

**Kingsburg Economic Development Committee  
Minutes January 18, 2019 Meeting**

**I. Call to order and roll call – Safarjian**

Present: Steve Safarjian, Michelle Roman, Alex Henderson, Jolene Polyack

Absent: Sherman Dix, Kaitlyn Castaneda

**I. Approval of minutes – Safarjian**

The September 1, 2018 minutes were approved.

**II. Public Comments – Safarjian**

No public comments.

**III. Project Updates – Polyack**

State Foods – The owners continue to work finalize their plans, based on feedback from the City Engineer. They should be pulling permits within the next 30 days.

Stone Hotel – The owner and his architect submitted preliminary plans in December. The City Manager provided feedback. We're waiting for revised plans which should be available the week of 1.21.19.

Business Park- Escrow on a Sierra Street frontage lot should close escrow within the next few days. In the meantime, plans have been designed and a more diligent effort will commence once escrow closes. California Controls is nearing completion. RPS has two listings that just renewed in the park.

Swedish Mill- There was covered of the potential razing of the structure in the Fresno Bee and on ABC30. The owner met with the City Manager to assure that there is a franchisee in place and that funding for the renovation is imminent. The owner is scheduled to address the City Council on February 6, 2019

**IV. Old Business – Safarjian**

Woods Building – Will have 3,500 sq ft in the front of the building, with a potential tenant currently working on plans. The preliminary vision is to have a courtyard in the middle and offices in the back.

Bank of America- The bidding will end on February 15, 2019. There is at least one local person who has bid on the structure.

Magosh Brewing- The owners are working with the City on alley improvements. They are waiting for notification from PG&E as to when they're electricity upgrades will begin. ABC has provided the conditions for their license.

The property located at 1400 California Street has a new owner. Steve Safarjian is communicating with him regularly regarding potential uses for the property. The Committee found potential sites in other cities that might be emulated for this site.

V. **New Business – Safarjian**

At the direction of Fresno County Supervisor Buddy Mendes, consultants have been hired to identify and create strategy for the highest and best uses of key sites in Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler and Sanger. Jolene Polyack will be meeting with a consultant on 1.22.19 to discuss the two sites identified in Kingsburg.

The City Council has approved the addition of a new business incentive. The Economic Development Fund will be created to be used for individual project needs and provides flexibility when working on commercial projects.

**Adjournment – Safarjian**