



**Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 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 Sattie Clark • Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly • Member Patricia Ris-Yarbrough

1. 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 Sattie Clark, Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly, Member Patricia Ris-Yarbrough

B. The MAC currently has openings for 1 Member and 1 Alternate Member. We will record names of those present, except for any member of the public who states they wish to remain anonymous.

Also present were Gizmo Henderson, Beth Salamone, Amanda Reiman, Glenn McGourty, Meredyth Reinhard, Jon Kennedy, Brent Schultz, and Esther Baker.

2. Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Katrina Frey motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds. The roll call vote:

Aye Chair Dolly Riley Aye Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds Aye Treasurer Katrina Frey Aye Member Chris Boyd Aye Member Sattie Clark Aye Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly Aye Member Patricia Ris-Yarbrough Minutes of July 15, 2020, were approved. Pertinent to Minutes, Chris Boyd requested an update on acquiring a Secretary to record Minutes. Dolly Riley reported that a back-up person was needed. Chris volunteered. Dolly introduced Esther Baker as a candidate for Secretary.

3. Public Comments

Katrina Frey wanted to recognize and appreciate Gizmo Henderson's fire prevention message. Gizmo Henderson commented that he could appreciate Patricia Ris-Yarbrough, who spoke last week regarding cannabis farms and additional traffic. He wanted to express his concern of increased traffic as larger grows start to develop in our ag areas. Chris mentioned that her husband, Tom Schoeneman, and herself would both be on the ballot for different wards in Redwood Valley. Chris will be running for the Redwood Valley/ Calpella Fire Board and Tom for the Water Board. Beth Salamone from RRFV stated there are 2 positions are open on the board of the Redwood Valley County Water District. Beth also strongly recommended that someone from the MAC attend the meeting on August 20 when Janet Pauli will be presenting on the Potter Valley Project and how that directly impacts Redwood Valley.

4. Report from County and Agencies on current events.

A.

Member Chris Boyd motioned to approve. A second was made by Treasurer Katrina Frey.

The motion passed with the following vote:

All In Favor Opposed
 Abstained Absent

6) Adopt a Road

Members voted and approved the motion for participating, promoting and supporting Adopt a Road. Adopt a Road was moved to the beginning of the report. Meredyth Reinhard asked if a vote was needed for request for collaborating with RV Grange for Adopt a Road. She also hopes to include residents of RV in the project. Chris motioned to participate in Adopt a Road and put on the RV MAC website. Katrina Frey suggested we vote to promote and support Adopt a Road and seconded the motion.

1) MOVE 2030

Move 2030 is collecting info for business map. Dolly mentioned several members of the RV MAC had attended a Forum and felt it wasn't participatory. Glenn McGourty replied that there are break out sessions scheduled on different aspects to include the community and, thus support in the vision moving forward.

Dolly asked members to speak of what they learned. Chris agreed the Forum was difficult to follow and in a quest to learn more, joined the Economic Development break out session and encouraged other members to join a session. She will forward information on the four breakout sessions to all RV MAC members. Jini Reynolds stated she has joined the Technological Task Force breakout session to get Mendocino County connected through technology. Dolly was disappointed with the lack of discussion on free education and no mention of the cannabis industry in economic development. Amanda Reiman interjected that she had a telephone conversation with a representative of Beacon, the company hired by the County, regarding cannabis at the state level, barriers at the county and state levels and land use issues. Amanda believes it will be part of future discussions. She joined the Entrepreneurial and Strengthening Local Businesses breakout session. Amanda interjected on how cannabis can be part of building an economic infrastructure. Brent Schultz, member of the steering committee for Move 2030, spoke of the vision for all the county wide MAC's and coming together to work towards a common vision. What about cannabis? Where should we go? Hopefully we can adopt a plan that everyone follows. Dolly asked Brent if there was a cannabis task force. Brent replied that there is an Ad Hoc, working with his staff on 2 documents. Jini Reynolds asked Brent for update on the light up sign at RV gas station. Brent did not have that information but assured Dolly that he would look into it and get back to her.

2) Update on Pellet Plant.

Chris reported that she saw it in operation since the last meeting. Dolly stated that the Tribal Consortium (12 local tribes) all requested shut down of the Pellet plant pending further testing and requested that testing wait until the end of the pandemic. Sattie Clark feels we should know more about ownership, number of employees and what is going into the air. Gizmo said he can see that they are not producing pellets but is concerned with the large mounds of dried sawdust creating a fire hazard. He suggested we bring in the Fire Chiefs from RVFD and Calpella for their recommendations.

