

Rabbit Creek Community Council meeting
Aug 8, 02, 7 pm

The picnic meeting was held at Storck Park. A quorum of the board was not met. Board members present were Dianne Holmes, Josh Peirce, and Nancy Pease.

Dianne opened the informational meeting at 7. There were no minutes or treasurer's report.

An invitation to read past Council correspondence (on the table) and announcements were made.

For people not on the agenda, an invitation to speak, was offered.

Assembly Report

Dick Tremaine spoke on recent and future Assembly actions. His attempt to remove the three dwelling unit per acre requirement for sewer service will come before the Planning and Zoning Commission in late fall.

Speaker

Bill Sober of the Anchorage Soils and Water Conservation Districts, spoke about the new Forestry Incentive Program that the Council heard about in July. The federally funded service assists private landowners by reimbursing 65% of the cost of removing wildfire fuels and replanting trees. The maximum reimbursement is \$10,000 for a minimum of 7 acres (which can be a combined acreage between contiguous landowners). The landowners must agree to participate for 10 years. Help is available for filling out the form, evaluating the land and designing a plan to meet the needs of the property. Mr. Sober's number is 271-2424, ext 107.

Land and Platting Issues Update

Nancy Pease reported on the Marguerite Hills replat issue. Two council board members, city Parks staff, and a knowledgeable local resident accompanied the Marguerite Hills landowner to a site visit near Marguerite Hills to discuss the Platting Board's decision for a trail easement. Nancy discussed the Areawide Trails Plan of '97 and traditional trail usage in the Baldy Mt/Marguerite Hills area. Residents new to Rabbit Creek questioned easements on traditional trails and how they would be determined if they weren't already on the Plan and other concerns on trails.

Steve Johnson, a resident near Mountainside Village Dr came to ask about the new development along the Stewart/Seppi Road. Our understanding is that Mrs Stewart sold all but about 50 acres to an outside developer and there was no special agreement about trail access or access to her 50 acres that have been donated as a native botanical garden. While Mrs Stewart told Dianne recently that she never intended for access to be denied, she did not make specific arrangements in her sale agreement. The Stewart/Seppi Rd is clearly delineated on the Areawide Trails Plan as a trail, however. Nancy and Steve will work together on this development.

Tom Thomson, a resident of Potter Valley, came to the meeting as a representative of Potter Valley Homeowners' Association. Association members determined recently that they needed to be better informed of events affecting their area. A lot of development is occurring with Potter Glen and Villages View Estates.

The meeting adjourned about 8:45 pm

Dianne Holmes, Chair

