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Measure U Oversight Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2019

6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 18:30

In Attendance: Deputy Fire Chief Peterson, Leslie Hail, Jim Burns, David Kessell and Greg Norby.

Absent: David Orleans & Board Secretary Melka

Open Time for Public Expression: none-no one present

Agenda Adjustments: none

Approval of the Minutes:

➤ September 16, 2019

M/s: David Kessell OR Greg Norby / Jim Burns

Ayes: 4 / Noes: 0

Absent: David Orleans

1. Election of Officers

Jim Burns nominated David Kessell as the Chair of the committee.

M/s: Greg Norby / Jim Burns

Ayes: 3 / Noes: 0

Absent: David Orleans

Abstain: David Kessell

David Kessell suggested that the committee have a second chair, in which Jim Burns volunteered for the role incase David Kessell is unable to attend the meeting.

M/s: Greg Norby / Leslie Hail

Ayes: 3 / Noes: 0

Absent: David Orleans

Abstain: Jim Burns

2. Brown Act Follow Up

Chief Peterson recapped the two options the committee members have to avoid violating the Brown Act.

- 1- Think about whether they'd like to still be a part of this committee or the other groups they are in for the potential of stepping down from one to avoid any violation.
- 2- Stick with speaking only retrospectively. then there wouldn't be any influence in spending more money in the committee member's jurisdiction over another.

The committee discussed the bylaws which do not specifically state that this committee is a retrospective group. Several members believe that this committee ought to look at the Measure U budget in both directions (forecasting and back-casting) if they are to effectively make advisement on this subject.

Two problems to avoid violating the Brown Act:

- 1- Accidentally creating a quorum while in these other meetings together.
- 2- While discussing the chipper days/veg management making sure that bias doesn't occur to get the chipper in their area over another.

Greg Norby suggests that the committee provide the board with 2-3 clarifying questions that the board can give direction to the committee on.

The committee will circle back on the following:

- 1- What are the topics Marin View and Firewise Tam Valley (the other meetings that could potentially lead to violation of the brown act) might come across that would lead to the members of the oversight committee violating the Brown Act?
- 2- Member's will come up with these examples/situations they believe they would come across.

3. Identify Measure U monies in the budget document

Members would like to see metrics on how the items Measure U promises to improve and/or maintain. They'd like to provide a voice on the present decisions and oversee the past Measure U budget.

Deputy Chief Peterson will provide answers to help clarify the committee member's questions and concerns. David Kessell requested the minutes reflect that the committee asked for a model to follow and asked for a focus on the items that have a material impact.

The committee members agree that the budget needs to be organized by itemized columns. They are looking for direction to specify how to identify that \$2M in the framework of the budget.

There was clarification that \$1M is for preventative measures and the \$2M is blended into the budget, but only has certain item lines in the budget it can go towards. Money that is from Measure U is part of the funding for building up the unallocated reserves as well.

4. Select terms for members of the committee

Members picked a piece of folded paper labeled either 2- or 4-years length of term.

- David Kessell, Chair (Term Expires 2021)
- Jim Burns, Second Chair (Term Expires 2023)
- Leslie Hail (Term Expires 2023)
- Greg Norby (Term Expires 2023)
- David Orleans (Term Expires 2021)

Adjournment: 7:46 pm

M/s: Leslie Hail / Jim Burns

Ayes: 4 / **Noes:** 0

Absent: David Orleans