

SVD General Meeting October 23, 2023

Board Present: Hadley, Cesar, Baeyan, Taylor, Martin, McDevitt

Zoom attendees: 70

1. **Elected officials introduced.** Sabina Cesar has stepped down as VP. Anyone interested in serving in this position, contact Beth. If interested in Postcard action, contact Beth
 - a. **Holiday Christmas Party:** Sunday, Dec 10th. 5-7 PM Creekside Clubhouse. Details to follow.
 - b. **City Council passed a Safe Firearm Storage Ordinance.**
 - c. **Phone and text banking** being organized at County Democratic office. Looking for volunteers.
 - i. Contact <https://sonomademocrats.org/volunteer>
2. **Financial Report** deferred.
3. **Marty Bennett:** Union action to support workers at the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn. **Friday, November 10th, 5 to 6:30 pm.** Support from SVD Club members requested.
4. **Annie Falandes** report on H.A.S. deferred.
5. **Teri Shore: SDC.** Site still in State ownership. Developer chosen and has submitted a pre-application. Open space not yet transferred or protected. A Climate Center has been funded by grant to County.
 - a. **Legal: Janice Watkins:** Lead attorney Susan Brand Holly. Suit filed against County based on inadequate EIR study. Filed on 1-18-2023. County is preparing "Record" for court. Hearing date: 3-24-2024. Decision expected in May 2024. Traffic Report also considered invalid. Will be addressed in hearing. Need volunteers and financial support.
Website: scaledownSDC.org
 - b. **100 Year Plan: Norm Gilroy:** recommends an **Independent Special District** be formed which would extend from Sonoma Mt to Arnold Drive and include all of Glen Ellen, Dunbar, Madrone and Diamond A. Formal application for same will be filed next week. Need help in getting 600 signatures for a petition as well as financial support. Scale of development should be that for a rural environment. 100 Year Plan was submitted to Board of Supervisors but ignored.
Website: SDCnext100.org
 - c. **Angela Nardo-Morgan:** President Glen Ellen Historical Society. Would like a Research facility and Library to be established on site. Over 100 archaeological artefacts have been obtained from the site. Have nominated the site to the National Historic Register.
Website: Eldridgeforall.org
 - d. **Discussion:** Main topic was the issue of number and what kind of housing. Most supported concept of "affordable" housing for local workers. Hotel and retail development was not supported.
 - e. **Next steps:** Teri has requested that our elected officials hold a community meeting for discussion but she has gotten no positive response. A letter to Governor Newsom was suggested as well as letters to the CA Air Resources Board. Teri asked if anyone has a personal contact on any of these CA Environmental Boards to let her know.
 - f. **State Law:** It was noted that the State law on Housing only applies to privately owned property and would not apply to SDC since it is State owned.

Minutes submitted by Mary McDevitt