hit by the pandemic. We engage in a very robust engagement process. We had committee meetings, surveys to non-profits, went to residents, looked at data, and had various different reports to see how we can better invest these dollars. Through this process, we identified 9 categories.

1. Essential workers
2. Childcare and childcare facilities
3. Culturally responsive disaster response
4. Educational disparities
5. Emergency financial assistance
6. Food assistance

7. Housing & shelter
8. Mental health
9. Support for small businesses

We are using something called results based accountability to track how these dollars are being used in the community. We are using this as a learning laboratory. What happens when you invest \$40 million dollars in your community?

**Public Comment:**

**Tracy Salcedo**, I just want to thank the presenter for what he presented. One of the things that strikes me, I work at a local school that's primarily the populations primarily Latinx and Second Language Learners. I've also been working on SDC, so I've been involved in the affordable housing conversation. I just want to say that data is cool and data means a lot to people who like data but for the people that you're trying to help it doesn't matter. What matters is what goes into their pockets. What matters is what goes in their pockets, their quality of life and their ability to be happy. I don't know how to help except that with the storytelling you might be able to, I don't know, maybe reach more of these folks. If you can tell stories about how somebody who actually took the risk of talking to someone who's trying to collect data, actually got something that they needed to make their lives better because right now it's just data and reports and things that are completely intangible, even to white people.

~~7. Sonoma County Transit: Bike Racks and Benches~~ Receive. Bryan Albee, SC Transit – Receive presentation on funding opportunities for bike racks, benches

~~8. Sonoma Developmental Center Update, Sonoma Land Trust (continued 7.20.22)~~ 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)

**9. Reports and Announcements from Councilmembers and Ad Hocs**

**Vice Chair Handron**, Scope of the Community Projects ad hoc committee. Mark and I in the ad hoc committee have decided that it might be a good idea to develop a master plan of community projects that people are interested in, but that sounds like a really big job that's probably going to outlast our ad hoc. With that being our ultimate goal, what we really want to do is meet with local community groups and try and start that process. We were just looking for some feedback from the greater MAC on that direction and whether it's the right way to go, any tips on how to go about it, and things like that. We initially started with the idea of developing or organizing a community sign/ welcome sign. I think the Glen Ellen Forum is working on developing that sign and they recently had a meeting that I wasn't able to attend. Mark would have more information about that. Because we were specifically formed around that sign project, we wanted to report back that we want to work collaboratively with other groups and that does seem to be something that the Glen Ellen form is taking the lead on and we just want to get by in from the rest of the group on the direction that we're looking at going.

**Councilmember Oldroyd**, Is this endeavor for Glen Ellen or does this include Kenwood?

**Vice Chair Handron**, no we wanted to reach out to the Rotary group in Kenwood and other Kenwood organizations to represent their interests as well.

**Chair Dawson**, Vicki, would you restate your question?

**Vice Chair Handron**, We were formed around that sign and we don't want to abdicate our duty, because that was something that was specifically assigned to us, but on the other hand we don't want to interfere with the process that's already happening with another local group (Glen Ellen Forum), so we just want to report back that we're not moving forward with leading the sign effort at this point because we are not doing what we were specifically formed to do, we

want to make sure that the greater MAC agrees too.

**Chair Dawson,** We can have a vote after all ad hocs report out. I will give a brief report on something that happened, which I haven't shared with my other Transportation committee members. One thing that happened the last couple of weeks is that I had a meeting with Mia Kong, who's working under Infill Builders, working on a proposal for SDC. I shared the bike path idea and sent her some text on it and she was excited about it. She sent a newspaper article on a project she worked on, that combined workforce housing with alternative transit on state land. She has experience with these kinds of things.

## 10. Consideration of items for future agenda

Councilmember Nardo-Morgan, Quick announcement: Many of us know Julie Outwood. They are sponsoring the home and ranch readiness neighborhood workshop. They've already done one and there's a second one on August 23rd. It will be at her Outwood Ranch Barn, from 6 to 8 and it's a wonderful workshop on readiness, safety, neighbors, and animals, what to do before and after disasters. There will be all kinds of experts there. If anyone is interested, go to the halter project and find out more about that. It will be next Tuesday.

**Chair Dawson,** Question for councilmember Dickey for the next week. I think Hannahg mentioned that you could only represent either the NSV MAC or the CAC. I'm just curious if that might affect our planning a little bit.

**Council member Dickey,** I don't know. We're talking about pretty unique circumstances. I think that's probably a question for Hannah and Ariel to be honest.

**Chair Dawson,** At the next meeting, we will be finalizing our MAC response letter for the EIR. If we're lucky that won't take a huge amount of time. We can take ideas for future agendas, but I don't know if they are going to happen next month.

**Councilmember Dickey,** We have an ad hoc committee for that purpose. Is your proposal that we put ideas together collectively and then our ad hoc will compose it into a document?

**Chair Dawson,** I've been in communication with Kate Eagles. I haven't looped you in. The plan is for us to collect public comments at the meeting next week and then Kate's on board to draft a letter using those comments and also using input from council members who were going to sign up for specific topics. She's going to have it drafted in time to submit to the Planning Commission and on the 15th. I checked in with Ariel and Hannah and they said it was okay to submit a draft letter, as long as it's been posted on our website before the 15th and it's public information. I would guess Kate is probably going to contact you soon to talk about strategizing for how to pull that off, but my hope is kind of working from the template from the NOP letter.

**Council member Nardo-Morgan,** Kate mentioned we should wait until the meeting Wednesday to incorporate public comments.

**Chair Dawson,** Yes, I also invite the public to contact us through the county with any comments they have that we can incorporate into the letter. Kate is planning to take good notes at the meeting.

## 11. Adjourned at 7:10pm

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Note: Consideration of agenda items will proceed as follows:

1. Presentation
2. Questions by Councilmembers

3. Questions and comments from the public
4. Response by presenter, if required
5. Comments by Councilmembers
6. Resolution, if indicated

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