



Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 08, 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 and 5-11-22.** Member Patricia Ris-Yarbrough motioned to approve. A second was made by Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds.

The motion passed with the following vote:

 All **In Favor** 0 **Opposed**
 Abstained **Absent**

Both April and May minutes were unanimously approved.

2. **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.

Comments:

- a) Sheilah Rogers reported that the Black Bart Trail Fire Safe Council (FSC) has been working with the Mendocino County FSC, recently discussing emergency egress. Emily Tecchio is the MCFSC coordinator for special projects and is a great resource for others who wish to work on emergency planning as we head further into another risky fire season.
- b) Local resident Martha Barra reported that she followed yesterday's Board of Supervisors meeting where they proposed continuing the Measure B county-wide sales tax, which would sunset next year, in order to fund fire and water critical issues. They continued the discussion to later in the month. Supervisor Mo Mulheren is one of the new measure's supporters and will continue to gain input and suggest amendments to gain full Board support.

3. **Report from County and Agencies on Current Events** Member Patricia Ris-Yarbrough motioned to approve. A second was made by Member Sattie Clark.

The motion passed with the following vote:

 All **In Favor** 0 **Opposed**
 Abstained **Absent**

Unanimous vote to support MAC letter to Ukiah School District regarding use of former Redwood Valley School site (Item b below, and PDF file).

- a) Sheriff Matt Kendall reported on recent cannabis enforcement activities and homeless issues. Seizures have included 3,000 lbs. of cannabis and 8 firearms. The Sheriff's unit now consists of a Sergeant, Deputy, and an eradication officer, and Sheriff Kendall is trying to get additional State assistance. Sergeant Caudillo reported that the department has received calls to a homeless encampment in the Brush St. area 350 times over 5 months, which is interfering with other response times. Over \$208,000 was expending on a recent encampment clean-up As of today's meeting, they received three (3) PREVENTABLE fire calls; all residents are encouraged to double down on prevention efforts and avoid ANY mowing/weed clearing later than 9 a.m. and to keep fire water ready for all such activities.

b) Redwood Valley school property. MAC letter reviewed and approved to send (see PDF file linked to these Minutes). Ongoing discussion concerned whether Ukiah School District is legally allowed to sell or trade the property for private ownership, as it was donated to the community in 1921 by the Wooley family. Other related issues: Groundskeeping at the property is lax. Residents may call the School District to voice complaints: 707-472-5000.

4. **Water Education Standing Subcommittee. Adam, Katrina, Sattie** Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds motioned to approve. A second was made by Member Patricia Ris-Yarborough.

The motion passed with the following vote:

All **In Favor** 0 **Opposed**
 Abstained **Absent**

The Water Education Standing Committee had drafted a letter (see PDF included in these minutes) to FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) to support ongoing releases of water from the Potter Valley Project (PVP). The Committee pointed out that the Friends of the Eel River are very "noisy" in wanting to cut off the small amounts of water routed from the Eel to the Russian River watershed, and that residents of our counties from here and to the south need to be as vocal about the century-old needs that have come to depend on the PVP. Elizabeth Salomone, as manager of the Russian River Flood Control, went on to explain many complicated water scarcity issues. Interested parties are encouraged to attend their public meeting, the meetings of the Redwood Valley County Water District, and review their website to gather more details about our critical water issues. Comment also made that a Water Extraction Ordinance for well water is being contemplated by the County Board of Supervisors (Hashak and McGourty), as well as State proposed legislation to regulate all new or expanded well permit applications, in order to protect existing wells.

5. **Cannabis Policy Standing Subcommittee: Patricia, Sattie**

General question arose about a requested cannabis combining district near East Road, which now has over 200 petitioners. No hearing date is set as yet.

6. **Development Review Standing Subcommittee: Marybeth, Jini, Patricia**



No new permit actions noted. Members asked for updates on the RV School possible sale; and status of the gas station at the base of Hwy. 101.

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



A.

Dolly, Chris, and ex-officio MAC members Sheilah Rogers and Alex de Grassi plan to hold their next meeting on June 27, and are near completion of the updates based on the County Planning and Building Services comments. They hope to bring a new draft to the MAC at the August meeting.

8. **Officers and Members Reports and Announcements**

a) Reminder that RVMAC is dark for July break. b) Jose Sal dona, a Mendocino College student, is helping with the Zoom technology so we can have these "hybrid" meetings. c) The MAC currently has no Secretary so we all need to be looking for someone. Meanwhile, we can alternate the job. Chris doing June minutes. d) Treasurer's Report: Katrina reports that \$850 remains in this year's budget, though not all invoices have been submitted. Gizmo Henderson has \$212 approved expenditures for fire safety materials, and other materials are needed for the hybrid meeting, also approved.

9. **Adjournment. Next meeting 8-10-22.**