

Middletown Area Town Hall (MATH) Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2023

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Meeting Date: April 13, 2023

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

Board Members present: Rosenthal (meeting chair), Gonzales, Waite, Cordova

Community member present: In-person = 13; Zoom = 6

Call to order: 7:06pm

Approval of Agenda: Waite moved to approve; Gonzales seconds; unanimous approval.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Moke Simon, District 1 Supervisor, First Quarter Lake County Update (in person) (30 min)

- Touched upon multiple topics including: Lake County Fire Safe Council, EcoArts of Lake County, broadband, Northshore Fire Protection District / Hogback, and code enforcement
- Discussion of unsatisfactory road conditions: Lake County Road Maintenance Division sits within the Department of Public Works. Simon reported on a 10 year road maintenance plan to repair roads within the county at cost of \$15M-\$20M year

Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Program Manager, Lake County Cannabis Task Force Committee (in person) (30 min)

- Andrew Amelung provided overall snapshot of cannabis permits currently in some stage of consideration / approval / denial:
 - 119 approved projects (including amendments to previously approved projects)
 - 109 pending projects
 - 58 projects actively moving forward
 - 46 projects identified for Denial without Prejudice Recommendations
 - 6 projects facing potential recommendations for revocation of use permits
- Bar X project: Update including mention of CalTrans and Hwy 29 left turn lane; hydrologic study, etc.
- Diamond J project: Little recent communication from applicant
- For additional information, see task force agendas and minutes at: <https://www.lakecountyca.gov/AgendaCenter/Cannabis-Task-Force-24>

BUSINESS

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

Correspondence:

1. CalFire acknowledged receipt of letter from M.A.T.H. re: "State Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones"
2. Heart Consciousness Church (HCC) dba Harbin Hot Springs acknowledged receipt of MATH letter of support for Wildfire Prevention Grant Application

CLOSING COMMENTS**Public Comment:**

- Announcement: Upcoming Lake County community forum "Honoring All Voices: Exploring Respect, Fairness, & Inclusion in Lake County" on April 24, 6pm.
- Announcements: Earth Day 04/22/2023 activities include:
 - CalPine Geothermal Visitor Center 04/22/23
 - Middletown Area Merchants Association clean-up day 04/22/23
 - CalTrans Free dump day
- Announcement: Middletown Luncheon Club will host a representative from Maha Guenoc Valley (Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project) on 04/19/23
- Middletown Art Center opening reception, including "Dichotomies" and "Our Safety, Our Sovereignty" 04/15/23
- Potential future MATH agenda topics:
 - Lake County Sheriff Rob Howe, newly appointed by Board of Supervisors as of 01/02/23
 - CalFire chief re fire hazard mitigation
 - Maha Guenoc Valley (Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project).

Adjournment: 8:50pm. Gonzales moved to approve; Waite seconds; unanimous approval.