



# North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND AGENDA

In Person Meeting: Kenwood Depot  
314 Warm Springs Rd, Kenwood, CA 95452

**April 16, 2024**

**5:30 PM**



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## 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Start: 5:37pm

Galindo: Pledge, land acknowledgement, roll.

Present: Dawson, Dickey, Galindo, Newhouser, Peña

Absent: Eagles, Nardo Morgan

Dawson: We acknowledge that the citizens and community served by the NSV MAC, occupy the unseeded ancestral lands of the Coast Miwok, closely related to neighboring indigenous peoples: 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.

## 2. Approval of March 19, 2024 minutes

Resolution

Galindo: Any changes to March minutes?

Dawson: None.

Motion:

First: Dickey

Second: Dawson

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### 3. Public Comment

Receive

(Limited to items not appearing on the agenda)

Galindo: Any comments from the public?

No public comment.

Dawson: Would like to make comment as member of the public. Idea that I brought up last month, lowering the speed limits on some of the roads in Glen Ellen. Meeting with Supervisor Gorin, going to walk Warm Springs Road. Thought it would be good to extend that, bigger area covered by a lower speed limit. Calling it a more walkable Glen Ellen. Drove around and noted speed limits, notable how variable it was. Hopefully this can be on an agenda in a month or too. I think number of benefits, one thing would be to standardize a little bit more.

Newhouser: This last week, I saw two people walking in Glen Ellen with orange flags and orange vests.

Peña: Probably the Camino de Sonoma people.

Dickey: What is the Camino de Sonoma?

Peña: A pilgrimage that goes from the Mission in Sonoma to Fort Ross, 75 miles. Based on the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Local people started up a few years ago, I helped them map it out in six stages.

Dickey: Do they then go home in the evening?

Peña: That's what's different about this. At the end, people go home. People from out of the area, arrange for lodging.

Newhouser: Thank you Arthur.

Dickey: Question under public comment. There's been some discussion about possibility of Supervisor Gorin encouraging the Board of Supervisors to help finance the evacuation plan. Wondering if that has been brought up, secondarily, wondering if we can use our own budget funds to help with that.

Whitman: Don't have an answer, will follow up.

### 4. Supervisor Gorin Update

Receive

Galindo: Supervisor Gorin not here, but she gave us a report.

Whitman: Written report, I will read into the record.

#### **Supervisor Gorin report:**

BOARD REPORT TO MACs/CAC

April 16, 2024

The board took several weeks of break the last two weeks, but we were hard at work yesterday.

Here is the report on the board action from yesterday's board meeting.

1. Board Supported a Change in the reporting structure for County Departments during the meeting  
-Actually the new reporting structure of all departments reporting to the "Chief Executive Officer" is not new, but a reversion to how the County functioned 12 years ago when CAO Bob Deis had reporting authority over all departments except those independently elected - Sheriff, Auditor/Controller, Clerk/Assessor/Registrar of Voters, District Attorney.

This will increase efficiency and effectiveness of the County as an organization and help to clarify any confusion about board direction to our departments. It has been difficult for departments to understand direction from five supervisors in the past.

But board will still have ability to communicate directly with all departments on needed services and projects important to our districts. And we will continue to communicate with the “Chief Executive Officer” on hiring and evaluations, as before.

There was concern expressed from IOLERO CAC about conflict with Measure P - determined not to be the case by County Counsel - and lack of transparency and authority. The CAC will hold a special meeting about this in May, but I value the CAC and IOLERO and will still confer with Director Alden on all concerns.

2. CANNABIS TAXATION - Board accepted the recommendation of staff to lower taxation for cannabis cultivation (Indoor, outdoor and mixed-light) and increase taxation slightly for manufacturing based upon surveys of cannabis pricing in the north bay.

3. HOMELESS OPERATOR CONTRACTS - Board approved rejecting all bids for operations of our homeless facilities and issuing a new RFP for operator contracts for Mickey Zane Place, ESS Tent Encampments at Permit Sonoma and Eliza’s Village (when it opens soon).

We also approved an extension of the contract with DEMA for operations at Mickey Zane and ESS Tent Encampments until we explore alternative provisions for operations by County employees or a single-source provision by another contractor.

