

#### REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETIING

C. V. Starr Community Center 300 South Lincoln Street Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Wednesday, November 16, 2016 5:30pm

#### **MINUTES**

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 5:31pm.
- Members present: Cesar Yanez, Bob Bushansky, Bill Hayes, Maryellen Sheppard
- Members not present: Diana Wiedemann

## 2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

None.

## 3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dusty Dillion of the Lost Coast Chapter for the Traditional Small Craft Association spoke
of the educational outreach group TSCA. The association is going for a grant and
seeking a public endorsement from MCRPD. The goal of the association if to have a
boat building facility on the coast for after school programs. TSCA would like to partner
with MCRPD to supply school-aged children with the knowledge and proper avenues of
how to build mini boats with limited assistance from adults. Hayes said that MCRPD
would likely be interested in endorsing and supporting this goal and direction was given
to staff to write a letter of endorsement.

## 3.1 Correspondence: Dumping on Summer Lane

• Hollis Hughes, member of the community, spoke about his letter regarding the concrete dumping on the Summers Lane property. There are concerns about the material being contaminated since it allegedly came from the old Georgia Pacific property. Bushansky questioned whether the material was in fact contaminated. Hayes said MCRPD would investigate this issue. Another community member in attendance said that it is possible that GP may be willing to remove the concrete rather than face potential legal ramifications. Dusty Dillion, community member in attendance, also recommended to consider having the Brown Fields agency come and determine if the concrete is contaminated and then having it removed via the agency.

# 4.0 STAFF REPORTS:

- 4.1 MCRPD Activity Report (Dan Keyes)
  - Dan Keves provided the monthly report.
- 4.2 CVSCC Performance Report (Dan Keyes)
  - Dan Keyes provided the monthly report.

## 5.0 OTHER REPORTS:

- 5.1 South Coast Report
  - None.

## 5.2 Community Center of Mendocino

 Elaine Wing Hillesland from the Community Center of Mendocino reported that the second session had started, serving 120 students equaling 325 class registrations. A challenge CCM is currently facing is getting staff to obtain the state required immunizations as some are reluctant receive them. Also mentioned were the upcoming events CCM is hosting.

#### 5.3 Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

 Sheppard reported that the Botanical Gardens met on November 9<sup>th</sup> and they had just hired a new nursery manager. She noted that the Festival of Lights is coming up after Thanksgiving. Concerning the budget, there are apprehensions about maintaining the salaries and benefits for employees. A possible solution would be to change the rates for admissions and memberships, however, MCRPD would need to approve the new rates. It was again noted that the Botanical Gardens employees want to keep the benefits they currently have.

## 5.4 Friends of MCRPD

 Dan Keyes reported that he had gone to the last Friends of MCRPD meeting and noted that there was a lot of discussion about how to implement the scholarship program.
 They plan to give out \$10,000 annually for several years to come. The Friends group is working closely with C.V. Starr and MCRPD staff to develop a workable system.

# 5.5 Regional Park Ad-Hoc Committee

Yanez stated that he needs to go check out the concrete issue mentioned earlier in the
meeting. Sarah Huff added that she was against moving the concrete for the time being
as that will open opportunities for more illegal dumping. Hayes said the concrete should
be tested for contamination. Bushansky agreed to getting the concrete tested. Following
that, see if MCRPD gets the grant for the perimeter work then plan how to address the
issue.

# 5.6 Area Funding Ad-Hoc Committee

None.

#### 5.7 Board of Directors

- Bushansky stated he was glad to see the newly elected MCRPD board in attendance.
  He also noted that the Board only oversees the District Administrator and not other
  employees. In addition, no board member can speak for the Board except for the Board
  Chair and the District Administrator.
- Hayes thanked Maryellen Sheppard for her service on the Board as this was her last meeting.

## 5.8 Finance Committee Report

 Bushansky reported that MCRPD's financials look a little funny with the wages due to the Kudos retroactive payment from the school for employee wages. Other than that, there was nothing unusual to report and noted that AK was doing a good job during the interim period while the Business Manager position is vacant.

## 6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 6.1 Partnership Agreement with the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens
  - Dan Keyes went over the Partnership Agreement.
  - A motion was made to approve the Partnership Agreement for inclusion with the submittal of a Community Foundation Grant of Mendocino County to help fund the repair of pedestrian bridges on the Botanical Gardens property.
  - M/S/C: Sheppard/Bushansky/Unanimous
- 6.2 Resolution 16-08 Rejection of the President Elect's Campaign Rhetoric
  - Hayes read through the resolution. Yanez wanted to make clear that it is not a political statement and is solely against the rhetoric. Bushansky said he will support this resolution but caution must be taken for future resolutions. Sheppard said it is a good statement against discriminatory language. Elaine Wing Hillesland from the Community Center said she supports this resolution and it is good to take a stand on these things.
  - A motion was made to approve Resolution 16-08 rejecting the President Elect's campaign rhetoric.
  - M/S/C: Hayes/Bushansky/Unanimous
  - Ayes: Sheppard/Hayes/Bushansky/Yanez
  - Noes:
  - Absent: Wiedemann

#### 7.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

All items under the consent calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless a board member requests that an individual item be taken up under DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 7.1 Approval of minutes for board meetings and standing committees: Meeting minutes, Finance Committee Meeting, October 17, 2016 Meeting minutes, Regular Board Meeting, October 19, 2016
- 7.2 Approval of financial documents, as recommended by the Finance Committee: MCRPD financial statement, August 2016; MCRPD financial statement, September 2016; CVSCC financial statement, September 2016; CVSCC check register, September 2016; MCRPD claims, November 2016; CVSCC claims, November 2016
  - A motion was made to approve all items included on the November 16, 2016 consent calendar.
  - M/S/C: Bushansky/Sheppard/Unanimous

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Anna-Kristina Rosenquist, Interim Business Manager