

Meyers Community Meeting Notes

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Meyers Vision:

Meyers is an ideally situated spacious and walkable mountain community that values sustainability, health, wellbeing, and the natural environment. Uniquely concentrated with year-round outdoor sport and recreational opportunities, the Meyers mountain culture is the hallmark of our thriving local-based economy, boasting a diverse commercial and retail environment, welcoming visitors and providing residents with an extraordinary place to live, work, and play.

Meyers Community Advisory Council

Purpose:

- Update the Meyers Community Plan (Area Plan)
- Provide a community liaison function to El Dorado County and the Board of Supervisors

Objectives (initial):

- Update policy statements, zoning, plan elements, design standards consistent with the community identity and vision
- Provide the foundation for local/county permitting authority consistent with the expected process following approval of the TRPA Regional Plan Update
- Integrate California Parks Plan in the recreation element
- Advance community workgroup recommendations including financial strategies to insure feasible implementation

Guiding Principles:

- Issues that may require community “vetting” (input, dialogue, consensus) are brought to the full community (Town Hall style format) including public comment mechanisms
- Provide accountability mechanisms for replacing Council Members if deemed necessary
- Attempt to mitigate unintended adverse impacts of policies (i.e. not solve one problem by creating another – particularly around land use planning)
- Maximize “noticing” of meetings and Advisory Council activities to increase community participation and awareness
- Plans developed for the commercial core area should be submitted to and reviewed by the Advisory Council before proceeding with permitting authorities (designed to insure fidelity to community vision and identity first)

Authority:

- Council outputs (decisions, ideas, proposals, etc.) are recommendations only
- The Advisory Council process is intended to be more structured than the ad hoc Roundtable but less formal than a Town Council
- Recommendations need to be of sufficient value to foster credibility with the County CAO/Building/Planning staff and Board of Supervisors
- Council is intended to be Advisory to the County Planning Department

Advisors to the Council:

- TRPA Staff
- California Tahoe Conservancy
- California State Parks
- El Dorado County Planning and Building Departments including CAO Office
- Forest Service
- Cal Trans (DOT)
- Fire Department
- Public Safety Offices serving the community (Fire Department, Sheriff, Highway Patrol)
- Chamber of Commerce
- Tahoe Paradise Resort Improvement District
- Magnet School (LTUSD)

Community Criteria for Selection of Council Members:

- Must live in the area full time
- Must have a legitimate stake in the community
- Must commit to a balanced approach in all deliberations
- Must have above average knowledge of the recreation aspects of the community area
- Must have the available time to commit to the work of the Council
- Must represent the whole community at all times (i.e. not represent the interests of a specific agency, organization, business, interest group, etc.)

Expected Commitment:

- Participate in Advisory Council meetings 1 to 2 times per month (2 hour meetings)
- Make a two year commitment to insure continuity in the Council
- Do the homework (review materials before and after meetings as requested)
- Commit to committee work as defined along with other community members
 - At least one council member must participate in all committee meetings

Meyers Community Advisory Council Members:

- Residential Reps (2):
 - John Garofalos
 - Gretchen Eichar
- Recreational Reps (3):
 - John Dayberry
 - Brett Long
 - Rene Brejc
 - First Alternate = David Reichel
- Commercial Reps (2):
 - Greg Daum
 - Rebecca Schwartz

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