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County meeting room use olive

3 messages

Maureen Dion-Perry <dionperry@att.net>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 3:20 PM

I urge the BOS to reject the proposal to disallow use of County Meeting rooms to community groups. Many rooms remain unused and offer needed meeting space for community groups. These are tax payer funded facilities and should be available for use in our community. Certainly you can restrict use for political and campaign rallies but other organizational meetings should be allowed. Thank you for your consideration of this requested amendment to the County Room use olive.

Yours truly Maureen Dion-Perry, Camino, CA

Sent from my iPhone

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>
To: Maureen Dion-Perry <dionperry@att.net>

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 3:27 PM

Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

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#50 19-1656

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Publiccomment
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Re: BOS Meeting on 12/17/19

1 message

BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>
To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sat, Dec 14, 2019 at 8:10 AM

Hi Annie,

Thank you for your comments.

Lori Parlin

El Dorado County District IV Supervisor

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On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 11:58 AM EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us> wrote:

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From: **Robin Barron** <agastache@att.net>
Date: Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 11:53 AM
Subject: BOS Meeting on 12/17/19
To: <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Supervisors,

Re: Agenda Item number 19-1656, on Board Meeting Date, 12/17/19.

The proposed changes to our use of county space results in the following. We, the El Dorado Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (and all other non-government groups), could no longer use any County spaces except the Library meeting rooms, and only during business hours, should the proposal pass the BOS.

The upcoming changes, to be considered on Dec. 17th, would rescind the original resolution of 1995 that allowed us to use County spaces, and approve and adopt a new policy that prohibits our use of non-library meeting rooms after hours. We would be UNABLE to use the BOS rooms for our general meetings, and perhaps the County Office of Education room we currently use for our Board meetings.

12/16/2019

Edcgov.us Mail - Re: BOS Meeting on 12/17/19

As a member of the El Dorado Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, I strongly object to the proposed decision to close these meeting rooms to us.

Thank you for your time,

Annie Walker
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Agenda Item 19-1656 - Public Comment

1 message

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Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 8:42 AM

I am an active member of several local non-profits, one of which uses the Planning Commission Meeting Room in Building C for public evening programs that we hold six times each year. The organization is the El Dorado Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. I know that other organizations, such as the El Dorado Master Gardeners, also use this room for public programs. The El Dorado Chapter CNPS meetings are educational programs that touch on a number of topics, including programs about plant conservation. Attendance ranges from 30 to 70 people depending on the topic, and draws from residents throughout the western slope of our County. These programs are free and help to inform County residents about the plant diversity that surrounds them and opportunities to stay engaged in Countywide needs.

Our chapter is a non-profit organization that is volunteer driven, as are some of the other groups that use the Planning Commission chambers. It is my hope that the BOS will consider the contributions that groups like ours make to the community as you consider whether to allow continued use of this meeting room. Our Chapter has coordinated volunteers to remove invasive weeds in areas throughout the County, led volunteers in restoring impacted areas, identifying rare plants to assist in management in the Pine Hill Ecological Preserve and improving Forest health in advance of prescribed fires.

In the past, the El Dorado Chapter used the Placerville Library meeting room for a charge of \$20 for 2 hours when we had a smaller audience, and this fee was considered reasonable. However, this room is too small now for our audiences. A growing audience shows that our public programs are meeting a local public need.

Please continue to allow non-profit organizations to use Building C for evening meetings (when not being used for County purposes) when those meetings are free to the public and are for educational purposes. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Lester Lubetkin
El Dorado County Resident



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Public Comment

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Community group use of county meeting rooms - item 19-1656 (12/17/19 agenda)

1 message

Virginia Meyer <vcmeyer@me.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Dec 15, 2019 at 6:03 PM

Gentlepersons,

I, too, must object strenuously to the draft policy A-10 regarding the use of meeting rooms in El Dorado County buildings and the discontinuation of County Resolution 83-95.

I am a volunteer with the El Dorado Chapter of the California Native Plant Society that uses the Board of Supervisors meeting room in Building C in the evening. Our meetings begin at 7 pm, to accommodate interested members of the chapter and of the public at large that are employed during the day. Also, our meetings are well-attended, up to 50-70 people, and so, with both of these factors, library meeting rooms during the day do not fit our needs. Our organization provides benefits to the residents of the county, including native plant sales, information about including native plants in a fire-resistant, low water-needs garden, Pine Hill Preserve interpretation through docent-led hikes, Pine Hill Preserve unit clean-up days, weed-pulling, and more.

Because other community groups that use the county building meeting rooms provide equally valuable contributions to the public of the county, these benefits must be taken into consideration when proposing a change to the meeting room resolution or policy. From the presentation of the draft policy, costs were mentioned as reasons for the draft policy. Over the years that Resolution 83-95 has been in effect, what have the costs to the county actually been? Also, certain potential problems were mentioned in the presentation. Have these problems occurred during the years that the Resolution has been in effect? If so, what costs are associated with these problems? An analysis of these issues should be addressed before abruptly changing the policy on meeting room use. If these costs are minimal, then community groups should be allowed to use county meeting rooms, including after business hours. A nominal fee could be applied to offset costs. Staff time and effort to collect fees for the use of the meeting rooms would not outweigh the benefits that these groups provide to the public of the county.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Virginia Meyer, PhD
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public comment #50
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Change in meeting room policy 19-1656, Dec. 17, 2019 BOS meeting

1 message

Richard A Ayres <drayres2@sbcglobal.net>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 10:34 AM

Dear Supervisors,

I object to the rescinding of Resolution 83-95 and the adoption of Policy A-10 for two reasons. The first is the complete loss of meeting places for after-hours non-governmental community organizations under the new policy – groups that had a meeting place for 24 years will now lose their venue. The benefits of after-hours meetings are that people with day jobs can attend meetings and County government use is not impaired.

