



**Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
November 13, 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 • Jini Reynolds • Debra Ramirez • Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly • Alternate Member Dolly Riley

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Chris Boyd.

**A. Introductions and Guests**

Present: Marybeth-Alternate, Jini-Member, Alex-Member, Chris-Chair, Katrina-Member, Dolly-Alternate, Sandra-Member. Absent: Sheilah, Debra. Guests present: Cathy Monroe, Cathy McKeon, James Green, Satie Clark, Linda Francis, others.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Alex de Grassi motioned to approve. A second was made by Jini Reynolds.

The motion passed with the following vote:

6 In Favor    0 Opposed  
    Abstained        Absent

Motion by Alex to approve October 2019 Minutes with corrections, second by Jini. All approve.

Motion by Marybeth to approve September 2019 Minutes, second by Dolly. All approve.

**3. Public Comments**

-Cal Trans Project Manager Cathy McKeon requested time to explain a bridge proposal. As this item wasn't on Agenda, MAC required 2/3 votes to approve. Katrina motioned to add this to the agenda, and Marybeth seconded. Out of 9 council members, 6 were present (2/3) and voted to allow Cal Trans in Agenda. -Cathy Monroe stated the Resource Conservation District (RCD) is working on a grant to utilize forest bio waste, with a portable appliance that can provide 2.5 KW of power. The RCD contact person is Mary Mayeda, 462-3664. Katrina added the project is funded 2 years and needs a specific chipper. -James Green, 1st District supervisor candidate, stated he would work with the MAC and hold town halls, have an open-door policy, and will attend MAC meetings. Election date is March 3rd. -Linda Francis announced a Community Enrichment Grant for up to \$10 K for 501 (3) c organizations. If RVMAC was interested in applying, it could do so under the Community Foundation, as we did with a grant several years ago.

Cal Trans Report Cathy McKeon, Project Manager, announced the Russian River bridge at Calpella/Highway 20 will be replaced and widened, and she provided pictures. The bridge is 65 years old and has deteriorated. There will be a public forum to discuss in Feb 2020, followed by bid process in 2021, construction in 2022. An important note is that Cal Trans will construct a second bridge (slightly to the north) while keeping the current bridge in place until completion, thus eliminating the need for one-lane traffic or re-routing of traffic to East Road or other streets. This is to the advantage of local residents, businesses, and general traffic. Cal Trans encourages everyone to attend the February event at the Grange (probably) to ask questions and provide any feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ONGOING LOCAL MATTERS -Katrina announced event Taste of Redwood Valley Nov. 23 and 24.

-Jini announced the Fire Safe Council is seeking a manager, and has a training on Fires and Fuels Management Nov 19, from 9 to 4 pm, at Granzella's in Williams. -Marybeth announced Douglas Kent will present Firescaping at Mendocino College, Nov 21st at 6:30 pm. He wrote the book on Firescaping that many RV residents have.

-Alex stated that the Redwood Valley storage unit business had originally been planned to have landscaping, and he wonders what happened to that plan. He will continue to monitor.

-Chris announced for Sheilah: an upcoming vision session for EDFC Economic Recover & Resiliency Plan in January. Sen. McGuire will host a Town Hall on Feb 13th to address water issues, and NCO is accepting grant proposals to the end of 2019 for Emergency Preparedness in Communities. Chris stated the Phoenix Project Fire Victims Dinner in October was a success. The burned brush tunnel installed by local artists at the Mendocino College campus is very moving and all are encouraged to visit it.

