

# REGIONAL PARK AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING C. V. Starr Community Center 300 South Lincoln Street Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Wednesday, January 20, 2017

10:00 a.m.

### **Minutes**

### 1.0. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 10:04 a.m.
- Committee members present: Bob Bushansky, Sarah Huff
- Committee members absent: John Huff

## 2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Items to be removed from or changes to the agenda should be done at this time

- Agenda was adopted with no changes
- M/S/C: Huff/Bushanky/Unanimous

### 3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

A maximum of 3 minutes is reserved for members of the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda and a total time for public input on a particular issue is limited to 20 minutes (Government Code 54954.3). The Board is prohibited from discussion or taking action on matters not on the agenda, but may briefly respond or ask a question for clarification (Government Code 54954.2).

None

### 4.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 4.1 State of California, 2017 OHV Planning and Restoration Grant Programs
  - Bob Bushansky: Spoke of the planning process required for completion of both an OHV
    planning and restoration grant application and that tasks need to be identified and time lines
    need to be developed to incorporate the public meeting process.
  - Sarah Huff: Stated that MCRPD needed as many points as possible to qualify and placed a
    value on the grant of nearly \$2,000,000.
  - Bob Bushansky: Explained the grant funding process.
  - Sarah Huff: Indicated that there was not a maximum grant amount for funding restoration grants, while planning grants has maximum funding limit of \$1,000,000 per project. She said that having an existing fund dedicated to the Regional Park Property is worth 2 points. Educational materials and signage is needed for a potential value of 5 points. A suggestion was made that the State may have a template that could be used as a model. Points for onsite OHV rider education classes will be available, due to CRA activities and there is a need to be sure to place the appropriate OHV information onto the MCRPD website. Stake holders having an interest in the property and OHV use need to be identified invited to public future meetings.

- Bob Bushansky: Spoke of the need to draft a set of resolutions for review and approval at the February 15, 2017 MCRPD Board meeting. One resolution will provide authority to apply for the grant and another to accept the general grant criteria. The following tasks were identified: Plan and hold a special meeting in February, plan an Ad Hoc Regional Park Committee stakeholders meeting. Dan will handle the scheduling of these meetings. Discussion continued in regards to the areas of Pygmy Forest and other possible endangered species, and who may have environmental expertise in this area along with the associated costs. The grant will include an economic feasibility study.
- Dan Keyes: Voiced an opinion regarding the reality as it surrounds the future of possible construction of athletic fields out at the Regional Park. Dan stated that from what he can see through his brief time in Fort Bragg, the Community seems to be challenged with repairing and maintaining the existing athletic and questioned the community's ability to construct and maintain additional athletic fields.
- Bob Bushanksy: Responded to Dan's comments by saying, times could change and opportunity could present itself.
- Kirk Marshall: Believes sustainability study should be included in the planning process.
- A general discussion was held on potential visitor impact.
- A general discussion was held in regards to the Planning Grant application and the potential of camping opportunities.
- A general discussion was held as it relates to grant match ideas.
- A general discussion was held regarding the impact of the grant application to existing staff workloads.
- A general discussion was held regarding bank liability and the future disposition of the property.
- A general discussion was held regarding the merits of possible rezoning.
- A question was asked regarding the need for letters of support. Sarah Huff said these grant applications do not require a letter of support.

# 5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Danny L. Keyes, District Administrator MCRPD/CV Starr Community Center.