The second reason is the FUNDING aspect of the new proposed policy which inexplicably says “N/A”; inexplicable because part of the rationalization for this profound change is that it is financially prudent. How can the merit of this reason be assessed without any financial information?

Library Department recommending the Board: 1) Approve and adopt Board Policy A-10, the Meeting Room Policy; and 2) Rescind County Resolution 83-95, which was approved in 1995, thereby replacing it with this policy. (Est. Time: 30 Min.) FUNDING: N/A"

The proposed new policy does not include the nominal \$20 per 2-hour meeting the libraries and some meeting rooms have charged under the previous Resolution. But isn't there going to be a loss of revenue if there isn't a charge \$20 per 2-hr meeting? I would think there are records with the average amount the County has received over the last several years, but my back of the envelope calculations, detailed at the end of this letter, amount to 10s of 1000s of dollars of lost revenue every year under the new policy.

Further, there is no estimate of the extra costs the after-hours use of these rooms require - based on 24 years' worth of costs for these rooms, one would think there would be an estimate of additional costs. The additional costs for after-hour meetings due to staff time, utilities, security and liability are itemized in detail in the PowerPoint presentation at the September 17, 2019 BOS meeting, but there are no costs associated with these items or an estimate of the “additional administrative burden on staff to collect” fees. It is well to remember at this point that the maintenance cost of these buildings is already paid for 24/7/365 by taxpayers.

Perhaps more important than the dollars and cents aspect of this proposed change, which we can estimate, is the inestimable cost of lost assembly venues to the public. The solution seems clear; make the previous Resolution into the new Policy.

Sincerely,

Richard Ayres, Shingle Springs.

Back-of-the-envelope calculations – lost revenue:

3 down-slope libraries * 4 2-hr meetings/day * 261 work days/year * \$20/ 2-hr meeting = \$62K/yr in lost revenue under the new proposed policy.

I do not know how many non-library meeting rooms there are or how much a nominal \$20/2-hr fee would bring in, but I can calculate:

X meeting rooms * 1 after hour 2-hr meeting/day * 312 days/yr (Mon-Sat) * \$20/meeting = \$6.2K/yr * X rooms. If $X = 10$ rooms, there would be \$62K in lost revenue for meeting rooms per year.

So depending on X , and the average number of meetings/day this policy could cost \$124K/yr (\$62K+\$62K). Say, for the sake of argument, that the rooms are booked only 20% of the time, then lost revenue (\$124K * 0.20) = \$24K/yr.

\$24K to \$124K of lost revenue per year seems like a significant amount to me.



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Re: Agenda Item #50 for tomorrow is missing vital information

2 messages

Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>
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Cc: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 1:26 PM

Thank you for your comments, Liz. I have copied our Clerk of the Board so that your comments are public and available to all of the Supervisors.

Lori Parlin

El Dorado County District IV Supervisor

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On Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 1:18 PM lisbeth powell <lisbeth_powell@msn.com> wrote:

On your agenda for tomorrow December 17th, item 19-1656 restricts the after hours use of county buildings. This policy did not look at the uses of the Senior Center in Placerville. This is a county owned building. Every night of the work week it is utilized by various groups. Everything from the EDC Mineral and Gem Society to the Knitters and the AA and many more. Not making the building available to these groups will mean a great deal to many people. The facilities for seniors in our county are already minimal, this policy would further restrict older adult access to meeting space and services. It is used as much, if not more, than the space at the library.

Please consider the utilization of the Senior Center after hours as a priority.

Thank you,
Liz Powell

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 1:34 PM

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12/16/2019 BOS meeting, item 19-1656

1 message

Doug Walker <dougawalker@gmail.com>
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Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 3:51 PM

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Having reviewed this new proposal reducing access to county meeting rooms, I find it is distressing that the Bldg. C Planning Commission Meeting Room is to be excluded from use by NGO public groups.

This area was specifically designed and built to keep the rest of Building C secured while being used after hours as an open public meeting room. We payed extra for that. The Placerville Library meeting room doesn't have the capacity to serve several of the organizations that have used the Planning Commission room. Additionally, with only two evenings a week, the Library room is said to be overbooked.

At the after hours meetings I have attended in the Commission Room since the last century, there has usually been evidence of county staff around in the form of janitorial staff, which would seem to mitigate concerns for a staff presence. If not, perhaps a monitor could be on duty, perhaps a entry-level part time employee hungry for extra hours and the county, of course, reimbursed by the organization using it?

Hopefully, before passing this proposed ordinance, you will direct your staff to explore ways of keeping the Planning Meeting Room on the III.B list.

Since the county seat was in Coloma, El Dorado County has had a history allowing use of our facilities for public meetings.

Thank you for your consideration, Douglas A. Walker