Eliza’s village will open and have room for additional folks from Sonoma Valley once an operator is selected based upon the responses from the RFP for services...

We need to thank Dave Kiff, Director of Homeless Services with the County for his advocacy and passion for homeless services county wide. Sadly, he is leaving the County at the end of the month to assume the city manager position at Laguna Beach.

4. TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE AND OAK WOODLAND ORDINANCE - Board approved our TPO and Oak Woodland Ordinance with changes, removing the exemption for landowners ability to perform their own forestry activities, increasing the mitigation fees with increases based on CPI adjustments of the fees adopted in 1989, removing “commercial” classification from agricultural activities and asking for a review of the effectiveness of the ordinances in two years time

I need to thank Supervisor Coursey in supporting a hardline in keeping the intent of the ordinances to protect our forests and woodlands and the many community members advocating for protections of our trees. Special thanks goes to Caitlin Cornwall for her work as a planning commissioner in crafting these ordinances and advocating for removing the watered-down language staff inserted.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS - are being held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week when our departmental budget asks are presented and a list of board budget requests will be posted. (More on the budget requests later, but I have asked for funding for a full evacuation analysis of all of the activities happening on the Los Guilicos campus, including tripling the number of homeless residents and staff at Eliza’s Village.

#### Next Board Meetings

April 30 -

Vacation Rental Ordinance updates and directions to move forward with Phase 2 of VR limiting zones.  
Discussion of building of a new morgue and public health facility on the county campus.

May 14

Animal Services Facility Upgrades report\  
Language access plan from the Office of Equity

May 17

Truth Act Forum  
Racial Equity Action Plan\

May 21

Vegetation Management grant awards - 4th round

Care court implementation plan

Renter Protection Matrix of options

**End of Supervisor Gorin report.**

Newhouser: A lot to unpack.

Dickey: Not interested in doing so without her being here.

Newhouser: Pleased to hear Oak Woodland Protection Ordinance is moving forward. Don't know if can protect from PG&E, think public safety trumps any forestry protection. They're removing large portions of oaks, know it's all for fire safety, seems excessive.

Dawson: Within certain distance of power lines?

Newhouser: Have a lot of discretion. It's very expansive, based upon discretion of arborist.

Dickey: And they come out with increasing frequency.

Newhouser: We've had them in our neighborhood for days. Don't call ahead, just show up. Can, because they have easements. Impact the vegetation management for fire safety has been so expansive.

Dickey: No real accountability either, in terms of health of trees, consequences to wildlife. It would be nice for that to be a subject for the Board of Supervisors to take up.

Newhouser: One of those things where you have conflicting objectives. Carbon sequestration objectives that county has set forth, habitat protection, contrary to objectives of fire safety vegetation management. I think our carbon sequestration goals are going to be impossible to reach with the current actions of vegetation management. Not just driven by PG&E, but also by insurance companies, demanding excessive vegetation removal as well. Great to have that discussion in the future, how reconciling competing objectives.

Dawson: Love trees as much as anybody, but having looked at historical picture, wide range of canopy that's been on the landscape for past 150 years. From that perspective, less concerned in a general sense about cutting some trees for power lines, not going outside historical range.

Newhouser: Could have a long discussion. Not just succession, turn of the century, a lot of wood disappeared because reliant on wood for fuel, construction.

Dawson: It would be a wider conversation, cultural burning was keeping things quite open. I would support having it as subject at one of our future meetings.

Galindo: Public comment?

No public comment.

**5. North Sonoma Valley MAC Annual Report 2023 – Continued from March 19 Meeting (10mins) Resolution**

- Review and approve annual report for 2023

Whitman: I can start us off, Councilmember Dawson sent along an additional paragraph, can put that up. Otherwise have not received any other additions.

Dawson: I'll go ahead and read it.

**Councilmember Dawson addition:**

County Public Works followed up on a suggestion from the Transportation Committee to switch the northbound pedestrian crosswalk sign on Arnold (hidden behind a tree just before the Sonoma Creek bridge) with the bike lane sign immediately to the south. This resulted in much better visibility for the crosswalk sign and a noticeable slowing of northbound traffic when a pedestrian was visible in the crosswalk (Dawson, personal observations 12+ times per week).

