

Linden Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Linden-Peters Fire Department
17725 State Rte. 26, Linden, CA. 95236

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by David Stagnaro.

Directors who were absent: Jay Colombini and Chuck Stinnett.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

There was a motion by Ann Avansino and a second from Steve Moore to approve the September 18, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Sheriff Sargent Jason Burke reported that at the moment there is no “community car” stationed in the area. With staffing issues it has been difficult to staff a roaming car and there has been no unusual activity reported in the area.

Linden-Peters Fire Chief Noffsinger reported that the neighbors are happy with the camera after the metal plate was installed to restrict the camera’s view. He reminded us that the rainy season is here and property owners need to be prepared. The Chief will retire on December 29, 2024. The Fire Department’s annual rib dinner fundraiser went very well and much of the money will be used to purchase protective gear. The American Rescue Program Funds (ARP) funds will go towards the purchase of a \$500,000 water tender for the station. He also said the roof is still in need of repair. At the annual tree lighting ceremony in December Santa will arrive by fire engine.

Josh Branco, San Joaquin County Deputy County Administrator, gave an update on the proposed transformation of the detention basins into parks.

Mr. Branco reported that Toni Marie Raymus is willing to sell her basin and he visited the sight. He observed that it seemed shallow and appeared narrow but did not have any maps or measurements for the property. Board members requested that Mr. Branco take some measurements and contact the Water District to allow him to walk inside the perimeter. It was noted that Escalon has a park very similar to what Linden resident’s would like to achieve.

Mr. Branco’s recommendation to the Linden community was for the residents to create their own funding to maintain the park. It was noted that Linden has not used their portion of the County’s “park facility fees.” Mr. Branco did not know what county fees were allocated to Linden and the library remodel could be a use of those funds

according to Mr. Branco. He went on to say that these kinds of funds can only be used for “growth” projects and are part of the general fund. He also said that the “fair and equitable” thing is to use previous development money for a park in Linden.

It was requested that Mr. Branco check on the history of funds allocated to Linden.

Mr. Branco also noted that the Lighting and Landscaping District is an assessment on landowners in Linden Proper and by raising those fees it might be a mechanism to fund a park.

Linden does not have a Homeowners Association (HOA) that could charge fees for the park which Mr. Branco noted. The county is hiring a new Parks Director and this person might be in place by the January MAC meeting to make further comments.

Mr. Branco offered to come back to the January meeting with an update if he could revisit the area before the next meeting.

Ms. Goehring was unable to attend the meeting and report on behalf of Supervisor Ding.

The topics mentioned for next meeting was CalTrans installation of a crosswalk at Mills and Hwy 26 and possible street sweeping. It was requested that we review the county’s budget regarding a park.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at the Linden-Peters Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Molly Watkins