

Regular Board of Directors Meeting July 15th 2009

MINUTES

The regular board of directors meeting was held at Fort Bragg Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm. Board members present were Chairman Yeomans, Yanez, Sipila, McColley, and Krebs.

Public Comment on non agenda items

Mara Thomas asked how much revenue was lost for the cancellation of the swim team.

Mara also would like find out how to get a copy of the budget.

Peter Glusker asks when the public can speak on agenda items.

Peter would like to comment on 4.b and 4.a when the time is appropriate.

Bob Rodriguez mentioned that there is notation for correspondence on the agenda. He had heard that there were numerous letters sent to the board and wondered where they are.

Yeomans stated that there is a file that Bruce is maintaining.

Rodriguez asks if they are available for review he was directed that they were.

Rodriguez stated that he will submit a suggestion for forming a swim team at the new center.

The board directed him that he was encouraged to.

M/s/c Yanez/Sipila to approve the minutes for June 17th 2009 as corrected. Yeomans stated corrections to unfinished business section 3 and some grammatical errors. Sipila noted the misspelling of Ivankay on several pages.

Correspondence: Letter from Ms. Copenhagen about fee structures.

Susan Larkin spoke to the letter she wrote. She would like to retract her paragraph that talked about Beth Pine, she was mistaken. Susan has the concern that the board should evaluate that the new position is paying significantly higher than most employees make.

Ann Owens read aloud the letter that she wrote to the board in support of Bob Rodriguez.

Bob Rodriguez noted that there was a letter from the friends asking to be on the board agenda and it wasn't.

Yeomans noted that they asked friends and they decided to not put it on the agenda.

Gregg added to his report that we are looking for a time to have an employee appreciation party.

Tessie added that everyone is very busy and next week starts in service training at the new center. Water park training will be given to all life guards.

It was talked about that the maintenance report was different in the fact that he needed not to fix something that was broken.

Bruce noted that the attorney is working on several contracts for the new center.

Bruce would like to add that there was a schedule review at the construction meeting today to his report.

Bruce met with the county and the advance that the district asked for was approved.

Bruce has been very active meeting with the hospital for the physical therapy use of the rooms and pools.

McColley asks if we have staff in place to work out the physical therapy scheduling and payments from the hospital.

Bruce stated not yet, the details need to be worked out.

Bruce talked about rate changes for the new center including the adaptation of a couples rate. New rates will need to be discussed with the public and the board.

Krebs commented that the construction meeting was disheartening and exciting at the same time. The slide had water coming down today while they were in the building, and to focus that it is still coming.

Bob Rodriguez asks Bruce that if the county approved a loan or advancement. Bob stated that it was a loan with no interest.

Rodriguez also asks about the policy about nutritious foods.

Bruce noted that there was no policy currently in place.

Rodriguez suggests that we use the policy that the school had and that when it was discussed in 07 he had offered to help.

Rodriguez would like to see us use the same policy of the school.

Yanez noted that the schools sell sports drinks.

Bruce asks Rodriguez to stay and discuss vending machines later in the meeting.

Rodriguez stated that getting models from different towns may not be the same as using a model from our town. It would be nice if the Rec district and School district worked together.

Bob Krebs would like to look at both models.

Botanical Gardens met. The Director has put in his resignation. The Board has 4 new members.

MECCA did not meet.

There was nothing to report from the South Coast.

Melissa Ivankay from Friends of MCRPD reported that Lin Barrett is back to help out with the donor recognition.

August 22nd will hopefully be donor recognition and ribbon cutting day.

An endowment for maintenance was seeded by a large donation.

McColley would like to help with the financial assistance program.

Tessie asks if the program is for children or adults.

Melissa noted that it is for both.

Yanez asks if this will help with swim team and Melissa stated that it probably will but we will need to see what the swim team ends up being.

Yeomans asks Melissa to speak to the list of events and ceremonies for the opening of the aquatic center.