**End Councilmember Dawson addition.**

Galindo: Questions or comments?

Whitman: I can pull up the full draft and we can find a place to put it. And if there are any further additions, we can do that. Preference as to where?

Dawson: Not really.

Whitman: Maybe after ad hocs?

Dawson: Sure.

Whitman: Any other edits or additions?

Dickey: Question. About funding and budget.

Whitman: Have that item next if that can wait.

Galindo: Public comment?

No public comment.

Motion:

First: Dickey

Second: Newhouser

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**6. North Sonoma Valley MAC Budget Update and Budget Request (10mins)**

Resolution

- Receive update on NSV MAC annual budget FY 23/24
- Review and approve Budget Request: Glen Ellen Firehouse Triangle Project

Whitman: I'll be starting us off again with brief presentation. As was requested at last meeting, doing a brief review of MAC's budget this fiscal year. As you know, Supervisor Gorin has allocated \$10,000 as your MAC's annual budget. I believe this was this was a question that came up last time, your funding can be used both for ongoing expenses which includes venue rental and minutes, and also for special projects that would need to be approved by the Supervisor. In the past, your MAC contributed toward a Dia de los Muertos altar in Glen Ellen, as an example. In addition to being approved by your MAC and Supervisor Gorin, each project that you fund also goes on the Board of Supervisors agenda. Funds do not roll over year to year, fiscal year ends on June 30. This fiscal year, expenses from July through March have been \$693.75, all of which for venue rental. Remaining balance, \$9,306.25. Anticipated ongoing expenses are ongoing venue rental for in-person meetings. For context, average cost for venue rental, which is hourly, in this fiscal year has been around \$87 per meeting. In addition to tonight, because of newly adopted schedule, one more meeting this fiscal year which is in June. Either take questions now, also have second part of this item which is Councilmember Newhouser's budget request.

Dickey: Should we anticipate needing a minute taker for the next fiscal year?

Whitman: Was not planning for this item making any decisions on fiscal year 24/25.

Dickey: Also, if we're talking about change of venue, should have some knowledge about the costs going forward.

Whitman: Update, was able to tour two venues in Glen Ellen with Councilmember Nardo Morgan and Chair Eagles. Jack London Lodge, as far as I know to this point, would not charge us to meet there. Mayflower Hall accepts donations.

Dickey: Mayflower Hall have net access?

Whitman: Yes, probably the more technologically set up of the two options.

Dickey: Meet in assembly hall, or is there an auxiliary space?

Galindo: At the Mayflower?

Dickey: Yes.

Whitman: Separate building that's a community room. Roundabout way of answering your question, neither of those options would exceed the cost of renting this space.

Newhouser: Lodge doesn't have any net access?

Whitman: Has wifi, need follow up clarification if they have screen.

Dickey: Screen something we could purchase with funds?

Whitman: Could, cumbersome to haul.

Dickey: Could store it there?

Newhouser: Just another wrinkle, Forum meets there, at the Lodge. Know the issue of the screen for presentations has come up. I could ask if there's any intent to have a screen. Nice to have a screen on site. What you're looking for is a monitor?

Whitman: Yes.

Dickey: My proposal is that once we establish where we're going to be, make it available to the community.

Whitman: All good questions, want to keep us on track tonight. There will be trial and error when we start in a new space, budget questions will likely come up in the next fiscal year.

Dickey: Budget update and Triangle thing related? Can we have a discussion where overlaps?

Whitman: Same item, just wanted to provide that background first.

Peña: Fiscal year starts in June?

Whitman: July 1.

Peña: Why are we doing the annual report for the calendar year 2023?

Whitman: Something that we have done at the beginning of the year.

Peña: Seems like should align with fiscal budget.

Whitman: Think were trying to capture calendar year.

Newhouser: Thought this exercise was to try to get a handle on what's left, could actually consider use of remaining funds.

Whitman: Do we want to pull up the funding request?

Dawson: To be clear, two months to use rest of money.

Peña: Have to be approved by Board of Supervisors?

Dickey: Let's spend it on the triangle.

Newhouser: Hannah, you had mentioned that it had to be approved by the MAC, then approved by the Supervisor. Is there any other approval?

