



**Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 10, 2020 05:00 PM**  
**8650 East Rd - P.O Box 243 Redwood Valley 95470**  
<http://www.redwoodvalleymac.com/>

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. Zoom Meeting Instructions and Link**

**2. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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, Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly, Alternate Member Sattie Clark  
Absent: Member Debra Ramirez

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Member Chris Boyd motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

A number of members of the public were present for this online "Zoom" meeting, including First District Supervisor Carre Brown, candidate Glenn McGourty, Director of County Planning and Building Services Dept. (PBS), Brent Schultz, and Cliff Paulin, consultant to the RVMAC on the Community Action Plan (CAP).

**4. Public Comments**

"Gizmo", an active RV community member, wanted to commend departing MAC original members Alex de Grassi, Debra Ramirez, and Sheilah Rogers for their excellent and dedicated work on the MAC. All present concurred, wishing there were a better way to convey thanks during this distancing time. Both Sheilah and Alex stated they will continue to participate on the ongoing work to finalize the CAP and get it adopted into the County regulations. As these 3 MAC member terms are now expired, Dolly will work with Carre Brown and County staff to see that the openings are publicized to the community. All registered voting residents of the Redwood Valley area are eligible to apply, which is done via a county form available on the RVMAC and County websites.

**5. Report from County, Agencies, Advocates on current events**

Chair Dolly Riley motioned to approve. A second was made by Treasurer Katrina Frey.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

a) Cannabis complaint--Brent Schultz (PBS) responded to a complaint by a meeting attendee regarding a cannabis cultivation permit application for 9440 West Road. The complainant and Alex de Grassi, chair of the MAC Ad Hoc Development Review subcommittee, had visited the facility and sent questions to PBS. Her concerns dealt with the very high fence being constructed, the status of currently growing plants despite lack of a permit or license, lack of adequate notice to neighbors (of which the complainant is one), potential adverse effects of lighting and odor, and what appeared to her to be violations regarding the adjacent creek. At least 200 plants were observed already growing in pots. Brent stated that County staffer Trent Taylor hadn't noted any violations at this time (not clear when he last visited the site). Discussion of jurisdiction of Ca. Fish and Wildlife, No. Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, State vs. local cannabis regulations, CEQA (Ca. Enviro. Quality Act) regulations, etc. Brent suggested MAC send a letter detailing concerns, and mentioned that a member of the public may call Code Enforcement 234-6650 at any time with an anonymous complaint about this or

other cannabis issues.

b) Signage/Lighting--From discussion at the May 2020 MAC meeting, Alex and Sattie drafted a letter to PBS with MAC and community's concerns about 2 lighted signs at the Fire Station and next-door gas station on East Road/School intersection. The letter was unanimously approved by the MAC. Members had been concerned with lack of permits and community with obtrusive nature of the lighting. The letter detailed that the signs, which use hundreds of tiny (LCD?) bulbs for illumination, violated the specifics of County Code 20.184.025. Jini had contacted RVCDF Chief Don Dale, who reported that the Fire Station sign had been added for community safety messaging. Brent will look into signage. All present were reminded to look closely at the Design Guidance section of the draft RV CAP regarding Lighting and Dark Skies, which have been identified as important issues, to ensure that the document has captured what the community intended. Section 20 of the County Code has very little on this subject. Suggestion was also made to look at the Gualala and Mendocino Town Plans for their strict requirements on illumination.

c) Redwood Valley School site--Little news about the Ukiah School District plans for the site. Marybeth reported that a small amount of maintenance is now appearing to be in progress on the site, after she had complained to the USD about the need for mowing/trimming of landscaping. She plans on doing a letter to the district on maintenance and ongoing concerns about the site, and will try to review the 1/2009 USD Board minutes on the subject.

