

**VISION SONORA COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
OCTOBER 22, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Vision Sonora Committee was scheduled on this date at 9:00 a.m. in the Sonora City Hall Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER: The Vision Sonora Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following Committee Members present: Rachelle Kellogg, Connie Williams, Tim Miller, Sherri Brennan and Darin Grossi. Absent were Committee Members Bill Canning and John Gray.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

None

1. MINUTES:

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MOTION: Approve the minutes of the July 23, 2015 and notes of the September 24, 2015 Vision Sonora Committee Meeting, as mailed.

MOTION: Grossi **SECOND:** Kellogg

VOTE: **AYES:** Grossi, Kellogg, Brennan, Miller, Williams (5)
 NOES: None (0)
 ABSTAIN: None (0)
 ABSENT: Canning, Gray (2)

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Projects Update – Stewart Street public restrooms

Committee Member Rachelle Kellogg updated the Committee Members and the public regarding the Architectural Services RFP for the public restroom. She stated that they received two proposals and the City Council approved the Aspen Street Architect proposal. Contracts are currently being prepared.

Sharon Marovich asked if the public will be able to review the design.

Committee Member Rachelle Kellogg stated that it would come back to the Vision Sonora Committee meeting for review and recommendation to the City Council and only to the Planning Commission if it was required under the Sonora Municipal Code.

111. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Set November and December meeting dates and times.

After some discussion it was decided to set the next meeting for December 17th at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

B. Selection of bench and trash receptacle design and color

Committee Member Connie Williams stated the Design Committee recommended using the existing trash receptacles and benches. They would be powder coated in glossy black. It was also discussed to add additional receptacles which will be removed from other locations around the City, powder coated and placed downtown. New ones will be bought to replace the ones that have been relocated from the parks, etc...

There were some comments on the plaques that are on the benches now. It was decided that the plaques will be replaced with new ones. If any person (s), groups or organizations would like to adopt a new bench they can call the City to find out more information.

Committee Member Sherri Brennan stated that the County has provided funding for recycling cans downtown. They will match the trash receptacles except with the word "Recycling" in white and it is unknown on how many are needed at this time.

Committee Member Sherri Brennan will request that the County match what the City selects for benches and receptacles for use in Courthouse Park.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEES REPORTS:

A. Community Design Committee chaired by Connie Williams

Chair, Connie Williams stated they had meet on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 and discussed:

- a. Benches, trash receptacles and smoking pot containers to replace the tin cans downtown.
- b. Reviewed the City sidewalk replacement program
- c. Reviewed the previous façade program
- d. Discussed replacing the service club sign that had been hit by a car.

B. Tourism, Marketing and Public Outreach chaired by Sherri Brennan

Chair, Sherri Brennan stated they had meet on September 10th and talked about a logo for downtown and branding of the City. It was also suggested that they have a sub-committee for this project, members to include: The Arts Alliance, Historical Society, Visitors Bureau, Economic Development Authority, the Historic Chamber and City of Sonora.

Their next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 2:00 p.m. at the Economic Development Authority Office.

Committee Member Tim Miller suggested that the branding sub-committee be considered a stake holders meeting because they all have a vested interest.

Committee Member Sherri Brennan agreed. She also stated that branding would be essential for Sonora and it will take time to come up with the essence of what Sonora stands for.

C. Finance Committee chaired by Bill Canning

Chair, Bill Canning was absent.

No report

D. Transportation and Mobility Committee

Chair, Darin Grossi stated they had not had a meeting yet.

V. INFORMATION & QUESTIONS

Committee Member Darin Grossi stated that the Transportation Council has applied for a Sustainable Community Planning Grant for trails from Sonora to Jamestown and Columbia.

Committee Member Sherri Brennan stated she had read the minutes and notes from the past meetings and noted the concerns over the downtown's cleanliness. She talked with the Probation Department and has scheduled a meeting with Sheriff Mele to look at different ways to clean up downtown.

Lisa Mayo stated that an employee from National Geographic was touring Tuolumne County. Known as the digital nomad, Robert Reid, will be in the area for eight days.

Committee Member Connie Williams thanked everyone for their involvement and support and adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m. and reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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