

East Region Town Hall (ERTH) District 3

Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2022 – 4:00 pm

The Moose Lodge, 15900 Moose Lodge Lane

Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423

Zoom was not available for this meeting due to technical difficulties

1. Meeting Called to Order at 4:07pm
2. Board members present: Denise Loustalot, Tony Morris, Pamela Kicenski
Board members absent: Jim Burton & EJ Crandell (both excused) 26 guests, 7 guest speakers
3. Public Input – Ken Russell, Clearlake Oaks, wished to extend his appreciation for the work Code Enforcement is doing in his neighborhood on Second Street.
4. Approved the minutes of May 4, 2022, ERTH meeting (no minutes from June 1, 2022)
1st by Tony Morris, 2nd by Denise Loustalot
5. Roadmap Taskforce Update:
Mary Darby-CDD Director, Provided a hand-out, “Clearlake Oaks A Community-Driven Revitalization Action Plan”. Ms. Darby reviewed the Purpose of The Roadmap Taskforce and introduced Marcus Beltramo, Manager of Code Enforcement. Mr. Beltramo introduced the two Code Enforcement Officers assigned to the Taskforce, Joey Valdez and Linda Rosas-Bell. Code Enforcement is focusing their attention on the most problematic and visible businesses along The Highway 20 Clearlake Oaks area first. Second priority will be the Plaza behind Red & White Grocery Store, Oak Grove and a top 10 list. After those target areas are completed work will move into the Streets of Clearlake Oaks. Ms. Rosas-Bell advised that legal Cannabis inspections will start in August. Seven-Eight illegal cannabis cases have been closed in Spring Valley. Hoop houses and water tanks are being removed so that an illegal grow cannot return in those areas. Mr. Beltramo encouraged residents to contact Code Enforcement if properties are detracting from the neighborhood value. A brochure was distributed with a “Scan Me” QR Code that connects to the CDD Code Enforcement page. Residents at the meeting expressed that many Senior citizens do not have cell service nor computers to enter complaints. Current Code Enforcement staffing for Lake County is:
4 Code Enforcement Officers
1 Supervisor
1 Tech
1 Manager (Marcus Beltramo)

They are in the process of hiring 1 more Code Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Darby introduced Sheriff Brian Martin and Lieutenant Rich Ward. Sheriff Martin advised that his department currently has 39 vacancies and since he became Sheriff 15 positions have been cut. Since the Taskforce started there have been 18 arrests, 14 nuisance calls, and 19 search warrants were served.

Ms. Darby advised that a new Data Tracking System is expected to roll out in August and plans to give an update on that at the September ERTH meeting as well as helping residents with the new “Scan Me” QR code.

Jonathan Armas, Animal Control, encouraged all residents to call (707)263-0278 with complaints and concerns with animals. He often sees postings of problems on Facebook but that residents are not calling his department. Mr. Ken Russell requested that a sign be added to Nylander Park regarding the Lake County Leash Law.

6. Commercial Cannabis Cultivation update- Clearlake Oaks:
 - 3 applications denied
 - 3 approved
 - 1 continued (Akwaaba)
 - 10 still in process
 - 17 total

Monte Cristo was denied by the Planning Commission and has filed an appeal.

7. a. Consolidated Lighting District in Clearlake Oaks
 - Per Scott Harter-Special Districts the LAFCO process is underway as of February 2022. Pamela Kicenski advised that this item has appeared on the agenda since 2016 and requests it be added as an action item for the Roadmap Task Force.
- b. Spring Valley Street lighting: Scott Harter confirmed this is included in the Special Districts for Spring Valley and this will move forward. Resident Win Cary advised that some residents have expressed that they do not want lighting added.
8. Lake County Geothermal Project Watchlist: nothing new to report currently.
9. EPA Mercury Mine Superfund Site: EPA plans to hold public meetings in Clearlake Oaks to inform Residents of the current status. No dates available at this time.
10. Spring Valley Update: Tony Morris advised that last year Spring Valley had 112 properties Identified as having an illegal Cannabis grow. Mr. Morris is very pleased with Marcus Beltramo and the work thus far from his department.
11. Northshore Fire Protection District Update – Chief Mike Ciancio: Chief Ciancio was not present. Sheriff Martin advised that his department has loaned the Northshore Fire Protection District Fuels Crew a chipper until the unit on order is received.
12. Supervisor Crandell's Update: Supervisor Crandell was not present
13. New Business: John T. Klaus 1994 Trust and the donation of land for a park in Clearlake Oaks was discussed. Residents present have expressed an interest in this process moving forward. It was agreed that the ERTH Board would send a letter to the Board of Supervisors advising of the resident's desire for a park and concern that years have passed and funds in Trust may revert to another entity.
14. Announcements
15. Next ERTH Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 @ Moose Lodge, 4:00pm
16. Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm

