



**SPECIAL MCRPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PUBLIC FORUM
Cotton Auditorium
600 North Harold Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Thursday, June 28, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

Minutes

1.0. INTRODUCTION

- Introduction of meeting format and conduct; Presented by Bob Bushansky

2.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.
- Board members present: Bob Bushansky, John Huff, Bill Hayes, Kirk Marshall, Cesar Yanez
- Committee members absent: None

3.0 This item was omitted on the publicized agenda.

4.0 OTHER REPORTS:

4.1 Board of Directors – No Report

4.2 Regional Park Committee member

- Sarah Bradley-Huff power point presentation: Highway 20 Property; “A Park Under Siege”. Narrative and presentation with photographs of household refuse, abandoned vehicles, tires, homeless encampments as well as damage to the land from trespassing OHV’s. Presentation also included “after” photographs of the same areas that have been cleaned up by volunteers. Sarah stated this is an ongoing issue because the property is not presently contained.

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM A maximum of 2 minutes was reserved for members of the public to address the Board on items related to the possible development of an OHV Par on the Districts Highway 20 Property.

- A member of the Native Plant Society not in favor expressed concerns about what the OHV use would do to the rare plant species on the property.
- Rella, a plant nursery owner on HWY 20 expresses opposition and would like to see other ideas for the use of the park land.
- Shelly Coben resides N of Fort Bragg visited the land and observed the damages done by trespassing OHV’s and stated a park should serve the needs of the entire community.
- Rex Gressett was asked not to speak due to inappropriate conduct and he became hostile and yelled at the Board members, as well as members attending the meeting. The police were called due to his hostile behavior. Mr. Gressett left the building prior to police arriving.
- Paul Burnie, retired OHV expressed the advantages of having an OHV park.
- Dave Larkin, life long coastal resident and active OHV person, would like to see a designated area for riding OHV’s on the coast.
- Brian Bishop, Brush Creek Road resident, and OHV owner is not in favor.
- Nate Norline, Cleone resident, talked about his OHV experiences.
- Anna Stoekel, OHV rider and member of Native Plant Society, challenged statements made by opposing Native Plant Society member and is in favor of OHV park.
- Susie, Realtor with C21 states surrounding property values will go down if the OHV park is built.
- Fletch, lives near the park questioned the benefits of having an OHV park and asked, “who will speak for the earth”?

- Ty Welsh, from Sacramento works with wildlife and builds maps states the park property is 90% is habitat for rare species.
- Dr. John Roachat of Fort Bragg spoke in favor of an OHV park.
- Jerrod Bennett, coastal resident and OHV owner is in favor of OHV park.
- Teresa Scholers Biology teacher and Native Plant Society member expressed concerns.
- Rosann Lare requested to see the survey from 1990 that was done asking people what they wanted on the park property.
- Trevor, local business owner, would like to see everyone work together to get something done!
- Bill Hiale, Albion resident, appreciates all being done by MCRPD and would like everyone to be kind to the earth.
- Linda Perlans would like to make a use proposal.
- Tina Rose, coast resident and OHV owner, would like to see an OHV park and thinks it would bring money to the area.
- Melissa Hayes, who was part of the task force to get the tax passes for CV Starr Community Center, expressed concerns about the inclusiveness, noise etc. and would like to know the true direction of MCRPD regarding the park.
- Julia Lark, Mendocino resident, asked “Why are we here prior to all the studies being done?”
- Teresa Estep, retired teacher and neighboring land owner is not in favor and stated it will cost MCRPD and CRA and all of us a lot of money!”
- Leslie Kashiwada states she is happy about the restoration and wanted to know where the park would be located on the land.
- Nancy Harris, resident since 1976, has concerns about water supply.
- Robin Nailor, Willits resident, has lived in Willits for 30 years and just visited the park today. Came here to see the pygmy forest for the first time. She asked, “what it will cost to enforce rules out there and how it will be paid for.”
- Alan T, president of 4x4 club, states, “they care about the land, economic benefits are great to the area.” “We need it and we want it!” Also stated, “we need to find a balance”
- Kassie Hayes, coastal resident, says she is environmentally aware and it should be used for other recreation.
- Victoria Harris, of MIG, states the EIR is in process and she should have a draft available at the end of the year. Question: why has backhoe work been done” Answer by John Huff: PG& E and Hawthorne Timber Co. have a right of way on the property and have the right to keep it clear. The person asking the question accused CRA of doing backhoe work without prior authorization to make drainage to conduct the CRA safety classes.
- Carl Roberts, of SMG, states an OHV park has the potential to make a lot of money. Question: Will the EIR cover the entire property? Answer: Yes, they will try to use existing area and not disturb the untouched areas.

6.0 **Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm