

MEETING OF THE ROUND VALLEY AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RVAMAC)

Wednesday, January 03, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Action Item: Approval of November 01, 2023 meeting minutes.
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
5. Report from County and Tribal officials & Public Comment:
 - a. Tribal Council update
 - b. Sheriff Kendall
 - c. Supervisor Haschak
 - d. Mendocino County DOT
 - e. Julia Peterson, Project Director - Cal Trans Traffic Mitigation and Beautification Project. The MAC will be relaying all public comments to Julia Peterson during this meeting that were emailed to admin@mac.roundvalley.org regarding this project.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion/Update: Continuing discussion on the possibility of the county creating a safe housing area for deputy sheriff and other essential county employees and health care workers on the Forestry Service property located at the Covelo Ranger Station. Whether to request the county to look at Department of Agriculture – Rural Development - Rural Housing Service (Community Facilities) for possible funding. This program awards grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to: medical or dental clinics, healthcare facilities, police or fire departments, and public works vehicles. Community Facilities grants cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space. Sheriff Kendall reported that there are several houses that could be possibly utilized. He is looking for an agreement with the Forest Service.
 - b. Discussion and possible action on the resolution of the continual problems with telephone service, landline through Frontier and cellular service. Consider a letter of support both service providers requesting them to work on improvement of telephone services in and around Covelo. Update with latest information obtained by Lew Chichester.

- c. Discussion and possible action: Approve a maximum of \$250 for technical consultation for RVAMAC website, email, and possible other technical media platforms in order to assure ongoing MAC access and control (Imil Ferrera consultant). This item tabled at the November 1 meeting for additional information. (Charles Sargenti)

New Business:

7. Discussion and possible action: "Transportation planning and data collection"? DOT was supposed to coordinate with County DOT to make sure they had enough notice to get traffic data on Main St. prior to the 162-downtown project. At the last steering committee meeting it was clear that they had not yet made sure to coordinate with DOT and that the Cal Trans project would leave a couple week time frame between stopping construction and installing speed bumps where there would be a return to "normal" traffic on Main St. Unfortunately, they seem to have only had this window of time between the construction barrier removal and the installation of the speed humps for a couple weeks including during the Thanksgiving week. Did DOT receive enough notice and were given enough time to plan accordingly. (Jessica tull-Otto)
8. Discussion and possible action: The parking in front of the library was recently repaved and the lines have not yet been re-stripped. Discussion at the Friends of the Library meeting was to make the parking situation safer for pedestrians who have to walk behind big trucks in the oncoming traffic lane to walk north to reach the library. Additionally, there has been a 2nd crash into the garbage can in front of the library, next to the book drop box, from people pulling in too fast or something. Discussion about changing the parking in that section or having DOT work with the owner of the next parcel to the south to make a safer walking area. This is especially important since the speed humps may result in more people driving south on Main to avoid the 162 speed humps when driving south from Howard by the library. (Jessica Stull-Otto)
9. Discussion and possible action to request that CalTrans designate Highway 162 as a "Scenic Highway". (Kay Richards)
10. Discussion and possible action on the Report of Findings: Rock Tree Valley Directed Enforcement Project.
11. Discussion and possible action on the Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Scheduled for January 8, 2024 on Zoom. Meeting ID 889 8878 7109 Passcode 94131
Call in number: (669)900-9128.
12. Treasurer's report
13. Next Meeting: February 07, 2024. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.
11. Adjournment