

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONTE RIO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, September 11, 2017, at 6:00 pm
Monte Rio Community Center
20488 Hwy 116, Monte Rio, CA 95462**

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Board Chair Steve Baxman.

2. **Roll Call and Approval of Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Present: Board members Steve Baxman, Jean Sasso, Korie Shokmalle, and Chuck Ramsey; Administrator Sherry Pimsler. Absent: Marina McTaggart

Motion made by Korie Shokmalli and seconded by Jean Sasso to approve the meeting's agenda and minutes of August 14, 2017. All approved.

3. **Public Comment** – None

4. **Old Business** - None

5. **New Business** - None

6. **Reports & Information**

A. **Board Reports** –

Chuck requested that the staff look into putting an electric vehicle charging station on its property. He was informed that Creekside would be the only viable place to install because it is out of the flood zone. Sherry has been looking into it and come up with some costs for the units (approximately \$7,000 for the unit, not including installation). She will research further on possible grant funding.

B. **Staff Reports**

- Sherry reported that she and Brian Grant of Praxis Architects had met with Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) staff on September 5th to discuss possible expansion of MRRPD boundaries. LAFCO staff included Executive Officer Mark Landman, Assistant Executive Officer Carole Cooper and Commission Clerk Cynthia Olson. Brian gave the MRRPD Board a brief history of the District's last application to expand its boundaries, which was withdrawn for lack of funding. He presented a map of the proposed boundary (the same as the 1958 MRFPD boundary, which would save the cost of producing a legal description). He reported that the LAFCO staff was open to a renewed review, agreeing that the District's sphere of influence likely extends to the proposed boundaries. They said that the Commission may want to look at the possibility of uniting the MRRPD boundary with the Russian River Recreation and Park boundary. The Board agreed to place the item on the October agenda to formally approve proceeding with the application.
- Sweetwater surplus property: On August 21st, Lynda Hopkins attended a meeting at the Sweetwater Springs offices with SWSWD GM Steve Mack, MRRPD Board Chair Steve Baxman, Administrator Sherry Pimsler and Stephanie Felch and Brian Grant of Praxis Architects. Lynda announced that So. Co. Regional Parks and the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District are both on board with the acquisition. Installation of a trail that leads to the ocean is of particular interest to them. In addition, the So. Co. Water Agency is open to helping locate possible funding for the watershed museum portion of the project. SCAPOSD may be able to fund, package and oversee the acquisition, while Regional Parks may be able to steward and support maintenance through an operating agreement that would leave MRRPD in control. Since there are other projects that take precedence, MRRPD should submit an application to SCAPOSD

as soon as possible. Lynda offered to provide a contact. Steve Mack indicated that the SWSWD Board would be agreeable to the acquisition, since they would like to see it open to the public. However, they do have a duty to their customers to complete their own projects, so must ask for fair market value. In the meantime, MRRPD will pursue the application process, conduct surveys and appraisals, either in collaboration with SWSWD or SCAPOSD as budget permits, and initiate a search for trail design consultants. Local Monte Rio residents have indicated support for the project and a willingness to serve on a task force.

- Review of Meeting with Rio Theater: Sherry met with part-owner Dermot Hikisch regarding the following:
 - Sherry shared the contact information of the lead engineer on the Monte Rio Bridge replacement project.
 - Dermot wanted the District to know that they planned to install a path and stairs leading from the theater to the beach.
 - Dermot requested that MRRPD move the roadway sign that faces the front entrance to the theater.
 - The Rio owners are still struggling with the permitting process.
 - They would like to hold a community meeting to give residents and Kickstarter donors an update on their progress.
- No blue-green algae has been detected on the beach this summer.
- Staff is reviewing the Friends of Monte Rio contract, which will now contain an indemnity clause because they will be covered by MRRPD's insurance as of January.
- Jean Marquardt announced:
 - 18 events have been booked for next season; 40 events were booked this season.
 - MR Chamber mixer at CuttyMuggs, Thurs., Oct. 19, noon to 1:30; \$5 paninis/smoothies.
 - The Qi Gong class is gone for now.
 - MRRPD t-shirts are now on sale for \$20.

C. **Budget Committee** – None

D. **Facilities/Grant Committee** –

- Reports on the August 21st meeting with Lynda Hopkins at Sweetwater and the LAFCO meeting of September 5th. (See Staff Reports above.)
- CRLP Loan Program Update: Steve confirmed that the Amphitheater is in queue for a CRLP loan.
- Beach Permit Update: Tabled.
- Update on Installation of Fans in Redwood Ballroom: Tabled.

E. **Personnel Committee** - None

F. **Marketing/Public Outreach Committee** – None

G. **CWA (Creeside Wastewater Authority at Creekside Park)** –

- In order to repair the damaged pipe leading from the pod to distribution box, McCollum Engineering power-jetted the line to camera and locate the break and made repairs. Final cost was approximately \$3,000.
- Purchase of portable generator has been put on hold.
- County has confirmed that approval of a biennial audit will not have to go to the Board of Supervisors.

7. **Correspondence** - None

8. **Action Items** - None

9. **Review Monthly Accounts Payable** – The P&L report for August reflected \$36,868.61 in expenditures, due to a \$6,000 water line repair in the MRCC parking lot, annual insurance premium and boat purchase.

10. **Next Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, October 9th.

11. **Meeting adjournment** – 6:48 pm.