Whitman: All Tourism Impact Fund items go on the Board of Supervisors agenda.

Newhouser: This is TIF?

Whitman: Yes, that's what the MAC budget comprised of. Have already alerted staff that this is possibly forthcoming if the MAC approves.

Dawson: Consent agenda item?

Whitman: Yes.

Newhouser: Confident that it would get on the board agenda in time to precede the cutoff?

Whitman: Yes, believe we have a May date.

Dickey: Totally support that. Close enough to the end of the fiscal year that know we're not going to have additional expenditures that we couldn't capture next year.

Newhouser: Hannah contacted me asked me to complete this form. Request didn't come from me; this was a council suggestion. Completed to the best of my ability, used similar language to previous descriptions of the project. Will read it.

**Councilmember Newhouser Budget Request form:**

Project Title: Firehouse Triangle Improvement Project

Description: his project will enhance the landscape and protect a heritage oak on a small county owned parcel within the right of way of Arnold Drive in Glen Ellen. Landscaping will include drought tolerant native plants protected by boulders and split rail fencing. A 'Welcome to Glen Ellen' sign will replace the current defaced 'Entering the Village of Glen Ellen' sign.

Amount Estimate: \$9,000

MAC Advisory Topic Area: Community Projects

How will the community benefit from the project? This project will improved a blighted county parcel in the heart of Glen Ellen. This project was identified as a priority for improvements due to parking complaints and poor appearance in a highly visible location at the entrance to Glen Ellen. The project will also provide opportunities for community involvement and will utilize the skilled contributions of volunteers from Glen Ellen.

Partnering Organization(s), if any: Glen Ellen Forum

**End Councilmember Newhouser Budget Request form.**

Dawson: Do they have to spend the money before they charge the county?

Newhouser: Correct me if I'm not interpreting your question correctly, funding, once awarded, check sent to Glen Ellen Forum. Held by the receiving entity until the work is done, however incrementally.

Dickey: Is there reporting on part of Glen Ellen Forum on expenditures to the county?

Whitman: Arielle is the staff point person for TIF funded projects in our office, I don't have exact details but yes some level of reporting.

Dickey: Will the Forum have any expenses associate with management of this?

Whitman: Clarify, I let Mark know that I was comfortable with a funding request that would not exceed \$9,000 so that we had remaining funds for our venue rental.

Newhouser: Totally fine with that. To answer Matt's question, are a volunteer organization, no billing for any bookkeeping so to speak from the treasurer or administration of any projects. Not going to be billing for any administrative or management role. If certain work is approved in advance, can be billed for as long as the project manager says it's been completed. Don't anticipate any expenses above and beyond.

Dickey: In favor.

Dawson: One other question. Money have to be spent before end of our fiscal year?

Newhouser: Just have to be dispersed.

Whitman: Will check with Arielle and follow up.

Dickey: That's why I had the question about additional expenses and formality of reporting.

Newhouser: Let me address this and correct me if I'm wrong. Typically accountability for any grant funds that come from the county or any government agency. Come in the form of report, receipts for expenses, completed contracts, some other verification that the work completed. There may be report or paperwork to show the completion of the work, can verify that as well while checking with timeline.

Whitman: Yes.

Dickey: Mark, since you're project manager. Let's say funds come to you, do you have something you could spend them on by June 30? Could you have done so?

Newhouser: I think there's some discretion, something that was pointed out to me that I can verify, time extensions can be provided. That was communicated to me regarding the other TIF funds. However, preference is that work get done within fiscal year awarded. In this case, may have to ask for an exception if we need some additional time. That would be ideal, however, I think we could utilize the funds, a little bit of a challenge.

Dickey: Buy materials and store them?

Newhouser: Not ideal. Today, went to Beltane Ranch, Arthur's lead here. Let me pick around in pile of rocks, cost may be to transport them and to place them. Nevertheless, getting into the weeds here. Let's hear back from Hannah, will have a better answer. Do my best to utilize them in the time given.

Dawson: Assuming you get the rocks from Beltane, signage?

Dickey: For anyone who was a donor.

Newhouser: Topic to discuss, I'm not a huge fan of vanity signage or acknowledgement signs that are permanent. Where acknowledgement should be is very public, post to local papers, at meetings.



