

Sierra Vista Scenic Byway Association
Minutes of 2-8-10

Present: Jack McGowan, Karen Freeman, Mike Nolen, Dan Carter, Mark Williams, Gayne Sears and Robyn Smith.

Call to Order at 6:05 PM: Four Board Members present constitute a quorum.

- I. Minutes from the November 9th, 2009 and the January 11th, 2010 meetings were approved.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Report dated 1-8-2010 as sent in by Simon Barry was approved.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Redinger Overlook: On January 13th Mike, Gayne, Jack, Cesar Sanchez (Forest Service Planning) and Larry Meyers (Local Fence Contractor) met at Redinger Overlook to survey the area and discuss needed improvements. Cesar obtained requirements and agreed to send them on to the Forest Service Engineering Department for detailed planning. Larry provided a preliminary estimate of \$1200 for the pipe fence. It was noted that the pipe rail would have to be completed before the fire season because of the welding.
 - B. Redinger Overlook Follow up: Gayne presented the construction drawing provided by Engineering. She also provided a draft "Challenge Cost Share Agreement Between the SVSBA and the Forest Service. Jack will look it over and report back. It was suggested that some local groups might want to contribute the cost of a bench and/or an informational sign. It was agreed that volunteers should be solicited to help paint the new rail.
 - C. Mark Williams was appointed as interim treasurer pending official elections at the April annual meeting.
 - D. Gayne, reporting for Dave Martin, stated that development of a Corridor Management Plan is a priority so it will be ready for the next American Byways nomination window.
 - E. Jack, reporting for Doug Waltner, stated that two tours have been planned: One would be a trip to Soquel Meadow to witness a cattle drive to the summer grazing areas conducted by rancher Bart Topping

- on June 27th. Another, conducted by Tom Burdette (a local geologist), is scheduled for August 7th. Doug is also putting together Byway audio tours. He plans to have an example available on "iTunes" at the "Explore the San Joaquin River" site.
- F. Dan reports that a Byway sign at Sky Ranch Road is a "no go". As an alternative, he has talked to the manager of The Grove about placing a sign on their property bordering route 41, a little north of Sky Ranch Road.

IV. New Business

- A. Jack suggested that a newsletter be mailed out early in March. The letter would be sent to all current members and those previous members we have addresses for. Other addresses may be added to reach the 200 minimum for the bulk mail rate. The letter will include an invitation to the April annual meeting. He stated that contributions of articles are needed.
- B. It was suggested that a photo contest be conducted at the annual meeting similar to the one held at the '09 meeting. Annual meeting planning tabled until March.
- C. Robyn suggested that a "star gazing tour" would be a good Byway Association activity. Maybe combine evening star gazing with an afternoon BBQ at Bowler campground.
- V. Next meeting is scheduled for March 8th, 2010, at the USFS North Fork Ranger Station conference room, 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm