



Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 13, 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 • Alternate Member Sattie Clark

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds.

A. Introductions and Guests

Present by Zoom Meeting were Marybeth, Sheilah, Sattie, Alex, Katrina, Chris, Jini, Dolly; with guests Gizmo, Sonya, Granville Poole, and Beth Salomone. NOTE April 2020 meeting was cancelled.

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Public Comments

The Council welcomes participation in the Council meetings. Comments shall be limited so that everyone may be heard. This item is limited to matters under the jurisdiction of the Council which are not on the posted agenda and items which have not already been considered by the Council. The Council limits comments on matters not on the agenda to 3 minutes per person. No action will be taken.

Beth Salomone, Manager at Russian River Flood District (RRFD) discussed services such as flood control, provision for agricultural water and some domestic water. The RRFD is seeking a plan to give Redwood Valley a reliable water source. Katrina asked if a permanent water supply would influence the current water moratorium, and Beth responded that would include input from LAFCO.

Sattie was concerned that agricultural water could be turned off, and Beth reiterated that they are working on it. Granville Poole stated that we are in a better situation today with more water in Lake Mendocino.

Gizmo expressed concerns about fires, noting that vehicles that drag chains should have perhaps a pullout area in Hopland to perform a vehicle check, in order to prevent the vehicle from starting a fire on the freeway. He pointed out that it is not ideal to have fire evacuations during a pandemic outbreak.

Vice Chair Jini confirmed we cannot make any recommendation at this time but encouraged Gizmo to put his idea in writing to BOS.

Alex suggested the County could even post a sign to check chains and tire pressure. Chris thanked Gizmo and suggested CalTrans might use a lighted sign. Marybeth added that it could be seasonally posted. Chris suggested we agendize this request for next meeting.

Granville pointed out that the new lighted RV Fire Dept sign seems tacky. Jini stated she would call the Fire Dept and ask about the sign.

The topic shifted to a relatively new general problem with lighting pollution. Sattie stated that lighted signs are going up, adversely affecting neighborhoods. Alex added that the County Codes state that light pollution from commercial businesses should not negatively affect neighbors. Alex offered to write a letter, and Sattie offered to assist. Katrina pointed out that signs could prove useful in an emergency. Alex stated that the RV Gas station is now owned by an absentee owner who lives in Santa Rosa, and the sign is a potential violation. Chris wondered if the Fire Dept could turn their sign off at 8pm. Sattie commented that the Casino lights are very bright at night. Katrina noted that the Eagle Peak School lights are offensive to neighbors, and grow lights have upset the wildlife diurnal rhythms.

Sattie suggested we ask the County to accept a "dark sky" goal.

4. Officers and Members Reports and Announcements

As a Fire Safe Council update, Jini reported the following:

Our need for a chipper will be honored with a request from ten families. Redwood Valley will have a designated chipper next fall. Reflective green address signs are available now. There will be a 3-day Fire Safe Council workshop for 40 people, who must commit to sharing what they learn. They seek as community educators folks who speak Spanish, are home

builders, real estate experts, and hardware buyers. The Council wants traffic lanes to be better marked, and fire hydrants to have an "H" printed in the road for easy demarcation. An idea was to have a form listing people and pets to give to the Fire Dept in case of emergency evacuation. Mark Davis Insurance team has been successful in writing fire policies for folks with cancelled insurance. Firewise assessment for insurance is controversial as they do overhead views violating privacy. Willits community at Black Bart is exploring 3 honks for a fire alarm and use of a Nixle program. Scott Cratty is the new director and can be reached at firesafecouncil@pacific.net.

Chris gave an update on the Calpella Pellet Plant. She called Air Quality Management District (AQMD) manager, Barbara Mollett, and learned the Plant spent money to be compliant. They have been shut down since March 2020. Chris submitted a report to the MAC and it will be posted on the redwoodvalleymac.com website. Alex noted the last shut down concerned particles.

Alex addressed the Redwood Valley School sale, noting that the update from Ukiah Unified School District included updates on Hopland School as well, as the UUSD is selling both properties. The District cannot sell but would conduct a third-party trade. Jini stated the RV school property had ADA issues as well as steepness and septic problems. Marybeth said the RV folks did not have much input on the school sale decision.

Sheilah reported on the Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan which has been renamed MOVE 2030. This group is putting together a plan to address the recovery and resilience of the County economy, following the Redwood Complex fire, and it is funded by an EDA grant. Elements of the RV Community Plan will need to be incorporated into the MOVE 2030 plan, with input beginning this Summer, and having a targeted completion date of Spring 2021.

Katrina suggested that Cathy Monroe give an update on the Oak Ordinance and neonicotinoids at next meeting.

No Action

5. **Standing Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

Alex reported on the cannabis accommodation district permit for 11 properties, which request an exemption for each property being less than 2 acres.

Marybeth stated there are some new permits for single family residences. One concern was the Tall Tree Society property, a long thin strip of land that would contain large propane tanks and systems to provide energy for nearby properties. Alex stated he was not sure if that project was subject to public review.

6. **CAP: Community Action Plan and Design Review**

7. **Officers and Members Reports and Announcements**

Chris requested the Council look at the latest CAP document re-write, sent to the Council on May 13. Chris asked the Council for any edits. Alex said he will review the design guidelines. Chris, Alex, and Sheilah agreed to meet soon for a final review before the next MAC meeting.

When the Council is ready, we will submit the plan to the County.

Katrina gave a Treasurer's Report, noting that every July 1st, the County provides the MAC with \$2500. and any invoices need to be submitted in order to be paid. She gave update on PG&E grant, which contains a little over \$6 K and is for community planning and printing.

8. **Announcements**

Dolly stated that Secretary Deven Castaneon is resigning and could not take notes this meeting. Dolly agreed to take minutes.

The four-year terms of Alex, Sheilah, Chris, and Debra expire as of June 1, 2020. Chris intends to continue while both Sheilah and Alex will not apply to extend their membership. Debra's status is unknown. Alex stated he would like to see representation from the Hispanic community at the Board.

Jini noted that Supervisor Carre Brown was not admitted to the Zoom meeting. The technology requires attendee to request to join, and host to allow to join, and there was a glitch.

Sheilah welcomed Sattie. Chris stated she hopes we can celebrate good work in the future after the lockdown.

Jini outlined a plan for the Grange to begin music performance activities.

Alex stated it is legal to have 4 people at an event, and alluded to his SPACE performance (which received rave reviews).

9. **Adjournment**

Next meeting is June 10, 2020.