Peña: Isn't our discussion topic to approve the budget item?

Galindo: Yes, we do need to approve the budget first.

Peña: And not discuss the limitations.

Newhouser: Thank you for bringing us back to the agenda.

Motion to approve budget request:

First: Dickey

Second: Peña

No public comment.

Newhouser: Have always been reluctant to ask, is anybody online? Would be okay to say, we have 1 or 2 or half dozen? Might help us.

Whitman: Happy to do that in the future, in the past I've been asked to name who's online, don't feel necessarily should name but will share the number.

Galindo: Done with the conversation?

Dickey: We need that clarification how the funds arrive and accounted for.

Newhouser: And the timeline and the expenditure time.

Whitman: Will follow up to full MAC.

Galindo: Nervous about amount of money and timing.

Whitman: And if becomes point of concern, can call a special meeting of the MAC.

Dickey: Do we talk about alternative expenditures if becomes problematic?

Whitman: Can discuss with Chair and Vice Chair if comes to that, and could be special meeting topic in May.

## **7. Reports and Announcements from Councilmembers and Ad Hoc**

Receive

Newhouser: Nothing significant to add, initiated the project now that we have initial funding.

Galindo: Confusion on my end, had jumped ahead a little. Anything else?

Dickey: Ad hoc for General Plan update.

Newhouser: Do you want to talk about that? Since you are Chair of committee?

Dickey: I am not.

Peña: We agreed last time that we would meet.

Newhouser: You and I, and? I suggested that you Chair.

Peña: Haven't done that yet.

Newhouser: Also, I kind of put you on the spot. Comfortable with that?

Peña: Sure.

Newhouser: Wonderful.

Dickey: Believe that RFP process for a consultant for the General Plan has been approved, is that correct?

Whitman: I don't know with certainty, I believe Supervisor Gorin mentioned that in her update at your last meeting, recall seeing in the minutes.

Dickey: Reason I ask, Permit Sonoma has pushed back on public effort until that milestone was achieved. Once achieved, going to start having increased public hearings, and activities associated with it become far more important, now have their person going to use for this whole thing.

Newhouser: Do you feel comfortable putting a projected date when it would be appropriate to have respective updates for guidelines for both Glen Ellen and Kenwood.

Dickey: CAC meeting is next week, I am due to have a meeting regarding General Plan update between now and next Wednesday. Will have better idea of what is taking place, will send to Arielle, she can send to you.

Dawson: Remember there was some concern, limitation on public meetings, that for some projects, the state is limiting it to five?

Whitman: That does not include the General Plan.

Newhouser: Not to put you on the spot, find that if have a deadline when public input is required, really helps to light a fire under those of us who are trying to initiate an effort.

Dickey: Long effort, we're talking years.

Newhouser: Earlier than later?

Dickey: Yes, we're not talking about months though. Important timeline to understand, possible all will take place and be finalized and I won't even be here. Very long process.

Newhouser: This is a real opportunity, we'll discuss it.

Dickey: I'll give you an update as to the timelines.

Newhouser: That would help, can set some realistic goals.

Dickey: City of Sonoma ahead of the game, named their own consultant, works with the county's consultant. All these informal discussions that have taken place become far more formal, that's the important part, formality of this that can be taken advantage of.

Galindo: Public comment?

No public comment.

Dawson: Hannah could you remind us, what situations would the limitation on public meetings be applied to?

Whitman: My understanding is that it's for projects that were submitted when the county did not have a certified Housing Element.

Galindo: Future agenda items?

Dawson: Walkable Glen Ellen.

Dickey: Meeting next month?

Whitman: Do not, next meeting June.

Peña: Talked about community outreach last month, occurred to me afterwards, there's all these different groups in the county that provide various different outreach, don't think the general public is really differentiating between them. Wondering, appropriate for us to do that outreach on our own? If we did outreach on what all those different groups are doing, would be beneficial to the public.

Dickey: Good insight. Just as an aside to triangle project, that money being spent there that comes through us – if we did nothing else as a group except allocate those funds on an annual basis, that would be a good thing. Go to locally identified project, that alone is something we could build outreach around. Could say to the public, we have twelve months to identify projects that we want to fund, also identify what the constraints are. Let that percolate through the community, that would be beneficial to what we do here.

