

Glen Ellen Forum



Monday, August 5th, 2019 London Lodge 7:00pm Minutes

❖ COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **BJ Projects** committee is working on continuing with lights on the Jim Berkland Bridge now that we will not have PGE funding for it.
- **SDC** The June 15 workshop summary will be available via the Transform SDC website soon. Link on the G.E. Forum website to join the County email list for notifications about the Specific Plan process. The County soliciting for SDC Community Advisory Committee applicants. Those interested in applying for the Planning Advisory team must apply by the Friday, Oct. 4 deadline. Applications are available online at sonomacounty.ca.gov/permit/sdc. This advisory committee will help oversee the Specific Planning process over the next 2 years.
- **Traffic & Safety** Painting the crosswalk in the existing location has been done.
- **Tourism & Commerce** announce next meeting 08/27/2019 @ 5:30 Quarry Hill Botanical Garden
- **Engagement Committee** – will be meeting to plan events at Morton's 9/29 and Depot on 11/17 if Budget is approved

➤ ALL OTHER BUSINESS

- **SHANNON** – Communications committee survey was reviewed and handed out.
- **JIM SHERE** – Historical Society 125th anniversary of the Church will be celebrated 08/17/19 with a small carnival at the church. The historical society will be putting out 4 articles of interest re, the church, the Jim Berkland Bridge which needs \$2100 in funding for the sign installation, Anne Teller and SDC steam system shut down. A group will contact Department of General Services at State with Letter regarding concern. Historical Society also discussed the 10,000 volumes of books that are being kept in the warehouse behind the carousel with other historical items for a future museum on the campus. It was mentioned that a couple of buildings are not tied to the boiler system and could potentially be used to store historical items. The historical Society can be reached at PO Box 35 Glen Ellen CA 95442. Memberships are \$30.
- **ELLIE** from the Sonoma Ecology Center re firewise, water wise, wildlife friendly, native plants in order to collaborate with the county fire inspectors so that homeowners are not just clearcutting to pass inspections. Ellie will head up the environmental committee. Signups happened for a committee and then a workshop will be planned.

❖ SPEAKERS

- **MARTY WINTERS** – Rustic Shops, Marty & Barbara do not live here but have been owners here for 48 years. There will be 15 units and 24 parking spaces in the proposed development at his property on the corner of Arnold & Carquinez. Site plans and copy of the proposal will be available 09/18 when it comes up for design review. Renditions of the building were orange in color and Marty indicated they have not yet picked out colors. As many heritage trees as can be saved will be saved. The redwood on Arnold is diseased and will come out.