



REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Remote Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2020
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 5:30pm
- Board Members Present: Barbara Burkey, Leslie Bates, Kirk Marshall, Bob Bushanksy

2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- The agenda was adopted with no changes.

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

- Andy Wellsprings daughter said she wants the garden at the CV Starr Center to look like a swimming pool.

4.0 STAFF REPORTS:

4.1 CVSCC Maintenance Report (Paul Kelley)

- Paul Kelley gave his report.

4.2 MCRPD Recreation Programs Report (Sonya Shaffer)

- Sonya gave her report.

4.3 Administration Report (Moneque Wooden and Carly Wells)

- Moneque reported that a change in the plan for the staffing hours, and instead of bringing on Sonya full time, Carly will be returning to full time due to the restrictions of COVID-19 and heightened administrative tasks that need to be performed.

5.0 OTHER REPORTS:

5.1 California Recreation Alliance

- Sarah Bradley Huff said there was nothing to report. Due to COVID-19 they will not be offering classes. The insurance company will not allow it.

5.2 Friends of MCRPD

- None.

5.3 South Coast

- Leslie Bates reported that RCRC continues to work on fundraising. They have recently talked about just focusing on getting the pavilion built before attempting to get the pool built.

5.4 Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

- Bates reported that the Gardens are open and the system in place for controlling visitors requires reservations for non-members. Bates was not feeling comfortable with continuing to be on the Botanical Gardens committee as her knowledge of gardening is very limited and she does not bring much expertise to the Botanical Gardens Board.
- A motion was made to appoint Burkey to the Botanical Gardens committee and remove Bates.

- M/S/C: Bushansky/Marshall/Unanimous
- 5.5 Facilities Review Committee
Nothing to report.
- 5.6 Regional Park Committee
- Bushansky reported that a meeting will be happening with the County soon to discussed rezoning options.
- 5.7 District Services Committee
- Nothing to report.
- 5.8 Ad Hoc Facilities and Programs Re-opening committee
- Nothing to report.
- 5.9 Finance Committee
- Nothing to report.
- 5.10 Board of Directors
- None.

6.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 6.1 Presentation from Matthew Drewno of the Garden Friendly Community Committee Fort Bragg about the possibility of a Community Garden at the C. V. Starr Community Center Property.
- Matt Drewno gave his presentation.
 - Bushansky asked that since the City owns the property, what was MCRPD's role in the garden. Drewno responded that the thought was that bringing the presentation to the Board was to get the MCRPD support and buy in for the project. He added that it could present programming opportunities for the CV Starr Center.
 - Bates wanted to add on to what Bob was saying, asking what an average day would look like with the garden and what kind of staffing or volunteers would be taking charge. Drewno answered that there are many different options for managing the garden and a minimal burden to MCRPD staff would be the goal.
 - Burkey asked that she noticed in phase two the ADA raised beds would be made and not in phase one and wondered if that would be an issue with ADA compliance. Drewno responded that he didn't think that would be an issue, but it could be added to phase one, however funding would need to be sought after.
 - Carly Wells read a letter that submitted from Jeff Schultz from Fortunate Farms in Caspar and stated his strong support for the project.
 - Carrie Durkee voiced her support and commended Drewno for his hard work.
 - Ingrid Noyes wanted to voice her strong support for this. She has been involved in community gardens in the past and they are wonderful for communities.
 - Judy Tarbell is part of the Caspar Community Garden and wanted to state her support for the project.
 - Tabatha Miller spoke on behalf of the City Council, and the City is in support of this project and would like to work with MCRPD to see this project to fruition. This is a priority for the Council.
 - George Reinhardt stated is support for the project and commended Drewno for his hard work and dedication. He has documented everything so well that can help with future community gardens. Communities need to learn how to grow their own food with potential food shortages coming in the near future.
 - Patty Parks-Wasserman, a permaculture educator, wanted to voice her strong support for this beautiful project. This is a key piece of community resilience building.

- Beth Pine wanted to commend Drewno for his presentation and thinks the project sounds wonderful. It can be unifying for the community, especially during the COVID-19 crisis and it provides access for all members of the community, which is a unique venture that would benefit many people. She thinks the project could happen very quickly. She wanted to add that the water table is extremely low and the potential for installing a shallow well should be looked into as a source for water.
 - Carol, a member of the League of Woman Voters board wanted to state their support of the project.
 - Jerry Stavely, also a member of the League of Woman voters wanted to reiterate their support.
 - Cornelia Reynolds, member of the garden friendly community committee and expressed her support for this project.
 - Jessica Morsell-Haye said that the City Council unanimously voted in support of this project. Figuring out the water has already begun.
 - Drewno wanted to give thanks for the opportunity to be able to present this idea and he hopes they can move forward.
 - Bushansky, Bates, Marshall and Burkey voiced their support the project.
 - Moneque wanted to add that MCRPD needs to run this by the Districts insurance carrier and that will need to be addressed. Drewno said it was already insured by the Community Garden. He will send the certificate to Moneque so she can provide that to the insurance.
 - A resolution will be brought to the Board in September.
- 6.2 Presentation from Beth Pine, Kudos Site Coordinator, update about the KUDOS program.
- Beth Pine gave the presentation.
 - Burkey thanked her for her presentation and that she was impressed by everything she does.
- 6.3 Appointment of vacant board member assignments.
- A motion was made to appoint Burkey to the finance committee.
 - M/S/C: Bushansky/Marshall/Unanimous
 - Carly added that John Huff served on LAFCO and the District can nominate another board member. Bates volunteered to be on LAFCO
 - A motion was made to appoint to Leslie Bates to LAFCO.
 - M/S/C: Bushansky/Marshall/Unanimous
- 6.4 Adopt Resolution 20-04 Approval of the MCRPD 2020-2021 FY Budget.
- A motion was made to adopt Resolution 20-04 of the MCRPD 2020-2021 FY Budget.
 - M/S/C: Bushansky/Bates/Unanimous
- 6.5 Discussion about the future of MCRPD.
- Beth Pine volunteered to do assist the District free of charge having been trained as a facilitator, she can assist with strategic planning.
 - The meeting with the County will most likely be in September about rezoning and a lot that hinges on what is learned from that meeting.

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: 07-15-2020

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, 07-15-2020 Regular Board of Director Meeting Minutes, 07-23-2020 Special MCRPD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 07-30-2020 Regional Park Committee Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the minutes.
- M/S/C: Bushansky/Marshall/Unanimous

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.