



KNIGHTS FERRY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

P.O. Box 880, Knights Ferry, CA 95361

Meeting Minutes July 25, 2024 Correction in Red

Members Present: Shavon Haskell, Nancy Gardner-Heaven, Eric Feichter, Denise Crom

At 7:00 the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Meeting minutes for January 25, 2024, May 3, 2024, June 27, 2024, were read and approved

Public Comment:

1. Dolleen Haskell:
 - a. Questioned where is the County Support for our Community?
 - i. Infrastructure failure on Main Street due to Heavy Truck Traffic – County state road is a designated Emergency evacuation route and can not limit traffic. Every day is not an emergency.
 - ii. No Support for the Knight Ferry Community Service District. Multiple requests for assistance ignored by County
 - iii. Knights Ferry Green book is part of General Plan – HS-1 designation, however planning continues to disrespect the Historic Designation
 - iv. Septic Smells have been reported to the Health Department with no resolution. Where are the Environmental concerns?
 - v. Nuisance Reported. Construction starts ahead of 7:00 am County Ordinance – no issuance of warnings to perpetrators. No Enforcement.
 - vi. Mitigation of Fire Hazards of County Owned Property. The County needs to be held accountable for Fire Mitigation.
 - vii. Speeding through the Knights Ferry Community. No Enforcement.
2. Stanislaus Behavior Health & Recovery Services: Horacio Madden: Response Team available 24/7. 911 can call out for a response if needed. Call Resource Line 1-888-376-6246

Community Report: Public Safety & Local Government:

1. **Army Corp of Engineers:** NIA.
2. **CHP:** Officer Arias – New Community Officer 4 Calls – Traffic Related. Need more CHP Officers. Call in issues
3. **Modesto City Fire:** NIA
4. **Sheriff's Dept:** Deputy Bauman – New. 51 Calls – 27 Traffic related, 1 Assault. Johnson Construction had equipment stolen from New House Construction on Frymire. Deputy did not have a report on same. Ask about AR40 Gunshots on Wilms Road, again no report of same. Residence asked about Graffiti – need to report to Code Enforcement.
5. **CEO Office:** Buck Condit, Supervisor: Reported New Budget, balanced with additional funding for Crimes and Victims of Crimes. Attended Cemetery Board meeting, discussed funding for potential Water Project. Working with CHP to address fatalities on Orange Blossom Road. If Infrastructure needs address, download StanConnect App and upload photos of Potholes or other concerns. Regarding KFCSO, the KFCSO is a government agency, suggested funding for Rate Study. Public comment was only 60 users, would have to charge \$1000/month to fund repairs and upgrades needed.
6. **SC Public Works:** Bill Martin: Currently cleaning shoulders as funded by Bicycle dollars distributed by State. Again, suggested Radar Signs to monitor speeding. Replaced No Parking Signs on Dean. Traffic Concerns need to be directed to Francis Maldonado 209-525-4110
7. **SC Planning Department:** Angela Freitas – Planning Director: Address Campground and Rivers Edge outstanding Permit issues: Stated the 2020 issues have been reviewed with no violations issued. Red Tags not corrected have been levied as Non-Compliance on Property only recourse with Owner. Campground issues have been elevated to State, no action has been taken, Special Occupancy, Tiny Homes not recognized, number of Units not addressed. Currently, issues are with Code Enforcement, noted this has been over 4 years with no action taken. Questioned has the New Home Construction can occur when Tentative Map for Subdivision has not been approved, no Final Map in Place. Angela stated the Construction was within the Original Zoning requirements and the Subdivision Map does not apply. Asked about Demolition of Existing Historic Structures, she stated this was an oversight on behalf of the Planning Department and future issuance of Permits will consider Cultural and Historical values in accordance with the General Plan designation of HS-1 Zoning.

Update on Previous Items (no action)

1. **Knights Ferry Campground** – Permit Pending- See notes above. No Change
2. **Heavy Truck Traffic** – Again Buck Condit addressed. Stating, a Traffic Study can be done. Will address School Traffic also, since large trucks are using small roads in Knights Ferry to access School. Question by Public why the new road constructed for the School is not utilized for School Traffic. Traffic Study to be done by County. Need to follow up.

3. **Speeding Thru Town** - Again Buck Condit addressed: Ordered Radar Signs available, will follow up on same Buck Condit addressed. He has been the Supervisor for 4 years and initial Speed Humps were approved however, the Community did not have 100% acceptance of same and humps purchased were used elsewhere.
- 4 **Knights Ferry Community Service District:** Chery Ozbirn representative stated no funding has been received to address aging Water Treatment facilities and infrastructure. Heavy Truck traffic is causing antiquated distribution system to fail. Buck Condit addressed again stating 109 Million dollars was received from **ARP Act** Federal government for Infrastructure, **55 Million Spent on County Lands within City Limits**, and KFCSD was not on list to receive funding. The public questioned why. Board of Supervisors debated funding and Knights Ferry was not considered

Informational Discussion Items/Presentations

1. **Homeless Encampment on Hunter's Property:** Removed. Please call dispatch for future problems
2. **Fire Safe Corridor:** County stated not responsible for Trees on Mow strip adjacent roads. No answer to maintaining Fire Safe Corridor.

Action Items:

1. **Muniain New Covered Deck:** The existing project for an addition was approved by KFMAC, the lot was excavated for the new addition, however no Permit was issued for same. In lieu of Constructing the New Addition, Muniain has been issued multiple permits for Stucco removal, dry rot work. However, a new roof structure was added, not matching the original approved structure and utilized Aluminum Windows where the approved windows were wood. Now Muniain is abandoning the original approved addition and is requesting approval of a Covered Deck. Sally Goehring, the neighbor adjacent Muniain noted the excavation for the original approved addition has encroached and is un engineered to support the adjacent structures. Planning Director reviewed the Original drawings and will consult with her department on necessary action. Letters to Denny Perierra have been sent regarding this issue and other Red Tags issued. Chair Eric Feichter stated we are here only to approve the proposed Covered Deck. A motion was made by Denise Crom to approve, 2nd by Nancy Gardner-Heaven, vote 3 for – 1 against. Motion passed.

Council Comments:

- 1, Disturbed by Lack of accountability for resolving Red Tagged Projects, Speeding on Main Street. More attention paid by County to Bicycle Riders than our Community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Shavon D. Haskell, Secretary