Melissa would like to have a soft opening, just have the doors open. An Open House with demos of programs that people can come in and see what programs will look like. Lastly have an Opening Ceremony with ribbon cutting and donor recognitions. Community recognition with free swim as a possibility.

Yeomans would like to have a construction workers party.

Gregg spoke to Melissa's list and noted that the staff met and planned some activities for the soft opening for the 8th.

Financials were reviewed for April dated April 30th. There was no finance meeting to go over these financial statements. Yeomans noted that financials are running a little behind.

Bruce asks Michelle when she can get Mays financials done. Michelle said they will be done before she leaves tomorrow.

Bruce calls for a finance meeting and a personnel meeting soon, possibly the 28th 29th or 30th and have them back to back.

Bob Rodriguez mentioned that there is money coming in from the county and wonders how long it will last and what it will be used for.

Yeomans stated that the majority of our money goes for salary.

Rodriguez asks how long it will last.

Yeomans stated that it will last about 25% of the year or about 3 or 4 months.

M/s/c Krebs/Yanez to pay the regular claims for the month of June in the amount of \$39,743.82 from the appropriate account.

M/s/c Krebs/ Sipila to pay the new pool claims in the amount of \$1,251,223.52 from the appropriate account.

Bruce spoke to the list of FF&E purchases. Much of the items purchased will be installed in late July. Bruce thanks Michelle for all her work on the organization on payments.

Gerard reported that scheduling is not being concise on the contractors side. Bruce stated at a construction meeting that the building needs to be complete by the end of the month.

Gerard would like board members to call the contractor to help push this issue along. There are some issues that are difficult to resolve. The Architect will be charged with resolving structural issues. Gerard will work on issues that the architect is not willing to resolve. Some of these issues will require cost. Gerard believes that the building can be ready but we will see in a few weeks.

Inspections are scheduled for next week. These will need to be conducted before we can open.

The contractor will also need to conduct trainings.

Gerard recaps that both pools have been completed and that there are water in the pools. The pool features are now operational. Most tile work has been completed, carpet is starting to go down. Site work is going quickly.

The lazy river bridge installation will start on Monday.

Beth Pine asks if the electrical demand will start before the district is occupying the building.

Gerard stated that not everything will be running so it will not be as high. Lighting has been kept to a minimum.

Bob Rodriguez suggest that if he wants pressure on the contractor to have the public respond to him.

Bob also asks about the telephones.

Gerard stated that they are about 70% complete.

Gerard donated an American flag to the district for the flag pole from himself personally.

Krebs noted that the Colombi family donated the flag pole.

Yeomans proposed a 5 min break.

Peg was present to show the upcoming events at the Mendocino Recreation and Community Center. There are Concerts coming up to raise money for the after school programs.

Item 4.B

Bruce stated that the board asked him to put this on the agenda. There is a consulting company that could help get the district on a ballot measure to raise funds for the future of the new facility. Bruce needs to put a place holder in the budget if this is the direction that the board wants to go.

McColley asks if there is any other options than a costly survey.

Bruce stated that they can be asked, however their system works and they will probably want to stick with it.

Peter Glusker spoke that he has a history with an issue with this with the hospital and would suggest that the board approach this with extreme caution the hospital tried this with the same company and it failed. Peter suggests that if it wont work for the hospital it most likely will not work for the district and may be a waste of money.

Yeomans stated that a revenue generation program of some sort needs to be put forward. There are not a lot of options.

Krebs appreciated Peters comments and also believes that we need to be cautious. Krebs knows that we need to do something but not right now. Krebs believe if we build it they will come.

Bob Rodriguez asks Bruce if there is a deadline for the company. Bruce stated that there is no deadline but there is a 6-8 month period for the moneys to start coming in.

Bob Believes that something should be done but this may not be the best.

Beth suggests that the school district has done some surveys with no cost and that the district should look into what they did.

Yanez asks about other ballot measures and ones have 51% votes or 2/3 votes. The differences were discussed.

Yeomans states that the company talked about targeting the district. This can raise money for multiple projects that serve district wide. Yeomans states that he would at least like to put a place holder in the budget for this.

