

Meyers Advisory Council

October 19, 2021; 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Virtual Meeting
Member and Public Access via Zoom

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Members:

Leon Abravanel, Chair
Joseph V. Cardinale
Trevor Coolidge, Secretary
Greg Daum
Carl Fair
Josh Marianelli
Amanda Ross
Vacant, Vice Chair

1. Call Meeting to Order and Establish Quorum

Ferry called the meeting to order; Abravanel, Marianelli, Cardinale, Abravenel, and Coolidge present. A quorum was established at 4:07 PM. Greg Daum joined at 4:09 PM.

2. Approve Agenda

Cardinale and Coolidge requested the addition of replacement of the Vice Chair, noting that Jude Wood had given notice. Ferry noted that “Meyers Beautification Plan/Sign/Artwork” was added as Item F.

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported for non-agenda items.

4. Minutes from March 16, 2021

There were no requested changes to the minutes.

5. Public Matters: Informational items and persons wishing to address the Council regarding non-agenda items

No members of the MAC or public sought to speak on non-agenda items.

Joe volunteered to become the Vice-Chair. The MAC unanimously approved the Cardinal becoming the vice-chair person.

6. Agenda Items:

A. Meyers Advisory Council (MAC) Purpose Discussion

Ferry noted that the MAC was a community group as an intermediary between the County and the community. COVID had disrupted both the MAC and the Meyers Community and the in-person nature of each group.

Brendan again shared the reason for the Meyers Advisory Council; goals for what Meyers looks like, while also covering items ranging from concern over public safety and utilities to recreation and commerce.

Ferry noted Ross' quote from the last meeting that the MAC is to "serve as a conduit between the Meyers Community and the County government."

Ferry asked about the interests in the community and the MAC -

Coolidge asked about upcoming projects for review, citing that there hasn't been much since the Holiday Market sign review came through. Ferry indicated that there is not and that many of the new business.

Daum indicated that businesses must be strong and viable in order to support the costs within the Tahoe Basin, citing the success of Holiday Market.

Cardinale asked about the private golf course - Ferry indicated that it had not yet sold.

Leon noted his businesses, Tube Tahoe, thriving on the course.

Josh asked about the area plan Boundary and noted the limited area that the Plan covers when considering Meyers/

Ferry noted the San Bernardino bike bridge into Tahoe Paradise Park was planned for construction next summer.

B. Priority Setting & Review of Meyers Area Plan

Ferry reviewed the history beyond the MAC and the MAP, asked about areas of interest to focus on in the coming year.

Leon was interested in crosswalks, Ross and Wood in VHRs. Coolidge and Ross are focused on the welcome signage, while Joe and Josh on bike paths.

Ferry shared the Capital Improvement Project ranking in the MAP. Cardinale asked about funding for projects; Ferry confirmed that short of the MAC procuring funds, there is a limited ability to advance projects.

Coolidge noted that having listed and prioritized projects is critical for grant applications. Cardinale and Ferry discussed the challenges of working along state ROW. Ferry noted that the County is advancing the bike bridge, Apache Avenue, and a roundabout at Pioneer Trail.

Abravenel proposed annual check-ins on priorities and the MAC concurred.

There was no vote or action taken.

C. Proposed Meyers Area Plan Amendment

Melanie Shasha, Associate Planner with El Dorado County provided a review of the 2021 ADU Ordinance - Zoning Ordinance Minor Update for the Meyers Area Plan (MAP).

Planning and permitting laws related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) have changed at the state level to promote ADUs to address housing in California. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) recently updated their regulations and ordinances to reflect the new laws for ADUs. In order to align with TRPA ordinances, an amendment to the MAP is required to reflect allowed uses and development.

Shasha provided a presentation and reviewed key elements to the updated ADU regulations, including:

New ADU rules in California are significant - allows both an ADU and a JADU (Junior ADU) on the same property.

Meyers update means new ADUs allowed on multifamily and mixed use lots, main purpose of the MAP ADU update.

Between 2017 and 2019, 40 CA laws have been signed into Law.

TRPA update to MAP includes: Revise Table 2-1 for ADUs in MAP-1 and MAP-3; removed one-acre minimum parcel size, added definitions to ADU and JADU (Junior ADUs).

JADUs have owner occupancy requirements, are limited to one per parcel, limit of 500 sq ft. No additional parking required, must be deed restricted.

TRPA still requires development right and coverage restrictions. Ferry noted that some expansions go up and don't require coverage, such as over an existing garage.

Coolidge motioned, Cardinale seconded, and the MAC unanimously supported the approval of the proposed amendment.

D. Caldor Fire Discussion

Within the Caldor Fire, almost one-third of EDC burned by area, with Grizzly Flats and Phillips Tract virtually gone. Significant watershed impacts surrounding the Tahoe Basin and numerous recreation trails burned across many jurisdictions.

Cardinale noted that the community would like to be involved in reforestation. Ferry noted that Sugar Pine Foundation often is a leader for planting; Cardinale sought for the MAC to help where possible in the fire recovery.

E. Tahoe Paradise Park Update

Joe thanked and commended Cree and Leon Abravanel for their farmer's market series before providing an update for the park.

Tahoe Paradise Park will be implementing paid parking to help support operations, update the parking lot, and develop additional facilities. They are currently exploring pass costs, \$5/daily, \$50-70/yr annual for residents. Fire air quality caused wedding cancellations and budget impacts. In process of looking for grant money to rehab court #1 - cost estimate is \$150k. Will be only facility with 8 pickleball courts in the area. Noted EDC DOT is moving forward with the bike/ped bridge. Had lake water quality issues related to algae as a result of the drought and heat. Entrance is free to encourage walking and biking

Marianelli asked about the main source of the operating budget for the park. Joe noted that Measure S funds provide \$50k/year and \$10k/yr from JPIA. Park has one full time employee from May 15 - Oct 15 and three part time employees. A five member Board controls the Park; one member is retiring and there will be an opening.

As a PSA, Cardinale noted that there have been issues with dogs off leash in the park and encouraged compliance. He noted that the playground needs new chips and rehab of the merry go round. A new tent is needed for events. Stocking the lake is ~\$6k, done twice annually with help from EDC and Moose Lodge. Cardinale noted the role of volunteers in the park.

F. Meyers Beautification Plan/Sign/Artwork

John Dayberry shared the status of the signage effort. Asked about a meeting between the MCF and EDC. Ferry would coordinate. Coolidge noted that the Pioneer Trail Environmental Document has it included.

As a follow up, Cardinale asked for a future update on the EDC projects. Coolidge asked about the Sawmill to Viking Way bike path closure and the forced re-route of bikes and pedestrians onto Lake Tahoe Boulevard without bike or ped facilities. Dayberry asked about State Park's reconfiguration of the golf course and Cardinale asked about restoration along the river. Ferry noted the requests for future MAC meetings.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.