



**Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 12, 2020 05:00 PM
8650 East Rd - P.O Box 243 Redwood Valley 95470
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Chair Dolly Riley • Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds • Treasurer Katrina Frey • Member Chris Boyd • Member Alex DeGrassi • Member Sheilah Rogers • Member Debra Ramirez • Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Chair Dolly Riley.

A. Roll Call

Present: Chair Dolly Riley, Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds, Treasurer Katrina Frey, Member Chris Boyd, Member Alex DeGrassi, Member Sheilah Rogers, Member Debra Ramirez, Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly
Staff Present: Deven Castanon

B. Introduction of Guests

Glenn McGourty, James Green, Debra Kubin, Steve Barekman, Granville Pool, Polly Girvin, Melissa Johnson, Sattie Clark, Megan McCluer, Cathy Monroe, Steve "Gizmo" Henderson, and Brent Schultz.

2. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2020

Member Chris Boyd motioned to approve. A second was made by Member Debra Ramirez.

The motion passed with the following vote:

6 In Favor Opposed
2 Abstained Absent

Chris and Debra Abstained

3. Report on Redwood Valley School from Superintendent Debra Kubin

Debra Kubin started the report by telling us that there was not much to update. There had been no progress on finding a buyer or any sort of solution that would get the property in to some semblance of utility. Debra informed us that there was over \$150,000 in remediation work to deal with issues such as mold and asbestos. Debra assured us that the Ukiah Unified School District was open to offers to sell, lease, or even trade properties. Chris brought up the possibility of splitting the property and was told that they are open to all possibilities. Dolly asked if the grounds could be fixed up for community events and was told there are no plans to invest any more funds in the property until there is a definite path forward.

Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds suggested that the School District look into a case in Eureka where a similar situation was resolved. Glenn McGourty, candidate for district supervisor, voiced his concerns that the Redwood Valley School would end up underutilized like the Hopland School. Gizmo, a member of the public, was uneasy over the school being used as a training ground for law enforcement agencies. Granville Pool inquired after the possibility of transporting the water supply to the Redwood Valley Water District. Debra Kubin informed us that the possibility had been looked into and deemed cost prohibitive.

Several questions were asked of Debra that she did not know the answer to but promised to find the answers. Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly asked after the disposition of the industrial kitchen appliances and accoutrements. Marybeth also inquired about the Wooley Family Plaque; The Wooly Family would like it given to them if there are no plans for it. Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds asked for the marquee on behalf of the Grange.

4. Public Comments

Glenn McGourty recommended that we be diligent in holding the school district to task in order to avoid the fate of the Hopland school.

Polly Girvin voiced her concerns over the air pollution from the wood pellet plant. She said that she was pleased with the RVMAC for informing the local tribe about activities and in the spirit of reciprocation was present to inform us of an investigation. The tribe had assembled capable litigators that had dealt with similar situations and were currently accumulating evidence to use.

Melissa Johnson spoke about the Semi Trucks that have been parking near her house. The trucks have been using the railroad property for their own personal use.

Sattie Clark brought to our attention the garbage that was being dumped in the river. She asked that as a community we take a stand to keep our area clean.

5. Report from County and State on current events

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Pellet Plant Plume- Dolly had looked into the matter and had been told that although there were problems when the plant first opened, they had installed new equipment to limit the pollution. She also let us know that there was no environmental impact review done because the property had industrial zoning. This is despite the fact that the pollution can be seen to drift over the nearby Calpella School.

Railroad Property- Chris reached out to the bankrupt railroad company after receiving a complaint in an earlier RVMAC meeting. She found that the uses of the railroad land by the semi trucks were in compliance but was advised to speak with county supervisors. Chris sent out a letter but no reply came back. She spoke to the railroad security company, in particular a Paul Trouette, who said that no violations had been witnessed. Alex DeGrassi suggested that a letter be sent to the Railroad Association by the MAC. It was agreed that Chris would wait to hear from Melissa and Cathy before sending it out.

Chipper Days- Sheilah advised us that there has been progress on a plan and model to move forward. There should also be more information forthcoming in March. Megan McCluer, former executive director of the fire safe council, spoke up to let us know that grants had been received that would fund the purchase or obtainment of the equipment needed. She said that the Redwood Valley Fire Dept was being looked at as a possible site to host the Chipper Days. Megan McCluer also announced that a program was being continued to take down dangerous dead or dying trees free of cost. The program had already 57 different residents and had done so under budget. Sattie Clark spoke of her concern for dead or dying trees that threatened the community but no one home in particular. Brent Schultz also gave us some data on how Redwood Valley was recovering. He said that 635 structures had been lost, 340 of which were houses. He also said that 195 permits had been filed and 125 of those had been finalized, of which 26% were houses. He also assured us that permits from people that had lost structures were being given priority.

Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan- Sheilah informed us that she had taken over as Interim Director of the EDFC(Economic Development & Financing Corporation). She said that plans were in motion and that they were being supported by grants due to the fires of 2017. Sheilah said that the EDMC would be reaching out to the six Municipal Advisory Councils in the County from February to May. She expected Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan to be formed by April of 2021. Brent Schultz spoke up to highlight the opportunity to really outline and decide what the direction of the county was going to be. Gizmo pointed out the importance of public transportation when constructing an emergency plan. Jini spoke up about the Fire Safe Council meeting taking place at the South Valley Fire Dept on the 26th of February from 10-12.

Climate Action Advisory Council update- The meeting was cancelled and another meeting had not been set up yet according to Gizmo. Cathy stated that she was a member of the council and that a meeting was being set for March. She said that the first meeting was just about deciding to break the council up into geographical adhoc committees.

CalTrans Bridge Project- meeting is planned to take place on March 11th at Eagle Peak Middle School at 6pm. There will likely be some media coverage.

6. Development Review Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Alex, Marybeth, Jini

Alex reported some more details of the proposed Cannabis Accomodation District. His research had found that even if it passes, the combined canopy could be no larger than 2500 sq. ft. Alex wrote a letter asking to see the signatures but was informed by Chevon Holmes of the Planning Department that the signatures are required for the application but not published. Once through basic review, if it is decided to go further, a notice will be sent out to all neighbors within 300ft and a public notice will also go out.

7. CAP: Community Action Plan and Design Review Update

Dolly spoke about some possible flaws with the provided Community Action Plan. It was said the the CAP appeared more as a list than an actionable document. The CAP appeared to need more work done before it could be presented anywhere. It was agreed that the CAP subcommittee will meet to work on the plan prior to the March meeting.

8. MAC Administrative Matters

Marybeth Kelly reported that the County is unconcerned with the stationary or business card of the MAC as long as the County Seal does not appear on them. Marybeth and Chris Boyd agreed to collaborate on the designs and provisioning origins.

9. Reports and Announcements from MAC Officers and Members

No Action

10. Adjournment. Next meeting March 11, 2020