



REGIONAL PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
C. V. Starr Community Center
300 South Lincoln Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Friday, February 28, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

1.0. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.
- Committee members present: Bob Bushansky, Sarah Huff, Kirk Marshall
- Committee members absent: None

2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

- None
- M: Marshall/S: Bushansky/C: All ayes

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 acting on matters not on the agenda but may briefly respond or ask a question for clarification (Government Code 54954.2).

- None

4.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

4.1 2017 Cal Recycle Grant

- Dan Keyes presented the staff report
- Bob Bushansky asked what work still needs to be completed.
- Sarah Huff recalled remaining areas and sites for clean-up. She said it might be worthwhile to consider reallocation of funds to purchase supplies that could help deter access such as large boulders.
- Bob Bushansky made a positive comment in regard to further attempts to deny illegal access and hopes the District will be in apposition to move forward with the restoration grant and acknowledged the ability to move the boulders at a later time.
- Sarah Huff provided a response about the future use of the boulders should the restoration grant be reinstated.
- Bob Bushansky supported the idea of having the grant timeline extended.

4.2 2016 Planning Grant: No. G16-07-11-P01

- Dan Keyes presented the staff report
- Bob Bushansky had questions about grant being cancelled by the State by not effectively meeting the terms of the contract.
- Kirk Marshall believes an action committed by the State such as this, would strengthen the District's case.
- Dan Keyes expressed concerns with the State missing the obvious.
- Kirk Marshall agrees with Bob Bushansky in regard to the message in the proposed letters to State officials as it relates to past mistrust of OHV and the slush fund incident of 2012.
- Bob Bushansky has questions about a gag order issued by the State Attorney General's Office.

- Sarah Huff provided an explanation.
- Bob Bushansky asked if there was any other information from the State that might incriminate and said actions are being taken that will resolve these issues.
- Sarah Huff discussed the vetting process.
- Bob Bushansky asked how what the District does affect other groups.
- Sarah Huff assured the Committee that it does.
- Bob Bushansky requested more details about this statement.
- Sarah Huff replied that she was unwilling to discuss items related to litigation in an open meeting.
- Kirk Marshall stated that he likes to use a cannon instead of a BB gun. He went onto explain the Blue-Ribbon Coalition which has seen tremendous growth over the last few years. Suggested for the committee to check out their website, which has a drop-down menu and describes legal activities that the group is involved in. He agreed that deposing certain OHV officials is the right thing to do.
- Bob Bushansky asked who amongst us should contact the Blue-Ribbon Coalition? Suggested that the CRA has taken on this role.
- Sarah Huff suggested persons to be deposed: Roberts, Marino.
- Dan Keyes commented on list that was developed for Doug Provencher and how the list went from seven persons to three persons being identified for a possible deposition.
- Bob Bushansky provide comments in regard to performance audits vs a financial audit and asked why the State would conduct a financial audit in the middle of a project with only nine checks being written.
- Sarah Huff discussed grant matches and said the bigger issue according to CCR regulations is that a performance audit should have been conducted by State OHV instead of a financial audit.
- Kirk Marshall cited an exception to the rule and how over time rules become law. "If both parties agree, a contract can be changed. Otherwise, once a contract has been signed the terms are cast in stone.
- Bob Bushansky cited the 2012 slush fund and recommended that no action be taken until the next MCRPD Board of Directors meeting. He discussed non-disclosure agreements and their potential and initiated a discussion about investigative reporting.
- Sarah Huff responded by saying that she did not believe having the media involved at this point would be a benefit.
- Kirk Marshall believes there will be justice.
- Bob Bushansky wanted to know more about the Blue-Ribbon Coalition before feels secure.
- Kirk Marshall recommends for persons to view the Blue-Ribbon Coalition's website.
- Sarah Huff believes portions of the State are running unchecked.
- Kirk Marshall believes that certain portion of the problem will be resolved.
- Sarah Huff Talked about alleged money owed to the State by a number of granted agencies and the hardships these groups have faced since State took this most recent turn.
- Bob Bushansky asked what the end game was and reiterated that we should wait until at least the next MCRPD Board of Directors meeting to take any action. He briefly discussed the Freedom of Information Act and how the State returned both letters back to the District without opening them.
- Sarah Huff provided additional examples of non-compliance by the State with the Freedom of Information Act. She also discussed the changing number of legitimate impacted granted agencies, which is now down from 51 to 30.
- A motion was made to table agenda items 4.2, 4.3.
- M: Marshall/S: Bushansky/C: All ayes

4.3 Review Draft Letters to State Officials

- No action

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

- M: Marshall/S: Bushansky/C: All ayes
- Meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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