



**REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**C. V. Starr Community Center**  
**300 South Lincoln Street**  
**Fort Bragg, CA 95437**  
**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order at 5:32pm
- Board members present: Cesar Yanez, Bob Bushansky, Bill Hayes, John Huff, Kirk Marshall.

**2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- A motion was made to approve and adopt the agenda as written.
- M/S/C: Yanez/Huff/Unanimous

**3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS**

- Maggie O'Rourke spoke regarding the shared funds with Mendocino and \$5000 is not sufficient as previously given the previous fiscal year. She also gave her discontent with the Hwy 20 Property Grant saying it is a slippery slope and it will be dangerous having an Off-Highway Vehicle property. She suggested to spread the man hours up and down the coast instead of risking the lives of youth in an OHV park.
- Lee Edmundson stated his displeasure with the new budget format. He said it is confusing, not necessary and it perhaps attempts to hide something. The previous format was sufficient and was clear to the public. He suggested the budget go back to the previous format.

**4.0 STAFF REPORTS:**

- 4.1 MCRPD Activity Report
- Natalie Cottrell gave her report.
- 4.2 CVSCC Activity/Performance Measures Report
- Donice Lehnhardt gave her report.

**5.0 OTHER REPORTS:**

- 5.1 California Recreation Alliance
- Sarah Huff thanked MCRPD on behalf of the CRA in allowing them to provide safety OHV classes. They allow classes for children starting as early as six years old. CRA was in the Mendocino and Point Arena Fourth of July parades. They had 19 youth riders in the parades.
- 5.2 Friends of MCRPD
- None
- 5.3 South Coast
- Beverly Flynn said that the swim lessons at Sea Ranch were successful. For next year it was noted that it might be good to have swim lessons provided for adults. Perhaps a bilingual class would be helpful.

- The plans for the disc golf course have been submitted by the architect and the petanque court has been roughly staked out.
- 5.4 Community Center of Mendocino
- Maggie O'Rourke said that she has been to the Community Center of Mendocino every day this week as her grandchild has been participating in the enrichment programs. The classes have been very successful, and any resources that the District can provide would be appreciated.
- 5.5 Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens
- The director of the Botanical Gardens stated that they will be having Art in the Gardens coming up soon. Memberships are up and good things are happening overall.
- 5.6 Ad Hoc Area Funding Committee
- None.
- 5.7 Ad Hoc Regional Park Committee
- Huff said that there has been progress with the Restoration Grant and the Planning Grant. Currently, the District is waiting for the state to finish its process before the funds can be released. The planning grant starts in September and it is to be completed in a year.
- 5.8 Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee
- Bushanksy said that the planning committee had met previously in Caspar, and will be working on finding a time with Beverly Flynn to set up a meeting on the South Coast.
- 5.9 Personnel Committee
- None.
- 5.10 District Services Committee
- None.
- 5.11 Finance Committee
- Hayes reported that the finance committee meeting went well. There are a few typos to correct and will be addressed in the consent calendar.
- 5.12 Board of Directors
- Yanez said he had a good time playing Co-ed Softball this year.
  - Hayes commented that when he had first become involved with the Board it was at a time that MCRPD was having trouble with the Community Center in Mendocino. Prior to the Aquatic Center being built, the Board had made a resolution to continue the Community Center projects and those would take precedence over the CV Starr Community Center build. He said that he is appalled by the reaction of the people of the Community Center of Mendocino in recent years. The tax money MCRPD receives from the county is not earmarked for each town, but for the District boundaries reaching from Westport to Gualala, and all residents are welcome to use the services offered. The Grand Jury Report was full of misinformation and seemed to be

- attacking the District unfairly.
- Huff said that he got involved on the board a year ago after attending meetings continuously for the two years prior. He came onto the board with an interest to help with the Highway 20 property. Some of the individuals currently complaining about the property were on the board when the golf course property was obtained and they abandoned it when things got rough. He is here to fix what has been left and to offer programs to people in the District. People representing the Mendocino Community Center only come to District board meetings to ask for funds. He and his wife had shown up to help at four CCM fundraisers and his wife, Sarah, wrote for two grants for the CCM and had little follow to execute the grants by Community Center representatives.
- Marshall said this is a time to restore a good working relationship between the Mendocino Community Center and the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District. The two entities need to learn how to have a positive working relationship together and not blame each other for their problems.
- Bushansky said the Grand Jury Report was extremely flawed with misinformation and the biased findings in the report led to his lack of trust in the Grand Jury. There has been a cascading affect from the report as it had jeopardized a newly awarded grant to the District from the California State Parks. He stated that one would think the Grand Jury would be charged with investigating entities fairly, and perhaps this is a good time for the Grand Jury to be investigated themselves.

