

WRTH Meeting March 16 2022 Minutes

Meeting called to order 5:30 PM.

Council members present: Thomas Aceves Linda Alexander Tim Chiara David Eby Claudine Pedroncelli. Supervisor E.J. Crandell present.

1. Upper Lake clock was repaired, with parts and labor provided by the Tallman Hotel.
2. Streetlights, however, were not repaired. Bernie Butcher suggests putting pressure on Public Works to get PG&E to fulfill their contract to repair the lights.
3. Mary says Christmas decorations are still present, after two years. Ray mentions that they are supposed to be seasonal. Linda Wright thinks that once the decorations come down they will never be seen again.
4. Supervisor Crandell apologizes for not being up to date on some aspects of the WRTH business. WRD and code enforcement should have representatives present for the April meeting.
5. More discussion about lighting including Lucerne, about which department is responsible for the lighting. Public Services is put forward as correct department for lighting. Bob Allen's name was also mentioned. Special Districts was put forward by a Bernie Butcher email as being responsible for the Main Street lights. Also email from Scott Harter saying that electrical circuit maintenance was required.
6. Melinda Rivera, PG&E employee is put forward as a good PG&E contact point.
7. April meeting is put forward as being important in relation to the levee situation. Citizen interest is expected and "getting the word out" is encouraged.
8. Claudine mentions abandoned vehicles in the Upper Lake area, confirmed by

Linda Alexander and Supervisor Crandell. Tim Chiara suggests that it would be cheaper to have a program for getting people to bring their vehicles to the dismantlers before they become abandoned, rather than needing to be towed. Supervisor Crandell mentions that ADA says they have towed 500+ vehicles in the last quarter. Another suggestion was made to have local dump sites(debris boxes ?) for people to dump their rubbish instead of needing to scour the countryside picking up trash.

9. Ray and Mary talked about a property past the Alley Creek bridge that was in violation of safety regulations.

10. Supervisor Crandell received an email in the meeting from Scott Harter concerning the lighting, saying that he was in touch with PG&E but no new info was forthcoming.

11. Thomas Aceves brings up animal control. Ray says people are afraid of loose animals.

Supervisor Crandell explained how to make an animal control complaint on the county website. Thomas was concerned that someone would have to get hurt before any action was taken to address loose animals. Supervisor Crandell thinks that animals with multiple complaints can be classed as a nuisance animal.

12. Julia Carrera mentions that she has instituted an public information request concerning the engineering information pertaining to the levees in Upper Lake. Supervisor Crandell replies that the county is working to provide the requested information. Julia also mentions that the county system for these requests is not well organized, perhaps to the point of violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

13. A discussion continued concerning the accountability of public services and the difficulty of local governments dealing with a myriad of ordinances and regulations with small staffs. The importance of citizen based inputs to local government was emphasized.

14. There was discussion concerning the flood potential in Upper Lake as well as the historic spawning grounds of the Clearlake Hitch . The necessity of tying the Upper Lake levees to the Middle Creek Restoration Project was also discussed.

15. Three versions of the letter concerning the Upper Lake levee system were presented for approval. Version 3 was approved by Town Hall participants as acceptable and voted on and passed by the council. The addition of dates to the photographs is required to complete the letter.

16. It was decided to read the letter into the public record at the next BOS meeting on March 22, 2022. With hard copies of the letter for all Supervisors and BOS staff to be available at that meeting. Also email copies to all applicable entities.

17. Town Hall participants Julia Carrera and Linda Wright will assist council member Tim Chiara to read the letter at the BOS meeting.

18. Motion to adjourn, seconded, voice vote affirmative.