



**Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 08, 2019 05:00 PM  
8650 East Rd - P.O Box 243 Redwood Valley 95470  
<http://www.redwoodvalleymac.com/>**

Chair Chris Boyd • Vice-Chair Sheilah Rogers • Secretary Sandra Berman • Treasurer Katrina Frey • Alex de Grassi • Melinda Hunter • Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly • Debra Ramirez

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Chair Chris Boyd.

**A. Introductions**

A. Roll Call Present: Chair Chris Boyd, Alex Degrassi, Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly, Treasurer Katrina Frey, Vice-Chair Sheilah Rogers, Debra Ramirez Absent: Melinda Hunter NOTE: Subsequent report from county indicates that both Cassie Taanning and Melinda Hunter have submitted their resignations and the openings have been advertised for 30 days. New members pending. B. Introductions, guests. Michael Steinmetz (Flow Kana) and Brent Schultz (Planning and Building Director) arrived late to the meeting for their agenda items. Other guest included Stefanie Chen-Welch and Forest from KZYX.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice-Chair Sheilah Rogers. The roll call vote:

Aye Chair Chris Boyd Aye Vice-Chair Sheilah Rogers Aye Treasurer Katrina Frey Aye Alex de Grassi Aye Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly Aye Debra Ramirez April minutes approved with the correction of changing "Senator Huffman" to "US Congressman Huffman". Unfortunately minutes finalized on website before this action could be confirmed! Oops!

**3. Public Comments**

NONE

**4. Report from County Staff**

Sheilah Rogers regarding the Economic Development Summit follow-up suggested linking all activities of Mendocino County MACs and doing more outreach. Attendee "Gizmo" volunteered to attend the next Hopland MAC meeting "third Wednesday of each month". Other outreach to Gualala, Westport, Laytonville still needed (volunteer opportunity)! In other county news

1. Amanda Reiman (Flow Kana) reported that the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council was approved by the Community Foundation to receive \$8,000 to study feasibility for a permanent wood-chipping program for the community.
2. Brent Schultz responded MAC's April request for follow-up on possible code violations on School Way and stated PBS staff will get back to the MAC.
3. Attendee "Gizmo" asked about the status of the rebuild in Redwood Valley. There were not statistics available.
4. Regarding School Way school property there was a question for Brent Schultz regarding its status. Brent didn't have complete information, but he commented, "lease properties do not work for school sites."

**5. Report from Flow Kana about \$125 million new investment and effects on Redwood Valley; permit application for 4 events in 2019 of 100-300 persons.**

Michael Steinmetz and other Flow Kana staff reported their company has received \$125 million in new investment which will go to building and improving existing processing center to process more product and work with more farmers and their crops and the newly acquired Solar Living Center. He assured the MAC that their company hires mostly local ("95%"). Total number of employees to date: 250 across the state and 140 are in Mendocino County.

Chris asked about progress on their commitment for \$200,000 in roadway improvements on Bel Arbes and Michael said that is under the County DOT.

In regards to the 4 event permits Michael commented that they work with approximately 100 farmers and want to host them and host staff summer camps. Road access for these events will be Uva Drive from specific parking lot with shuttles to Flow Kana.

**6. Development Review Subcommittee: Alex, Debra, and Marybeth**

Chris reported that the request from the MAC to do a conditional use permit for a C2 rather than a zoning change was not agreed to by the county. The C1 to C2 rezone request goes to the planning commission on June 6, 2019. Anyone wishing to voice concerns about this permanent rezoning, which will enable larger and more varied uses in this commercial parcel should look for that meeting on the county agenda website.

Alex DeGrassi expressed concern that the landowner doesn't have to be transparent as to the reasoning behind the rezoning. The development review subcommittee proposes the county change its policy on this. There was much discussion over the 4 permit applications. Alex will copy the MAC on comments to the county.

**7. North Coast Pedestrian Project Report--Comments due May 27, 2019. Find report at <https://mendopedestrian.org/> and make comments; email [kristiana@trailpeople.net](mailto:kristiana@trailpeople.net) or mail comments.**

Chris reported that the Mendocino Pedestrian Project has identified 5 area for pedestrian road improvements in their proposed report.

These include:

- 1. Sidewalks near East Road and School Way
- 2. East Road between Road H and G
- 3. Improvements to the multi-county Rail Trail
- 4. West Road near Eagle Peak School
- 5. Bel Arbes and West Road

Read the report at <https://mendopedestrian.org/>

Comments may also be submitted to [kristiana@trailpeople.net](mailto:kristiana@trailpeople.net) or call Randy Anderson at 707-205-1370. The pages of the report relevant to our community are under unincorporated, Calpella: PP 173-182

Redwood Valley: PP 220-225

These projects are likely to be approved for state funding.

Deadline for comments is May 27, 2019.

**8. Burn permits--current status. Marybeth.**

Marybeth reports that there are changes coming and how residents can obtain burning permits.

Marybeth reported that in the past burn permits were acquired through the local fire department, but in the future Air Quality Management District will be involved.

For more information contact Mendocino County Air Quality Management webpage.

**9. May 14 Community Plan Supper/Town Hall meeting.**

Marybeth and her team of friends and neighbors ("Gizmo", son Joshua Kelly, and more) designed, printed and mailed out 2000 postcards to residents and landowners of Redwood Valley.

Jini Reynolds found local Mendocino County Culinary Program graduate to cater. Contact [mendochef@gmail.com](mailto:mendochef@gmail.com)

Katrina has taken care of budget requests in coordination with NCO from the PG&E grant to cover cost of postcards, posters, mailing, food, etc.

In forwarding the Redwood Valley Community Action Plan process, the MAC seeks as much community input as possible.

The draft Plan and design guidelines are posted on the MAC website homepage. Comments may be made on the website or mailed to PO Box 243, Redwood Valley CA 95470.

Comments are open for at least 6 weeks.

**10. Membership status--Changes of status from Alternate to Regular members; 2 openings; replacements; Secretary coverage, etc. Need to meet at least once over summer.**

Chair Chris Boyd motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice-Chair Sheilah Rogers.

The motion failed with the following vote:

**In Favor**     **Opposed**  
 **Abstained**     **Absent**

Stefanie Chen-Welch was introduced by Chris as one of the original participants in the Dollar General fight in 2016. She has now returned to Redwood Valley and responded to the MAC's request to serve in the Secretarial role while Sandra Berman is on maternity leave. Group enthusiastically voted unanimously to hire Stefanie as the MAC Interim Secretary.

**11. Officers and Members Reports and Announcements**

Katrina's Treasurer Report: Less than \$175 remains in the \$2500 MAC budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. She would like to get final budget requests to the county before the last minute so please submit receipts via post or email to Katrina within the next couple of weeks.

We will have \$1000 in Community Foundation funds available and most of the \$10,000 grant.

Chris reminded the group that we do plan to go dark in July and August, but that we do need to meet in June.

**12. Adjournment**

Next MAC meeting will be June 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