## **6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION**

### **6.1 Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens Farmhouse Project**

- Molly Barker came to request approval for some alterations to the Farmhouse. Changes will be in ADA compliance and make for a better space for meetings and classes by opening up the building. The funding is coming from a private donor and his goal is to have a better meeting place that is ADA compliant.
- Hayes asked how the Gardens Board felt about these changes, he had been approached by two former board members about the historic value of the house.
- Barker said that the current board is in support of the renovations. Most of the changes are on the inside and will make the space more structurally sound. The outside of the building will match the theme of the existing building.
- Yanez asked to see the plans and that he was in support of the renovations. Molly provided the plans for viewing to the board.
- A motion was made to approve the agenda item as written.
- Hayes also stated his approval of the project.
- Beverly Flynn said reading through the scope of work that all the renovations will match the existing materials and architectural styles.
- Lee Edmundson says that if the outside historical features remain, it is common practice that the inside renovations should not be a problem.
- M/S/C: Yanez/Marshall/Unanimous

### **6.2 Grand Jury Response**

- Hayes made a motion to accept the grand jury response as written.
- Yanez commented that the response was very well presented and it

addresses all the facts and misinformation.

- Marshall said he did find a few typos that need to be fixed in the draft.
- Bushansky said that the finalized response will be published and open to the public.
- Lee Edmundson said there was a question on page 6 of the grand jury report regarding the “undisclosed” amount that the property was purchased for, also, regarding the teeter funds from the report. Perhaps the response could ask the county for where they got their information. He also suggested that since being on the board is open to the community at large, would it make sense to have a representative to be included from each school district. In addition, the changing of the budget format is not appropriate to convey the involvement up and down the coast.
- Jim Jackson responded to Lee that his concerns were, in fact, addressed in the written response.
- Maggie O’Rourke asked for clarification on some items in the report and was given responses.
- Bushansky says that with the revisions that were discussed, the item has been tabled until the next meeting.
- Jim Jackson will provide a new draft with the changes before the next meeting.

#### 6.3 Resolution No.17-05 Authorizing a 2017-2018 State of CA. Cal Recycle Grant Application (p.38-40)

- Dan gave an overview of the grant application and resolution.
- Hayes clarified that this is a reimbursement that will be received upon submission of receipts.
- Sarah Huff said that this grant will pay for everything that the restoration where the planning grants come in short.
- A motion was made to approve the resolution as written.
- M/S/C: Yanez/Hayes/Unanimous

#### 6.4 FY 2017-2018 MCRPD Preliminary Budget

- Dan Keyes gave an overview of the changes made since the previous board meeting that were requested.
- Jill Rexrode stated that at the previous board meeting in Point Arena it was requested that the Net Assets item be changed to match the model of the CV Starr Budget. The Kudos has been separated from the operating budget to convey the in and out nature of the program.
- Lee Edmundson said that a couple years ago the relationship between CCM and the District were proper steps, and those steps have been retreating in the couple years passed. He feels that the community is being short changed and the effort to properly expend public monies should reach CCM enrichment programs. There are families in the Mendocino area that depend on the after-school programs. He asks that the MCRPD board find a way to earmark funds for the after-school programs.
- Huff stated that the problem is that CCM comes to ask for money, but the money that the District had provided in the past has not been put directly towards the children.
- A motion was made to approve the budget preliminary budget.
- M/S/C: Yanez/Hayes/Unanimous

#### 6.5 Collaboration with the NOYO Harbor District

- Dusty Dillion gave a presentation about plans of providing public access to waterways for man powered vessels and a place to learn about this recreation element. A location has been found in the Noyo Harbor that would provide a place to build and use boats. He provided a comparator location in Washington with the financials. While there is not a huge demand for boat building, the benefits it has on young people is great, but providing skills of manual dexterity and functionality.
- Hayes stated that the board is completely in favor in partnering TSCA.
- Dusty asked for a letter of support in a partnership with the Harbor District to assist in the obtaining of grants in order to pursue the planning goals, namely the community boat shop. There is currently money available to apply for grants to create an educational facility.
- Bushansky said that currently the board has a lot going on and does not have staff to assist with the goals.
- Hayes clarified that he thought the Dusty meant that he seeks endorsement of these recreational activities.
- Huff made a suggestion to make an Ad Hoc committee with members of the Noyo Harbor District and MCRPD to pin point the goals and create a more structured method in obtaining goals.
- Bushansky instructed Dan to provide a letter of support to the Noyo Harbor District.

#### 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 - Ad Hoc Regional Park, June 9, 2017, Meeting Minutes - MCRPD CVSCC Ad Hoc Committee, June 12, 2017, Meeting Minutes - Ad Hoc Regional Park, June 14, 2017, Meeting Minutes - Personnel Committee, June 21, 2017, Meeting Minutes – Finance Committee, June 21, 2017, Meeting Minutes - Ad Hoc Regional Park, June 21, 2017, Meeting Minutes, Regular MCRPD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, Meeting Minutes - Ad Hoc Regional Park, June 28, 2017. (p.52-71)

7.2 Approval of financial documents, as recommended by the Finance Committee: MCRPD financial statement, May 2017; CVSCC financial statement, May 2017; CVSCC check register, May 2017; MCRPD claims, July 2017; and CVSCC claims, July 2017 (p.72-87)

A motion was made to approve the items on the consent calendar with the adjustment to the MCRPD income statement footnotes with items stating “April” be changed to “May”

M/S/C: Marshall/Hayes/Unanimous

#### 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm