

Sierra Vista Scenic Byway Association

November 14, 2011
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President, Jack McGowan. Board members attending: Mark Williams, Doug Waltner, Sandy Brinley and Mike Nolen. The minutes of the meeting of September 2011 were approved as was the Treasurer's report of October 2011.

Old Business

- A. Informational Byway Signage Project
Doug reports that one talented artist who was going to help has been very busy. Sandy knows the man who did the Ahwahnee Park and state grant signs. Doug will follow up with him and also with another North Fork artist.
- B. Nelder Grove Signage
Cesar is interested in this and wants to coordinate Nelder Grove signage with the Byway signage. He has mentioned a \$30K grant that could be used for both; the application is due in January 2012. A quarterly plan is already in place, completed by the USFS "How to Manage the Corridor" etc. We might also look via the American Byway Association.
- C. Redinger Overlook Approach Signage
There is a sign coming down the Byway but not going up. It looks like the standard issue USFS brown with white sign. Mark sent the dimensions of the sign to Jack.
- D. Repairs and Tree Removal at Mile High
Mike reports that there has been a delay to accommodate a photo shoot. It is probable that the Byway will soon be closed for weather. We can proceed with this July 1st.
- E. Stewards of the Sierra National Forest
Doug has tried several times to reach this group. Volney saw an article in the Mariposa Gazette about them and will get it to Jack.
- F. Links to other organizations
Jack reports that after a quick check, links to the Byway website could not be found on the Madera County web page or the Visitor's Bureau web page. Also, the map on the USFS web page used to be interactive but now there is just a static one. We also have a link to our website on the Nelder Grove website but it isn't a live link. Jack will recheck these.

Sandy will check the supply of Byway pamphlets at the Visitor's Bureau. The Byway is featured in their Visitor's Guide. Volney can take a supply of Byway pamphlets to Mariposa.

Jack is representing the Byway Association at the USFS Willow Creek Watershed meetings where the public is being brought in to be a part of the planning process.

New Business

Byway Tours/workdays for 2012

Suggested tours are:

- The cattle drive we had to postpone this year
- Joanne Freemire wildflowers of the Sierra Foothills presentation

- Chilkoot on this side—go up to the bridge and turn around. There are many Native American stories about this area and it may be the start of the trail used on the annual trek to the other side of the Sierras.

Workdays could include:

- Putting up the signs if we have them by spring.
- Repairing the wall at Mile High. Cesar should be getting us an estimate by December.
- Simplify the signs at Mile High. Perhaps by reducing the number of identified points.

Board Member Input

If she has a minute Sandy will look into the timing to apply for a grant from Chukchansi, as a grant could possibly be used to do the Mile High signs.

We are seeking additional Board members.

We need money to refurbish the memorial sign at the Crazy Y, between the ATM and the market. We need to get an estimate of the cost.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm

The next meeting will be January 9th, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the USFS North Fork Ranger Station Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted, Volney Dunavan