



SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
C. V. Starr Community Center
300 S Lincoln St
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Wednesday, June 29, 2016
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- Board members present Cesar Yanez, Maryellen Sheppard, and Bob Bushansky, Dianna Weidemann, Bill Hayes
- Board members absent: NA

2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Agenda was adopted with the addition of 4.1.5 to allow for discussion on the topic of the Mendocino County's presentation: Cannabis Innovation Zones.
- M/S/C: Bob Bushansky/Cesar Yanez/Unanimous

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

- Sarah Huff provided an update on the Regional Park Restoration Project using a slide show presentation. She requested assistance with additional cameras and materials to help block outside access to the property.

4.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION

4.1 Mendocino County Planning Office Presentation: Cannabis Innovation Zones.

- Dan Keyes provided an overview of the brief history and purpose behind the presentation and introduced Andy Gustavson, Chief Planner for Mendocino County.
- Andy provided the Board with a presentation about the conceptual idea of the development of a Cannabis Innovation Zone within the County jurisdiction. Andy provided details regarding the zoning process out of timber production to other types of land use. The Board expressed concern with recreation services being associated with the cannabis industry and suggested an ad-hoc committee meet with county officials to explore the concept further.

4.1.5 NA

- M/S/C: NA

4.2 MCRPD Area Funding.

- Dan Keyes introduced the subject of area funding and briefed the Board on the goals and intent of the discussion.

- Hilleary Burgess discussed recent history of CCM and how CCM came to the rescue of MCRPD after programming in Mendocino began to falter. He discussed past funding amounts as it relates to tax revenue. He expressed concerns regarding the meeting format and the opportunity for the public to provide input.
- Christie Olsen thinks it is important to support programming in Mendocino and feels MCRPD should provide assistance.
- Lisa Weg believes it is a real advantage for local control as opposed to quasi government control from an agency that has a high number of priorities. She had questions about the integration of MCRPD and CCM, and talked about the importance of the afterschool program.
- Sarah Huff is not against CCM or area funding. She discussed proximity of participants to facilities and programs and said that people make choices.
- Kathy Hayes works for MCRPD and talked about the history of the organization and indicated CCM did not choose to take advantage of the potential benefits collaborative relationship with MCRPD would have produced in the beginning as a means of benefiting from tax revenue.
- Pat Scott Talked about history and believes CCM and MCRPD can use this opportunity to build bridges. Feels that CCM needs to have the support from a larger organization and believes that both organizations should work together to build new working model.
- Elaine Hillesland commented on past history as it relates to organization relationship and funding issues.
- Diana Wiedemann spoke of the various segments within the MCRPD and the recreation needs of the different areas. Believes we need a creative solution to meet the recreation needs of the coast.
- Maryellen Sheppard wants to be sure MCRPD is adhering to the mission of the organization as opposed to acting as cash flow through. Discussed the development of AD Hoc Committee to develop solutions.
- Cesar Yanez Had a different perception of CCM stated recent history and questioned the Mendocino School District and their support of an after school program, and cited the rent to CCM as example.
- Bill Hayes spoke of efficiency as it relates to sustaining operations. Talked about past budget cuts being made as a way to try and make MCRPD financial ends meet.
- Bob Bushansky stated the reason for today's meeting and spoke of the current preliminary budget and possible deficit associated with giving out money to 3rd party organizations. He talked about the operations of the CV Starr Center along with the history of the proposed golf course operation. Bob provided an outline of the partnership with the City of Fort Bragg to operate the CVSCC and discussed allocations of tax money to 3rd party recreation service providers. He talked about the impact of the Regional Park Property on the budget and said that if MCRPD were paying on the existing debt and providing 45% of its tax revenue to the City of Fort Bragg, the MCRPD budget would be in worse shape.
- Diana Wiedemann clarified current status of MCRPD.
- Elaine Hillesland agreed CVSCC serves everyone.

- Diana Wiedemann believes satellite services are an efficient way to provide recreation services.
- Pat Scott doesn't agree that satellite service is always the best method.
- Dan Keyes spoke about past experience with a wide variety of agreements and systems and said he doesn't have an answer to the current situation but believes finding a solution by working together is certainly possible.
- Bob Bushansky provided comments about moving forward as it relates to the budget development process.
- Bill Hayes asked about specific direction the Board wanted to provide to the Finance Committee.
- Diana Wiedemann Feels that cutting checks is part of our job and takes offense to the term of cutting checks and would like the Board to reconsider the perception on this concept.
- Bill Hayes is concerned about the possible slippery slope associated with this type of support and is concerned about future funding decisions.
- Kathy Hayes expressed concern about legality of government funds going to private non-profit groups.
- Bill Hayes stated that the question regarding this type of financial support has received legal review on two separate occasions.
- Brian Huff commented that CCM should be seeking grants in conjunction with MCRPD.
- Diana Wiedemann discussed grant opportunities.
- Maryellen Sheppard commented on the Mendocino School District rent.
- General discussion took place regarding the Mendocino School District and CCM rent.
- Brian Huff suggested for the regional park should be converted to an OHV park and could bring in \$100,000 per year in revenue.
- Cesar Yanez questioned what has been decided.
- Bill Hayes spoke about the need to either fund 3rd party recreation service providers or provide scholarships to those in Mendocino that need assistance.
- Bob Bushansky suggested MCRPD Board member be present on CCM Board as means to communicate more efficiently.
- Hilleary Burgess requested for the Board to refrain from using ATM terminology.
- Pat Scott said the process is on-going and trust needs to be reestablished.

5.0 CLOSED SESSION

5.1 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (pursuant Government Code Section 54956.8) Property: 18220 North Highway 1, Fort Bragg, CA

Under negotiation: Lease agreement, including price and terms

- Board entered into closed session at 8:04 pm
- Closed session ended at 8:31 pm

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm