

Middletown Area Town Hall (MATH) Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2023

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Meeting Date: March 9, 2023

Location: In-person and Zoom (ID# 331 855 4843 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3318554843>)

Board Members present: Fiora (meeting chair), Cordova, Gonzalez, Waite, Darms (Alternate), Kaplan (Alternate)

Community member present: In-person = 11; Zoom = 8

Call to order: 7:08pm

Approval of Agenda: Kaplan moved to approve; Darms seconds; unanimous approval.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Terre Logsdon, Chief Climate Resiliency Officer (via Zoom) (20 min)

In her new position with the County of Lake, Terre Logsdon provided a presentation about the Office of Climate Resiliency

- Office is funded by the CAL OES + Prepare CA Jumpstart Program (5 yr grant)
- Working with multiple county stakeholders to develop a comprehensive local resilience strategy
- Described expected deliverables for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5
- During Q+A, questions were posed regarding 1) broadband funding cuts, and 2) Middletown Trailside Park restoration. Terre will investigate and report back.
- Provided link to a community survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LakeCoClimate1>

Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Task Force Committee

Unable to attend; to be rescheduled at a future date.

BUSINESS

Approval of Meeting Minutes (February): Waite moved to approve; Gonzalez seconds; unanimous approval.

Correspondence:

1. **MATH letter to CalFire re: "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones"**

Board member Cordova presented a draft letter for submission to CalFire in response to the proposed "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones". Letter outlines concerns and requests reconsideration of proposed changes. Full membership

discussion.

- **Proposed Action:** Request MATH secretary forward letter to CalFire
- **Approval:** Schmidt-Hopper moved to approve; Darms seconds; unanimous approval.

1. **MATH letter of support for Wildfire Prevention Grant Application** submitted by Heart Consciousness Church (HCC) dba Harbin Hot Springs.

Board member Gonzales presented a draft letter of support for HCC Wildfire Prevention Grant application. Full membership discussion resulted in requests for edits. Cordova volunteered to revise the letter, incorporate edit requests, and forward it to the MATH secretary by 03/11/23.

Proposed Action: Cordova will provide a revised letter of support to MATH secretary; secretary will forward to HCC for inclusion in the grant package.

Approval: Darms moved to approve; Waite seconds; unanimous approval.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Public Comment:

- Notice: Gonzales provided public comment notice of upcoming Rotary Club of Middletown participation in the Clean California Community Days - Spring into Action on March 25th, 2023.
- Request: Bono requests a future MATH agenda include discussion on strategies to increase community participation in MATH.
- Request: Future MATH agenda include Trailside Park update.
- Request: Future MATH agenda include Maha Guenoc Valley (Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project).
- Request: Bono requests the following public comment be recorded: "Middletown and much of the rest of Lake County currently have an excess of downed tree branches. This will present a communal fire hazard if they are allowed to persist until the summer. Can MATH be issued a truck/chipper and set a day for each community when branches can be removed, perhaps by having residents and businesses leave them by the roadside?"
- Request: Future MATH agenda include update from Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Task Force Committee

Adjournment: 8:50pm. Kaplan moved to approve; Darms seconds; unanimous approval.