



**Yucaipa Valley Wine Country Committee Minutes
for the Regular Meeting at 4:00 pm
October 19, 2021**

Committee Member Participants:

Kristine Mohler, Chair
Donna Snodgrass, Vice Chair
Bobby Duncan
Chris Markarian
David Avila
Tony Matlock
Cesar Roldan
Jonathan Weldy
Denise Work

Committee Members Absent:

Tony Hicks
Craig Heaps

Consultant:

Sheila Cedervall

City Staff Participants:

Ben Matlock, City Planner
Maddie Jordan, Assistant Planner
Chris Mee, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order:

The Regular meeting of the Yucaipa Valley Wine Country Committee was called to order at 4:04 p.m., at the Community Meeting Room, City Hall, Yucaipa, California, 92399.

- **Flag Salute:** Led by David Avila.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
The Minutes were approved with a motion by Donna Snodgrass and a second by Jonathan Weldy.
- **Public Comments:**
Members of the public introduced themselves: Melissa and Joe DeMarco of Carter Street own four acres and will continue to nurture their Olive Orchard and noted that they may want to plant vines and own a micro winery in the future. Roy Marcos commented that he owns 13 acres next to cherry Croft and Jefferson. Anita Matlock noted that Wildwood Oak Winery is now pouring on Wednesday nights at North Cork Winery. Antoinette Brenion, Keith Gardener, Bill Tilbury, and Ray Snodgrass were other public members present.
- **Summary of Committee Direction to Date:**
Ben quickly recapped part of the slideshow from the previous meeting and noted that Committee will need to make some recommendations today so the framework can be taken to City Council.
- **Implementation Strategies, Standards and Policies:** Ben continued the slide show and explained the Specific Plan role and what is needed to establish uses, standards, and mechanisms for launching The Wine Country in Yucaipa. Open space was discussed, and it was noted that the number of homes that is permitted shall remain the same and not increase. Jonathan Weldy noted that the mechanism needs to be tested in a situation to make sure it is feasible, and to also make sure sewer and water are in place for each phase. Ben noted that a water supply assessment will be completed in this effort. Bobby Duncan asked if there would be a study session to cover incentives. Ben noted that a study session will go to City Council

soon on these decisions and discussions. The Committee discussed the micro winery, artisan winery and boutique winery and lot sizes for each and approved the Land Use Plan. After much discussion, a motion was brought forward by Chris Markarian to further approve:

1. 2.5 acres with a 75% vinification for a Micro Winery
2. 5 acres with a 75% vinification for an Artisan Winery
3. 10 acres with 75% vinification for a Boutique Winery.
4. Ability to approve a variance for lots already growing vines.

Donna Snodgrass seconded the motion, and the motion was approved for items 1-4 above by a 7-2-0-2 vote.

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN BY KRISTINE MOHLER, SECOND BY CHRIS MARKARIAN: 6:05 pm**

Approved By: _____

