

**Joint Meeting of the
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Board of Directors
and the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC)**
In person at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Road, McKinleyville, CA and
ZOOM PLATFORM - ONLINE MEETING
October 23, 2024 6:00 pm

MINUTES (Draft)

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1 Roll Call-

MCSD Board of Directors Members Present:

David Couch, Dennis Mayo, Scott Binder, Greg Orsini.

MMAC Members Present:

Kevin Jenkins, Bonnie Oliver, Mary Burke, Twila Sanchez, Maya Conrad,
Pat Kaspari (and Greg Orsini).

Members Absent: James Biteman (MCSD), Lisa Dugan (MMAC)

A.2 Pledge of Allegiance (led by Kevin Jenkins)

A.3 Approval of Agenda:

Dennis Mayo moved to approve the Agenda and Greg Orsini seconded the motion.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (on non-agenda items)

None

C. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

C.1 Adopt a Proclamation in Appreciation of Kevin Dreyer for his 12 years of service to the Community of McKinleyville as a member of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC):

Kevin Jenkins read the Proclamation in Appreciation of Kevin Dreyer on behalf of the McKinleyville Community Services District and the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee and presented it to Kevin Dreyer. (The text of the proclamation was included in the Meeting Information Packet.) Supervisor Steve Madrone also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Kevin Dreyer from the Board of Supervisors. Members of both the MCSD Board and the MMAC shared comments of thanks and appreciation for Kevin Dreyer and his years of service on the MMAC.

C.2 Discussion of the Town Center Ordinance-

Humboldt County Planning and Building Director John Ford gave an update on the status of the Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the McKinleyville Town Center Ordinance which is still being finalized. He also explained

the goals and general aspects of the Ordinance that are being reviewed as part of the EIR, including Mixed Use Zoning and traffic calming measures for Central Avenue and other streets within the Town Center Zone. MCSD Board, MMAC and community members asked a number of questions, raised concerns and requested clarifications including:

- Concerns related to the proposed lane reduction for Central Avenue and related traffic challenges.
- Clarification on plans to extend McKinleyville Avenue to School Road.
- Bus turnouts and infrastructure related to lane reductions on Central Ave.
- Were the ideas of visiting planner Dan Burden incorporated into the draft?
- Why won't the MMAC be allowed to review the Administrative Draft EIR before it is released to the general public?

Director Ford provided answers and clarifications. Director Ford and MMAC members also stressed that improving bike and pedestrian safety on Central Ave. and throughout the Town Center area was an important community building goal of the Ordinance and that this will involve some changes in behavior for some. Supervisor Madrone thanked the MMAC for their work on finding common ground in developing the Draft Town Center Ordinance.

C.3 Discussion of the Exploration of Incorporation of McKinleyville-

The summary of the work of the McKinleyville Incorporation Exploration Subcommittee (MIESC) of the MMAC from the Meeting Information Packet was read. Kevin Jenkins, MIESC Chair / MMAC Vice Chair, then answered Board and Community member questions. He explained the challenges faced and progress being made in collecting McKinleyville economic data by collaborator Josh Zender, Professor of Economics at Cal Poly Humboldt. Committee member Mary Burke explained the progress in developing a community survey in collaboration with the McKinleyville Family Resource Center, MMAC's Committee on Active Transportation and the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce. Kevin and Mary recognized community member Tom Boyer, who has served on MIESC since it began, and who is now retiring from the committee.

C.4 Discussion of Status of McKinleyville Community Forest

Kirsten Messmer, MCSD Parks and Recreation Director, presented information on the McKinleyville Community Forest since MCSD closed on the property in the beginning of 2024. Some of the highlights of the report in the Meeting Information Packet include:

- Establishment of the McKinleyville Community Forest Committee, a Forest Management Plan & Funding / Budgeting Subcommittee (FMP), and a Trails, Infrastructure, Cleanup and Security Subcommittee (TICS).
- Improvements on the Murray Road access including 35 mph speed signs near the parking lot entrance, (temporary) parking lot grading and gate improvements.
- Trail maps and signage.
- Grant applications to fund planning and improvement efforts.
- Planning for emergency medical and fire access including a future helipad.

Kirsten answered questions from MCSD Board, MMAC and community members including concerns related to emergency access, user group conflicts and homeless encampments in the McKinleyville Community Forest.

C.5 Discussion of the Role of MMAC and the Relationship Between MMAC and MCSD in Governance of McKinleyville-

MCSD Board President Scott Binder led a brief discussion on the importance of MCSD Board and MMAC members bringing McKinleyville's voice to County issues, especially with a number of proposed new projects that will have County-wide implications.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Greg Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting and Dennis Mayo seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Oliver