Peña: Get people's interest.

Dawson: Ask people for project ideas early in the fiscal year.

Dickey: For instance, CAC does not have that capacity, don't have money that comes through TIF, don't have that latitude.

Dawson: And quite visible.

Dickey: Triangle project, very visible.

Newhouser: Very appreciative of support, kind of want to get back to what Martin was saying. My understanding is that trying to improve outreach to engage with community. Thinking that here we have modest amount of money, don't want to lose sight of what Martin was saying. Want to leverage those funds to improve outreach. Don't know exactly how that would be manifested. Figure out a way to engage the community more, is it to make people more aware of other organizations in the area, or in some way partner with them?

Peña: I would say partner. We have such a thin charter here, other groups with similar charters. How does one know, that's a part of our Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council, versus CAC or something else?

Dawson: Years ago, Kate and I worked with the Community Health Center, had COVID shots off of Madrone, really good collaboration between the two groups.

Dickey: Have had multiple meetings with both the MACs and the CAC around SDC as well. Tend to forget those things because largely by Zoom.

Newhouser: And issue-specific.

Dickey: Absolutely, and a lot of emotion behind it.

Peña: Reading articles that Ashely who was here a couple meetings ago is writing for the Kenwood Press about the various organizations, Being Unincorporated, interesting for me because I'm not aware of all these things.

Dickey: I think the money, being able to allocate those funds, will be helpful.

Galindo: Should we use that on the agenda next time, so we can all talk about how we can do outreach, how do we get out there and make ourselves known.

Newhouser: I contributed a concept, Kate said she was going to work with you on that. What I was proposing was a very specific role for the Chair and Vice Chair, setting the agenda and messaging. We discussed this, fair consensus that if the three of you were able to put together our outreach materials, clear message, then the rest of us the council would ask what can we do? Clear and consistent message from leadership, then we can be the foot soldiers getting the word out, trickles down to the rest of the community.

Peña: Outreach is not just us communicating what we're doing, but letting the public know what we can do, so if they have interests that they go to the right group to get those voiced. People don't feel listened to, don't feel empowered to do anything, but if they read something that says, there's this group and there's the ones who can listen to this, they'll come make a public comment and maybe there will be something there.

Dawson: Maybe have a meeting that is primarily a listening session?

Dickey: I think it would be easier to do that in Glen Ellen. This discussion has gone on since we started the MAC. All of these groups have the same discussion, how do we encourage more public participation? I think we all recognize how hard that is now, used to be a part of public life, somewhere along the line either because of time constraints or other interests, we've lost sight of that as a nation. As governments grow larger, voices grow smaller, this is an opportunity to have a voice and encourage its use.

Dawson: Good points, going back a couple years, I've got a one-page sheet on the MAC, maybe update it maybe change it, happy to share.

Dickey: Think we should reestablish that as a discussion point for our next meeting.

Newhouser: At some point, I think we have to put together the message. Create a process, defined role for leadership. Can get input from fellow councilmembers to help refine that message, maybe even be given assignments by which to do outreach. Martin's idea is excellent; Matt, talking about public service, but what I think Martin was getting at was giving people a voice, an opportunity to vent, to express concerns, hopes, dreams. Circles back to our budget, if we really want to get the message out, draw people out of the woodwork. Also have had people withdraw, COVID exacerbated it, much more self-reliant.

Dickey: Irony is, had more turnout when had Zoom then now.

Newhouser: How do we reverse that?

Dawson: See what happens in Glen Ellen.

Newhouser: Want to encourage us as a group is to contribute to these ideas, put in writing, be able to share that information and get out to the public.

Galindo: Put that back on the agenda, by then Councilmember Eagles and I can meet.

Dickey: I think it'll be interesting to see what happens if have change of venue. Running an experiment here anyway, maybe that's part of the experiment. Subject of an ongoing discussion. Would you dig up that one pager and send to us?

Dawson: Yes.

Dickey: And with that?

No public comment.

## 9. Adjourn

Resolution

Galindo: Motion to adjourn?

First: Dickey  
Second: Dawson

Meeting adjourned: 6:52pm

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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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