

WALLACE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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SPECIAL MEETING, Board of Directors

Minutes

Thursday, December 27, 2007

Mark Fusselman's Barn, 9500 Wallace Lake Drive, Wallace Ca 95254

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Charles Cantoni called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Directors Charles Cantoni, Rick Guantone, William Pugh, Floran Schneider and Mark Fusselman. General Manager David Edwards was absent. Mr. Cantoni volunteered to take notes for the meeting.

1. COMMUNITY PLANNING

Director Cantoni reviewed the material provided to the Board on the concept of having the WCSD Board of Directors take a lead role in developing a Community Plan for the Wallace community. This review was presented in follow-up to the presentation on community planning made by Ms. Stephanie Moreno, Director of Community Development for Calaveras County at the last WCSD Board meeting (December 13, 2007).

Mr. Cantoni stated that he had reviewed the concept of the Board getting involved in a leadership role in community planning with Mr. Michael McGrew, district legal counsel. Mr. McGrew advised that the Board could take up such work, and further suggested a number of points as follows:

- All such community planning work must be done in accordance with the Brown Act.
- A meeting place needs to be identified.
- This work should not interfere with the normal WCSD Board activities.
- Public meetings will need to be conducted in a formal way. He suggested use of a podium to help give structure to the public input and comments.
- Since we would lack funding to hire consultants, he suggests that early input from the County on the format and content of the work would be very helpful.

Director Cantoni then proceeded to discuss the County's General Plan Update Work Program. This included discussion of the legal basis for planning, the various elements that can and/or must go into a plan, the Community Plans now being updated to be incorporated into the General Plan, setting of plan boundaries, and phases of work required. He also discussed the County's plan to have all Community Plans be of a common format and time frame.

The time frame under which a community plan must be created was also discussed, with reference to the latest Calaveras County General Plan Update Schedule, which shows that a Wallace plan should be completed by the first of August, 2008 if it were to be included in the County EIR efforts.

A map of the Wallace Community Area was reviewed, showing the County's definition of the Wallace Community Area. Discussion ensued on how large an area might be considered for planning.

Finally, it was pointed out that an extract of the Copperopolis Draft Community Plan of 2005 was included in the board material, to give an illustration of a more recent community planning effort.

Public comments by Jackie Neill, Cathryn Jackson, Larry Howen and Lew Mayhew of “Keep it Rural Calaveras” expressed caution and/or opposition as to whether the planning should or could be done. Points raised included concerns over a late start, whether the county would accept our input, whether CSD funds should be spent, whether anyone in Wallace would want to see planning for a community and whether the job could be done without hiring a consultant.

Final discussions by the board resulted in the consensus that there were a number of questions raised during the meeting that should be answered before any decision is made. These included:

- What is the process for determining the Plan Area?
- What would the role of the board be in such a planning effort?
- Will the County accept input from such a planning effort?
- Are any funds available for the task?
- What resources would be available from the County?
- If the Board proceeds to lead the planning effort, what structure should be used?
- What Plan format should be used?

2. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

None

3. AJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Charles Cantoni, Acting Secretary