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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 CHAIRMAN POPE: Just to review particularly  
4 item 9-A, Syar, which I know a lot people are here for  
5 this morning, the staff is recommending we drop this  
6 item from the agenda to be renoticed at a later time.  
7 There is probably going to be continuing prep work for  
8 this hearing.

9 Also to reiterate what Charlene told us this  
10 morning, staff is actively planning right now working on  
11 an evening hearing for Syar Quarry as well to give folks  
12 who don't have a chance to be here during the day a  
13 chance to come down. So I know there is a lot -- seemed  
14 to me to be a lot of concern about this.

15 So the two points are there will be additional  
16 hearings on Syar. No decision is going to be reached  
17 today, No action is going to be taken today other than  
18 to move to continue the item, drop it from the agenda  
19 for renoticing and a continuance. Then there will be  
20 additional testimony also available, opportunity for  
21 testimony also available in the evening.

22 So do not feel like this is the only  
23 opportunity to say what you need to say on Syar. There  
24 are going to be plenty more opportunities to be  
25 considered.

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1           Do we need to do the consent calendar all at  
2 once or should we maybe do 8-B first then get around to  
3 8-A? So I'll take a motion on item 8-B, the right  
4 corner, unless there is anybody here to speak on that  
5 particular project. Seeing none, I will take a motion  
6 to move that item to consent calendar.

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8           CHAIRMAN POPE: Now item 8-A, Syar Quarry. If  
9 there is anybody here wishing to speak on that, we will  
10 hear your testimony. We will ask that you limit it to  
11 three minutes, and also focus on substantially new  
12 information which you'd like to be considered.

13           MS. FELCH: I hope I can say thank you in less  
14 than three minutes; but thank you very much to staff and  
15 the commission, if you end up taking the action of  
16 hearing us.

17           CHAIRMAN POPE: I am sorry to interrupt you.  
18 Can you state who you are?

19           MS. FELCH: I'm sorry. I'm Kathy Felch. I  
20 live here on Penny Lane in Napa. I have spoken here  
21 before on this project. Pardon me for not introducing  
22 myself.

23           At any rate, thank you very much for hearing  
24 our concerns including the public, the entire public,  
25 and having a meeting when they can come.

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1           So with that, I will end long before my three  
2 minutes. Thank you.

3           CHAIRMAN POPE: Thank you, Ms. Felch.

4           MS. GLAROS: Dorothy Glaros, representing  
5 Skyline Citizens Association, 2201 Emerald Avenue.

6           I would like to thank this Planning Commission  
7 and staff working so hard and listening to concerns. I  
8 know it is going to cost extra time and energy on your  
9 part to have an evening hearing, but not only does  
10 Skyline, but I'm sure the rest of the community very  
11 much appreciates all of your efforts and all of you  
12 concerns on this. Thank you.

13          CHAIRMAN POPE: Thank you.

14          MS. LAFRANCOISE: My name is Joyce Lafrancoise.  
15 I am from West Park, Napa. I'm here as a steward of  
16 Skyline Park. I am an avid hiker and frequent visitor  
17 to Skyline. I hike the Upper Skyline Trail every single  
18 morning. The views are fantastic, it brings me great  
19 joy and peace of mind. I know I cannot be the only one  
20 who explores and enjoys these views and trails. This is  
21 a community resource, a Napa Valley jewel, a destination  
22 spot for many people.

23          When you cut trails out of the park, it is like  
24 cutting limbs off a tree. After a while all you have  
25 left is the trunk.

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My feelings about Syar in relation to Skyline is we don't want it to close. We just don't want it to expand. It is one of the best trails in the park. I hike up there on Sundays due to the noise and poor air quality during the weekdays when Syar is in full operation. Let's stand up and protect Skyline Park in all its glory. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN POPE: Thank you.

MR. HARRISON: Commissioner Pope or Chair Pope, Commissioners and Staff, my name is Dave Harrison. I am here today on behalf of the citizens of Napa County and Operating Engineers Local 3.

I'd personally like to thank Jim Syar for his generous donation. If you didn't read in the paper earlier this week Jim has donated land on both sides of his property for the Skyline Park folks and also for the Vine Trail on the Riverside. So I would personally like to thank Jim for generous contribution, and I look forward to working with Commission and Staff for getting this project approved. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN POPE: Anyone else? Is this really an April Fool's joke? Great. Not seeing any other comments at this time, thanks everybody for your comments and for keeping them brief.

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1           Again, we will be back to this issue definitely  
2 a few more times. So appreciate everybody's involvement  
3 and concern on it.

4           With that I will take a motion to move the item  
5 8-A off the consent calendar; so moved.

6           MR. BASAYNE. Second.

7           CHAIRMAN POPE: Motion and second. All in  
8 favor.

9           MR. BASAYNE: Aye.

10          MS. COTTRELL: Aye.

11          MR. SCOTT: Aye.

12          CHAIRMAN POPE: Opposed?

13          Okay. We have moved to the consent calendar.  
14 Thank you everybody for your cooperation on that.

15                 (Agenda item 8-A hearing adjourned.)

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