



**Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 12, 2018 05:00 PM
8650 East Rd - P.O Box 243 Redwood Valley 95470
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Chair Chris Boyd • Vice-Chair Sheilah Rogers • Secretary Sandra Berman • Treasurer Katrina Frey • Alex de Grassi • Melinda Hunter • Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly • Cassie Taaning • Debra Ramirez

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Chris Boyd.

A. Roll Call

Present: Chair Chris Boyd, Vice-Chair Sheilah Rogers, Secretary Sandra Berman, Treasurer Katrina Frey, Alex de Grassi, Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly, Cassie Taaning, Debra Ramirez
Absent: Melinda Hunter

B. Introduction of Guest(s)

((Nash Gonzales- Recovery Director, no longer with Building and Planning)).

2. Approval of Minutes

Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly motioned to approve. A second was made by Treasurer Katrina Frey.

The motion passed with the following vote:

6 In Favor Opposed
2 Abstained Absent

3. Future Agenda Items / Announcement of next meeting

4. Public Comments

Granville Pool: Announcing a community meeting at Eagle Peak, October 11th, probably @ 6 or 6:30. The general manager of the Russian River Flood Control District has resigned, effective the middle of December. (These are well paid positions. Public recruitment.) Ad hoc meetings are taking place to decide what to do next. Looking what to do with Millview and Redwood Valley Water District jointly.

Next Redwood Valley Water District Water meeting Thursday at 5, Willow Board Rm on 151 Laws Ave.

Nash Gonzales: The public meeting on Oct 11 is sponsored by Sen. McGuire to talk about Redwood Valley Water Upgrade. A grant was applied to Cal OES looking for \$7 million. Howard Dashiell will be taking oversight on this project. So that there will be better water pressure, replacing water lines and upgrades. Yes, there will be an agenda. More information to come. Waiting on the Senator's office. Would like to send out a public notice in the mail. This is the time for input.

Upper Russian River Water Agency: the name of this joint community of water districts.

\$2 Mil has been received and there is a grant that has been submitted. McGuire's office is putting up the matching funds, which makes you much more eligible for the grant from Cal OES.

Wendy Escobar: Permits that need to pay. If stay and rebuild she thought the permits would be greatly reduced. Suggests that Redwood Valley residents go to the Board of Supes and address this.
Is there a replacement permit fee vs a new construction permit?

Jini Reynolds: A Road B Neighborhood Emergency Planning meeting on September 26th. 3551 Road B.

Bob Rogers: Forester, with Ukiah Valley Rotary: 45,000 Doug Firs and Ponderosa Pine. A question about Doug Fir fire resistance.

Mary Mayeda: with the Resource Conservation District. People worried about these trees being more flammable than other

vegetation. DF and PP are very fire adapted. Crowns at the top, thick barked. Are actually very fire resilient and the pines need fire. Really more of a function of stand density and age and size. Young trees are flashy fuel. The idea with replanting you want a more mature stand of trees that are widely spaced and more resistant to fire. Recommended distance: timber harvest you can plant closer. Otherwise, 15-30 feet apart is appropriate. It is site specific. Call the NRCS, a USGS agency, non regulatory and sole purpose is to assist land owners. Free technical assistance.

80% of house fires are from embers and trees may actually disperse those embers away from the house. Need to clean leaves and needles from roof and surroundings. Some houses burned so intensely that they caught the trees on fire.

Seeing where the trees were before will help judge whether it is a good site for these trees or not. NRCS will come and help.

The seedlings will be available this winter, which is the right time to plant. Now they are 45,000 DF, no more PP, they didn't have a good source. NRCS, Natural Resource Conservation Service, is available to any land owner for free! Soil test etc. Really valuable resource!

5. **PG&E Grant for \$10,000**

Sheilah, Chris, Alex, and Cliff Paulin met to discuss this grant in context of the RV Community Plan.

Rough draft of the Community Plan out this fall. Design Guidelines will be included in the plan? Roughly. Guidance on design guidelines from Nash or B&P would be appreciated.

Summaries from both Community Meetings will be put up on the website!

Redwood Valley Grant has been submitted. It is an online application. It was a rubber stamping thing. What will you use the grant for? It was geared toward planning, emergency planning- that's what they wanted. Through NCO, they are the recipients of the grant.

Cliff moved to Santa Rosa btw.

6. **Vacant Redwood Valley School.**

Numerous MAC members have spoken with Scott Sheldon who has been retained as a consultant by the Ukiah School District to help decide what to do with unused buildings in the county. His first impressions for the RV school were that there is potential for housing or retail. Turns out not really suitable for housing however: seismic activity, asbestos issues, septic field/playing field on flood plain. Probably tearing the buildings down is the most cost effective option. Talk of dividing the parcel. There is a great auditorium, playing field as a venue, can't build on a septic field. Cost benefit, not suitable for ADA or maybe not even for renovation.

JM Wooley was the benefactor. He conditioned the land as an educational institution. There is no record of this in the book of deeds. School District seems to have no record of this. There is a lot of history in those buildings. Anyone know James Marmon or James Wooley in Lake County? He is on facebook. 3 parcels. Zoning? It would need to be rezoned for public housing and the general plan would need to be changed for it to become housing.

It would cost a whole lot to make it a reasonable spot for housing.

A great effort was made by Marvin Trotter in the past to make a pool or at least use the field for sports.

Flow Kana would be interested in supporting efforts to make that site usable.

Housing for teachers perhaps?

The Sheriff Dept uses that site for active shooter training.

7. **Flow Kana Permit change.**

Flow Kana modification?

Wendy Escobar comments. Looking to the MAC. Maybe we need a little presentation from the county. Could invite Julia Crog, the new chief planner. There are a number of issues, it would be good if they could come forward. Perhaps hold a MAC meeting dedicated to education for the community, introduce the new head people at the B&P Dept.

Let's see what the BOS does with this comment. Talk to Carre.

8. **Community Dinner / Memorial Presentation / October 7, 2017 Redwood Complex Fire**

motioned to approve. A second was made by .

The motion passed with the following vote:

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

9. **Update on County Application for grant to improve Tomki Road.**

DOT made an application to CA F&W to complete stream crossings up Tomki.

Application was for design and plan, not to build. Just to get the permits prepared so that it was shovel ready. Save the wildlife (and improve transportation)

Reached out to Carre Brown as well, made phone calls to biologists at F&W, seems like there is support.

Thanks to Kristin Olson for spearheading the mission.

10. **Development Review Committee Report**

No report, no info.

11. **Adjournment**