-Approved at last meeting, Alex and Satie Clark wrote an excellent letter to California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, regarding instances of cancelling homeowners' insurance policies throughout Mendocino County with little notice and

a non-transparent process for how the companies make this determination. Satie and Alex had been delegated the task to send and distribute the letter, though they did bring it for review. All agreed with the wording and reminded Alex to copy County staff and the entire California and Federal legislative delegation, as the issues need to be addressed at the level of new laws. Mr. Lara's office has advised other constituents that the Commission isn't empowered to compel insurance companies to make their decisions transparent, nor to lower insurance rates, nor to give longer notice of planned cancellations. These require new law. -Jini reported that Cathy Monroe wrote a proposal for a State Grange resolution prohibiting the use of neonicotinoid insecticides (bee and insect killers) and it was adopted by the National Grange. This is a major cause of insect colony collapse and the fact that the ideas came out of Redwood Valley and carried to both the State and National Grange associations show how thinking locally can translate to acting GLOBALLY—kudos to Jini Reynolds, Cathy Monroe, and the Redwood Valley Grange. -Marybeth reported out on an excellent Grant Writing workshop taught by Amanda Reiman of FlowKana.

-Katrina discussed the Treasurer's Report. With the \$2,500 annual amount from the County, the balance of the Community Foundation Grant, and the PGE grant (\$10,000), we have over \$9,000 for the balance of the Fiscal Year.

**4. Report from MROC (Mendocino-Rebuilding Our Community--Sheilah and Chris.**

Chris reported MROC-Mendocino Rebuilding our Community is winding down after the 2017 fires. The Community Foundation reports \$4.2 million has been disbursed. Praise was given to Danilla Sands for her work at the Northern California Resource Center, which has non-profit status under NCO. Danilla, who joined the meeting at this time, reported that she is trying to gain ongoing funding for the resource center to make it a focal point for all of California.

**5. Development Review Subcommittee: Alex, Marybeth, Jini.**

Regarding prior months' reports, Alex has expressed concern to Planning Dept. regarding steepness of terrain on Ponderosa Way project. No new projects are reported this month.

**6. The RV Plan Final Town Hall Meeting RESCHEDULED TO DECEMBER 4, 2019--5:30 TO 8 PM with complimentary refreshments provided by FLOWKANA and the RVMAC.**

We rescheduled the public meeting to Dec. 4 (5:30 for complimentary refreshments provided by FlowKana, RVMAC, and Jini; business session from 6-8 pm, at the Grange), due to earlier power outages. The goals and action items of the Community Action Plan were discussed, along with the format of the meeting. Facilitators were identified. The subcommittee (Chris, Sheilah, and Alex) will continue to work with Nash Gonzalez to be more specific on the Vision and other specifics of the first 7 or so pages of the Plan; the Design Guidance (the bulk of the document) and the 9 page Plan in their current form continue to be on the RVMAC website (redwoodvalleymac.com). Chris added that each goal can be built into the MAC agenda. Goals are now listed in 5 general areas; about 20-25 Goals based on the prior 3 public meetings. The Dec. 4 meeting will focus on confirming that those Goals accurately captured all the community input as well as items needed to reflect new emergent needs. Then, each goal will need to be broken down into Action Items, with volunteers for each. Cliff Paulin, who has been hired by the MAC to facilitate the process, will be tasked with developing the final draft. That draft will be shepherded through the County process (Planning and Building Services, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors; adoption into General Plan and Zoning Ordinance)—which will be a long and challenging process. Ultimately, the goal is to ensure that Redwood Valley residents have more of a say in the future of our own community.

**7. MAC Administrative Matters.**

- A. Dolly Riley has been nominated for Chair; Jini Reynolds for Vice-Chair. Other nominations for these two opening positions? Effective date: 1/1/2020.

Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly motioned to approve. A second was made by Treasurer Katrina Frey.

The motion passed with the following vote:

  6   In Favor     0   Opposed  
    Abstained       Absent

A vote was held to elect new Chair and Vice-chair for 2020. Marybeth motioned for Dolly to be Chair and Jini to be Vice-chair. Katrina seconded the motion. Quorum vote was unanimous.

A Secretary is still needed to take notes and manage website. A formal Thank You was conveyed to Stephanie Chen Welch for her voluntary work in doing minutes and website updates over the last 6 months.

Next meeting is Dec. 11, 2019.

SPECIAL PUBLIC TOWN HALL FOR THE RVPLAN WILL BE DECEMBER 4, 5 PM TO 8 PM, RV GRANGE. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**8. Next meetings; Adjournment**