3) Update on Neonicotinoids and other pesticide issues.

Glenn McGourty stated that neonics are usually done in drip system not sent in the air. If sprayed can affect pollinators. Recommendations for those who spray, is to do it at night when pollinators or people aren't out. Local ordinances are difficult to pass as State law supersedes them.

4) Fire preparedness.

Chris said RVCFD has obtained 1 sirens to install for early notification from Calpella to Tomki. In the next 3 months, the board will conduct sound testing. Re sirens: RVCFD has thus far found funding for a first siren with about \$60,000 in FD funding. They estimate that about 5 sirens altogether will be needed to cover the valley for emergency notification only, from Calpella up Tomki Rd. and across the valley west to east. FD researched latest technology among local county agencies (Lake, Sonoma, etc.). Additional sirens will likely not cost as much as the original "backbone" siren. FD will be researching future funding sources, including grants. Re. old "noon" siren that used to sound from the FD, but wasn't used during the 2017 emergency: that was a manually operated siren that needed to be staffed with a live person. During the fire emergency, initially staff were trying to first locate the fires attached to the emergency calls, operate fire apparatus, warn people to evacuate, and save victims and as a largely volunteer force, couldn't spare anyone to run a siren that wouldn't even reach beyond the immediate area. Further, effective siren systems need to be rolled out with procedures and training so the public will understand what the sirens mean and how to react; and coordinated with emergency agencies and evacuation plans. So, much work is needed for full future implementation of an Alert and Warning System. Gizmo discussed criteria for EAS system to work.

5) Update on cannabis ordinance.

Brent Schultz, Mendocino Planning and Building, reported that the County Planning Ad Hoc cannabis committee is working 2 documents at present. One document being the CDFA Cal Cannabis CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Checklist, Appendix G and the Sensitive Species review process. This document is a complex checklist for state licensing which includes topographic and building information as well as plants and animals information on cultivation sites and adjacent sites. An added complication to licensing is that the County laws were issued before the State laws on Cannabis.

5. **Development Review Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Marybeth, Jini, Patricia, Gizmo**

Member Chris Boyd motioned to approve. A second was made by Member Sattie Clark.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Members voted to approve Patricia's letter regarding a cannabis farm complaint. Dolly complimented Patricia on a well written, well researched letter regarding comments and complaints on cannabis violation that was to be sent to planning and building. Brent Schultz explained that code enforcement is a reactionary enforcement. They are short staffed and working double duty due to the health crisis. Once a cannabis report is given on a specific site, they will be put on the list and be visited. Dolly says it is important for Patricia's letter to come from the MAC to Building and Planning so there will be no neighbor to neighbor retribution.

Amanda Reiman spoke about an upcoming request for the Flow Kana property to be given a campus designation versus current situation of individual buildings as separate entities. She explained that it gives Flow Kana the ability to move activities from one building to another if the building has already been permitted to do so. Any major changes would need additional permitting. The formal request would be coming in the near future. Sattie stated that our Building and Planning Department is understaffed and if we can ease the burden a bit by reducing the number of permits to give a business some flexibility, it seems like common sense.

West Road Accommodation Zone. County of Mendocino Planning Commission vote was 2 - 2 and now goes to the Board of Supervisors, possibly in November. Sattie posed some objections to the Accommodation Zone and Dolly noted that it should be on the Agenda for the next meeting to fully discuss. Dolly will sign as Chair of the RV MAC and then will send.

6. CAP: Interim Community Action Plan and Design Review

Chris sent the CAP (Community Action Plan update) to Brent Schultz at County Planning and Building Services (PBS, in accordance with prior meetings between MAC members and the County. While Mr. Schultz indicated the PBS is very busy with high priorities and low staffing, the MAC hopes the CAP feedback will be forthcoming. Pending is final editing of the Design Guidelines (the longer document), which needs someone who is good with Word editing.

Chris suggested a new secretary may clean it up and organize it.

7. Reports and Announcements from MAC Officers and Members

Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly motioned to approve. A second was made by Member Chris Boyd.

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Members voted to approve Esther Baker as Secretary on a 2-month trial basis. Dolly introduced Esther as the possible new Secretary and gave a brief bio. Jon Kennedy volunteered to teach Esther the template for the meeting minutes.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned by Dolly at 7:10 p.m. Next meeting will be September 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.