New Business

A. Bruce states that there have been many suggestions to the fee schedule for the pool.

Bruce would like to set a public meeting for input on new fees.

McColley would like to see the meeting held at the new center.

Bob Rodriguez would like someone to describe how the public will be notified of this meeting, and if the item is an action item does that mean that an action have to be taken.

Yeomans responded that action would not have to be taken if an item were labeled an action item. Yeomans stated that there could be an additional advertisement in the paper.

Bruce stated that he will approach the paper Monday about advertising.

Melissa noted that if the meeting is held at the next board meeting there will be a gap between opening and fee changing.

Yeomans stated that we will open with the fee schedule that we have currently in place.

M/s/c Yeomans/ McColley to have a special board meeting Wednesday August 5th at 5:30 PM at the C.V. Starr center for a public hearing on fee scheduling.

B. Bruce met with Canteen Services, a vending machine company, over the 4th of July weekend to go over vending machine ideas. Ideas talked about were having 60% of items healthy food or drink items. Bruce will follow up with the school district to see their ideas. Canteen Services will provide \$20,000 worth of new vending machines and pay 10% commission. The district will not be getting a substantial amount of money but they are there for the convenience feature. Canteen Services will maintain the machines. The option of a cold fresh food machine will need participation from local business to keep it stocked. McColley asks if they are ordering new machines could we order them specifically to what

we need.

Bruce noted that they only come in certain models.

Bruce stated that he can do further research.

Peg asks if there are any gluten free, or sugar free. This is important with the people coming from the hospital, as well as persons with allergies.

Melissa noted that she was part of the discussion with the health foods in the district. She would like to see the district mirror the school. The health of the children should be a district responsibility.

Bob Krebs agrees.

Yeomans brings up the idea of personal choice.

The idea to add this to the public comment at the next meeting.

Melissa suggests that there be a committee so Bruce does not have to do all the research.

Yeomans stated that Bruce has his ideas and looking at different models.

Bob Rodriguez stated that the agenda stated that the district is entering to the lease with Canteen Services he asks if that is true.

The board stated that they are going to discuss it further.

Bob asks if Bruce met with any other vendors, Bruce noted that there are no others in the area. Bob states that having unhealthy food is reverting back to the money side instead of the health of the community. Bob was wondering about the kitchen in the building.

Yeomans stated that the kitchen is a catering kitchen for the meeting room.

Bob Krebs mentioned that when the board discussed the healthy foods issue it was primarily serving kids. The new center will be serving many more people in different age groups.

Yeomans would like there to be public comment on this issue at the meeting.

Sipila stated that we will have vending machines so we should order them and filling them can come at a later date.

Bruce asks the meeting to get the word out to business to submit a proposal to fill the machines with their food.

C. There are 3 members who's seats are up soon and there is a process for re filing. The time frame starts Monday and goes until August 7th at 5:00pm for existing people only. The week after any person from the public can apply, and their deadline is August 12th at 5:00pm.

Bob Rodriguez asks which seats are up, they are McColley, Sipila and Yanez. Bob also asks if there will be public advertisement. Yeomans stated that there will be. Yeomans stated that there will be a copy of application in the office.

D. Bruce noted that the cost for MCT to be present will be \$4,000-\$5,000 a year for regular meetings.

Bob Krebs was asking why our meetings are at 5:30pm and not possibly later.

Bob Krebs also commented that the only meetings that can be live have to be in town hall all others will have to be taped.

Yeomans noted that this is an important step for the district to take.

Troy from MTC noted that a set up may be possible at the new center to do live feeds.

Peg noted that the school districts meetings are televised and if we don't we may be the only large district that isn't.

Yeomans recommends that we put a \$2,400 marker in the budget for MTC.
Bob Rodriguez would like to mention that the district has been involved with MTC for many years. The main goal of televising would be to keep the public informed.
Sipila and Yanez stated that the district needs to have televised meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectively Submitted,

Carly Sipila
(Acting secretary to the board)