



Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2022 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 • Member Adam Gaska

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes of 4-13-22.

Present: Pien Ris-Yarbrough, Dolly Riley, Monica Huettl, Sattie Clark, Jason Caudillo, Jeff Box, Jini Reynolds, Adam Gaska, Chris Boyd, Peter Reynolds, Cathy Monroe, Star Gilley, Zoe Bigelow, Travis Killmer, Sarah Reith, Marybeth Kelly, Gizmo Henderson, Supervisor Glenn McGourty, Granville Pool, Katrina Frey, Sonya Campbell.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. The Minutes of 4-13-22 were not addressed, because they were not received.

2. Public Comments

Dolly stated she is circulating a petition as a member of the public to put a 1/4 of a percent tax to fund County Libraries on the November ballot. Marybeth: Sonoma Clean Power is starting a Community Advisory Committee with some available openings. Pien: Waste management in Redwood Valley will be transferred to another company and she is wondering if the services will be changing. Jini: tomorrow morning an assistant from the Mendocino College IT department is coming to discuss technology needs of the community/RVMAC. Gizmo: I went to a Brewfest last weekend and will be appearing at another to continue speaking about fire safety. Gizmo wants to speak further with the MAC about fire awareness poster reimbursements.

3. Report from County and Agencies on Current Events

Updates from 1st District Supervisor Glenn McGourty and Sheriff Matt Kendall. Sheriff stated they are working to combat the general drug use, we've got a couple of calls about juveniles partying. A lot of our resources have gone towards the Great Redwood Trail. We are still extremely understaffed. Sarah: When will the substation reopen? Glenn: The substation underwent some extensive damage, a water pipe burst, so I am unable to give you an answer at this time. Adam: My neighbors and I share a portion of the Redwood Trail on our property, and I want you to know that you have full access. We are looking at additional expenses because people will get hurt and it will be difficult to enforce. Gizmo: In Santa Rosa when they decided to open a trail they put police on E-Bikes. This trail is something that we want because it creates tax revenue and promotes education. We should look toward the successes. Sarah: Back to the substation, the real estate deal was that the building would be used and now it is not so this would be something to investigate. A trail between Hopland and Ukiah is much desired but we will need to come up with a safety plan. As far as the substation goes, construction is in the works. We're still working through a water extraction plan because there are some complicated details but were hoping we can at least manage any water truck's hours of operation. Another thing we've been thinking about is missing and murdered Indigenous women. Also we are consolidating some offices. Sattie: I just wanted to point out that regulating water will also hurt the farmers because it only makes it harder to get water on their grapes. We need to know where our water is going.

Updates on Redwood Valley School; UUSD response to tennis court letter. The UUSD said that the tennis courts do not need to be taken care of in perpetuity. The reason being the lease expired, and no new lease was made. However it was not a lease but it was a joint powers agreement. Dolly made a request for information to Bureau of Land Management. Chris: Does the County have any jurisdiction over the school? Glenn: No, but you can go to the Board and express your grievances. You can't really sue them because they're very well insulated but I recommend going directly to the trustees.

Redwood Valley water issues updates. Sattie stated she would like to invite Shaun White for guest speaker June meeting. Sattie also proposed a new committee for water. Sattie: I feel like there is no more

important issue in our community, many of our concerns stem from it. Sattie nominated Adam Gaska. Adam: I would accept that. Chris: There is also always the water district board that meets once a month. Sattie: Exactly, I'm looking for a way to coordinate more crossover from all groups. Glenn: I think this would be good for you because it'll give you a chance to advocate for yourselves. Granville: A lot of what goes on in the water district meetings doesn't reach the rest of us, so I support this. Adam: I support this because a lot of our problems in the past have been due to a lack of communication. Dolly: Would you like to head that committee? Adam: Yes. Katrina and Sattie joined the committee. Katrina: We have a lot of potential to make amends with past relationships. Sarah: What are the goals of this committee? Adam: first and foremost, education. Sarah: Will you be actively doing anything to change it? Adam: Yes, our business is communication and the people have a voice. Sattie: We definitely want to make some changes. Gizmo: Is the Potter Valley diversion tunnel still closed? Glenn: Yes, we are getting little to nothing. We're also working on a bill that allows water rights users to share. Gizmo: Will we see the lake level go up? Glenn: Yes. But you need to be advocates for yourself.

Fire prevention awareness updates. There was a discussion about progress with sirens. RV Calpella Fire Dept is doing a BBQ fundraiser on July 16th.

Redwood Valley Grange updates, Adopt-A-Road. Jeff: We have now billed the County for our heating and cooling. We had a very successful Easter bake sale. We have a general meeting next week and were proposing some events. Willow Jackson has taken over the Adopt-a-road. Jini: we encourage everyone to participate in the July 2 Parade. Sarah: where did the Grange donation money come from? Chris: This was for planning community services from PG&E.

4. Cannabis Policy Standing Subcommittee: Patricia, Sattie

Gizmo: Black Hawk Helicopters were landing at the Ukiah airport today; they must be going after some grows. Dolly: Cannabis is now a new County department as of last month.

5. Development Review Standing Subcommittee: Marybeth, Jini, Patricia

Marybeth: A cannabis business on Webb Ranch Road is asking for an administrative permit to expand their grow. Dolly: Do they state how they plan to source their water? Marybeth: No, it's not stated in the application. Pien: terrain occupied for an outdoor grow is much bigger than 10,000 sq ft. Katrina: We're looking at hoop houses not an outdoor grow, what is the current permit they hold? Jini: We have some questions we need answers to. Marybeth: We can propose conditional approval. Chris: Is this in the proposed cannabis exclusion zone? Dolly: Should the Redwood MAC vote to approve only if no water trucks or wells are used? The roll call vote is unanimous to not approve this expansion because of water concerns.

6. CAP: Community Action Plan and Design Review: Chris, Sattie

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Dolly stated the subcommittee is incorporating the edits made by Planning & Building into our Design Review. We have added a section on landscaping. Chris state that we will put it on our website when that work is completed.

7. Officers and Members Reports and Announcements

Dolly would like to discuss voting in perpetuity to continue paying a secretary and a Zoom technician as the budget allows. Sattie: We have plenty of budget left. Jini motioned to approve, and Pien seconded. Unanimous approval. Pien: Glenn we were wondering if you've heard of changes to waste management in Redwood Valley. Glenn: I have not heard of anything, but I recommend asking the Department of Transportation. Jini: I think the MAC should be involved in the Black Bart parade. Dolly: I propose our summer break. Sattie: I oppose it, I'm sorry but we're talking about pressing issues. Jini: I think one month is more appropriate than two months, and I recommend July. Chris: I support this, I need a month off. Adam: I would prefer less of a break. Consensus for taking July off. Katrina: I'd like to request how we would like to spend the remainder of the funds of the RVMAC, with ideas at June meeting.

8. Adjournment. Next meeting 6-8-22.