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

[This discussion crossed over with the prior agenda item, as Brent was present.]

a) Since Alex has been a mainstay of this committee, along with Marybeth and Debra, his departure of the MAC will leave a knowledge gap of sorts. He stated he will write up a synopsis of his role and some the major issues/resources he has used.

b) Katrina reported that the Oak Ordinance is on hold now. The Farm Bureau will probably oppose it. This initiative has been under consideration at the County level to deal with maintenance of native habitat in the face of development, agriculture (including cannabis and rangeland), and fire resiliency. Discussed possible incorporation of additional habitat language in the CAP--more below. Katrina also mentioned that community member Cathy Monroe is interested both in oak habitat and in the use of neonicotinoids, which are now evaluated as very harmful to the environment. Cathy has information about nurseries still using these substances, but via Katrina, reported that Home Depot intends to discontinue selling products that have been treated with them. The State Grange has approved a policy against their use (written by Cathy). More on the use of neonicotinoids and pesticides such as Roundup will be addressed in future meetings.

c) Questions about grading that was observed near Hwy. 101--no one had further information, though Carre suggested MAC may want to contact Caltrans to see if it is one of their projects.

No Action

#### 7. **CAP: Community Action Plan and Design Review**

a) Brent stated that he will look at a copy of the draft CAP as soon as we make it available, and then would like to meet with the MAC to discuss the process going forward. Cliff and Alex suggested that a General Plan amendment incorporating the plan will be needed, but the draft would no doubt be amended at the County level first. Alex also reported that County staff wouldn't be able to review project submittals for their adherence to the CAP, but that such approval would need to take place via a community group under the guidance of the MAC. Some funds remain from the PGE Planning grant to enable printing of copies of the CAP for the public when we arrive at that point, though additional grant applications may be needed to enhance funding in the future.

b) Cliff has distributed the latest editions of the CAP (11 page "Plan" and the 25+ page Design Guidance) to the MAC, including Chris's March amendments to the Plan. Iterations of the draft documents are on the redwoodvalleymac.com website (though we need help getting the latest versions online). ALL MAC members and community members should look at these documents and contact the MAC (or Chris) with input. She emphasized that we need to get these documents into final form for presentation to Brent for a meeting. Cliff also emphasized that we need to get to a point to move forward; it's a living document and will never be "perfect" because the world keeps changing and so does our knowledge base. We should all consider this LAST CALL for plan amendments. Chris suggested a July agenda item to vote approval of the draft, with any final comments incorporated.

c) Chris will forward to Cliff some discussion amending a cannabis issue relating to acre size for grows, which had been identified by MAC members and discussed by former member, Sandra Berman, and community member, Amanda Reiman.

d) Cliff mentioned that decisions are needed for what will be contained in the Appendices section (Part 3) of the CAP. This should include source materials/data.

e) Sattie clarified that the CAP deals with commercial properties, and is concerned that little is mentioned about residential. The MAC members generally responded that it would be a heavy lift at this point to incorporate residential; that could be an open issue for the future.

#### 8. **Reports and Announcements from MAC Officers and Members**

a) MOVE 2030 project--Sheilah reported that EDFC (Economic Development and Finance Corporation) is the coordinating agency on this program, which aims to address economic resiliency in the region. It arose out of the 2017 fires, and which especially dealt with resiliency from major disasters. MOVE 2030 especially wants to coordinate with the county's MACs, including ours. Though no longer a MAC member, Sheilah intends to help with the MAC's involvement. She will brief members Dolly, Jini, and Sheilah about the project, which will also dovetail perfectly with the CAP.

b) Marybeth and Jini reported that Alex will be one of 3 musical acts participating in an online fundraising concert for the Grange at 5 pm on June 14. All encouraged to support our RV Grange. Contributions may be sent to them: look at redwoodvalleygrange.com for more information.

#### 9. **Adjournment. Next meeting July 8 or Sept 9, 2020?**

After discussion of a possible summer hiatus, MAC decided to meet at the usual time in July:  
JULY 8, 2020, 5 PM via Zoom--members of the public should look at the RVMAC website for login information:  
[redwoodvalleymac.com](http://redwoodvalleymac.com)  
Meeting adjourned just before 7 p.m. by Chair, Dolly Riley.