

**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens**  
**Fort Bragg, CA 95437**  
**Wednesday, April 13, 2011**  
**5:30 pm**

1.0 Meeting called to order by David Yeomans at 5:35 pm. Members present were Chair David Yeomans, Harold Sipila, Cesar Yanez, and Bill Hayes. Jason Hurst not present.

2.0 M/s/c: Sipila/Hayes to approve agenda as presented.

3.0 Regular Board of Directors minutes for March 13, 2011 were not included in packet. They were tabled to next meeting.

M/s/c: Sipila/Yanez to approve the Finance Committee Minutes for March 8 and March 22, 2011 as corrected. April 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were not in packet. They were tabled to next meeting.

Yanez read aloud the minutes for Personnel Committee of March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sipila/Hayes to approve the Personnel Committee minutes of March 30, 2011.

4.0 No public participation.

5.0 Correspondence: none.

6.0 Staff Reports: Reports were reviewed by the Board.

David would like an additional agenda item of Fundraising/Special Events for Melissa's report under staff reports.

Melissa invited everyone to attend the weekend event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the rummage sale, Easter activities and grand opening of the outdoor recreation projects.

7.1 None.

7.2 Cesar said the floor's for the men's room will be replaced by a new sub-contractor for BRCO.

7.3 Susan Larkin said the tiles that were previously ordered and manufactured have been installed in the pool area and they look very nice. She would like to see the service organizations purchase tiles. Susan said the Friends of MCRPD are responsible for the rummage sale at the event on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

7.4 Jim is working on the next fiscal year preliminary budget. He will have it ready for the next finance committee and will be asking for comments and suggestions.

7.5 Garden's Board Meeting is being held at the same time as MCRPD, so Jason is in attendance at that meeting.

7.6 MECCA cancelled.

7.7 Meeting with the RCRC Board was cancelled. Jim Levine will participate in agenda item discussions.

**8.1 Ry Southard -Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens Director**

Nothing from Garden's Director. Annual Board tour will be deferred to a later date.

## **8.2 Shela Esson- Presentation Regarding Master Swim Program**

Shela Esson spoke to the Board about the master Swim Program in an area that she previously lived that was quite large per capita. She would like the Board to review a youtube video and consider creating a Master Swim Program that would encourage new adult swimmers or swimmers who are not yet proficient. Jim Hurst said that he would investigate this program and the feasibility.

## **8.3 Receive Report Regarding Phase II of Skate Board Park and Accept Conceptual Design of Walkways, Park Benches and Other Amenities**

Melissa spoke to the revisions to the original design of the skate park that includes some additional walkways, trash containers, benches, etc. Some of the skaters attended the City's meeting and gave some recommendations about the parks features and what might be done to improve the flow and safety of the park. There was some discussion and questions regarding the design.

M/s/c Yanex/Sipila to approve the conceptual design for Phase II of the Skate Park and move it forward to the design process.

## **8.4 Resolution 11-05: Requesting Board of Supervisor Approval of Advance of Property Tax Revenue for Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

M/s/c Yanez/Hayes to approve resolution 11-05 as stated in the resolution.

## **8.5 Resolution 11-06: Designating two Board of Director Seats to be Elected at Large and Three Board of Director Seats to be Elected by Defined Geographic Areas; South Coast, Mendocino and Fort Bragg.**

Jim said that the attorney's research revealed that changing the way the Board is elected would have to be done by voter approval. Jim said that he believes the issue of representation and diversity is important, but he is not sure it would be worth the challenges faced to create the district areas to meet the government codes. Jim Levine said that perhaps legal boundaries could be created by utilizing current special district boundaries. Jim Hurst noted that the population of each sub district had to represent an equal number of people. Cesar thought it might be able to be done by voter precincts. Jim Hurst noted that the lines could be drawn anywhere to meet the criteria, but asked the question as to whether it was worth trying to develop these sub districts. Jim Hurst noted that if the voters were to approve this approach, there would need to be another election. Jim Jackson said he was not sure what would happen to the existing seats in that event, but he assumes they would continue on until there was an open seat. Jim Jackson asked if there was an interest in pursuing this by the Board. David noted that it may be challenging to recruit members to empty seats with sub-districts. There was some discussion regarding the merits and challenges of initiating this designation.

Jim Levine said that he thinks that the Board should be more assertive in advertising for candidates from differing geographical areas, and he thinks the south coast has taxation without representation. Beth suggested that the by-laws be updated with more meetings on the south coast and reimbursement to the directors for mileage costs. Jim Hurst said that he would like Jim Jackson investigate having the seats remain at large, but that the by-laws designate the qualifications of Board members and that the residence of the Board by the school district boundaries be part of that qualification. David also would like staff to research enticements for Board Members.

## **8.6 Consider Adopting a Revised MOU With FBUSD for ASSETS/Kudos 4 Kids in which Employee Payroll will be Advanced to MCRPD From FBUSD**

This item is tabled to a later date.

### **8.7 Discussion/Direction Regarding Prop 84 Second Round Grant Funding Applications**

Jim Hurst spoke about the Community Park grant that was submitted last round and additionally the request of RCRC to partner with them for a Prop 84 grant.

Beth spoke about the weakness of the prior application in regards to low population density and too high income levels within the half-mile radius. She also said that it was in the District's best interest to get a current appraisal.

Jim believes the property may appraise for 1.8 million and the gap would be \$500,000 for the amount owed the bank. He recommends resubmitting due to the short time frame and the critical nature of the debt. H also noted that it was very important to work with the South Coast on their application. Jim Levine said that they faced the same challenges with the half-mile radius of population density and income level. Jim Levine said that the RCRC group did not believe it was in their best interest to apply for the prop 84 grant. However, they will begin to also work with the county to provide more recreation opportunity on the property.

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### **8.8 March, 2011 Claims**

M/s/c:Hayes/Yanez to approve the March, 2011 claims in the amount of \$38,417.48.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Pine-Acting Secretary to the Board