

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

**Monday, June 11, 2018, 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 6:04 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, Marina McTaggart and Chuck Ramsey by phone; Administrator Sherry Pimsler

Motion made by Jean Sasso and seconded by Marina McTaggart to approve the meeting's agenda and minutes of May 14, 2018. All approved.

**3. Public Comment** – None

**4. Old Business** - None

**5. New Business** –

A. Appropriations Limit Calculations for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year: The Board agreed to use the 3.67% increase in California Per Capita Income as its cost of living factor and the 0.22% decrease in populations in Sonoma County as a whole as the population change factor.

B. Proposed Facility Rental Rate Increases: The Board agreed to staff's proposed rate increases as follows:

Individual rates for the chef's pantry, chef's kitchen and patio will be eliminated to avoid confusion and inaccessibility. The entire kitchen will be rented as one unit. A higher rate per hour will be implemented as follows:

- The entire Community Center: \$75/hour up to 5 hours, an increase from \$50/hour; includes Redwood Ballroom, Stone Hall, kitchen, patio, History Room, chairs and tables.
- Over 5 hours, clients would be charged the following 12-hour rates:
  - \$1,500 for Russian River residents; an increase of \$180.
  - \$2,100 for Sonoma County residents; an increase of \$200.
  - \$2,850 for all other residents; an increase of \$250.
- History Room will be increased to \$25/hour from \$22/hour.
- Kitchen will remain at \$25/hour.

**6. Reports & Information**

**C. Board Reports**

- Marina McTaggart: The MR Chamber received notice that an events permit would be required for the Independence Day celebrations. Steve will address it.

**D. Staff Reports** –

- Sherry announced that the final FY 16/17 audits were distributed to the Board.
- The Clean River Alliance sent a letter of appreciation for MRRPD's donation of a kayak rental. They raised over \$3,000.

- The County's FY 18/19 Budget reflects a decrease of 116 positions because of diminished revenues due to the fires. Special Districts' funding will be reduced as well, but Supervisor Hopkins has committed to reinvesting as much TOT money into the West County as possible.
- OWTS ombudsman David Wood has scheduled a public meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8 pm at the Community Center.

E. **Budget Committee** – No meeting. Sherry brought to Board's attention that \$8,541.50 in Beach income was not included in the Profit and Loss Report.

F. **Facilities/Grant Committee.**

- An additional security camera can be installed on the MRCC building, aimed at the Fish & Wildlife restrooms in response to ongoing and costly vandalism. Leslie is researching lighting options to improve visibility around the restroom building.
- SCT will advise bus drivers to use the paths leading from the bus turnaround at Creekside to the Cafe and to properly dispose of cigarette butts.
- Review of Facilities Rentals: The committee was in agreement with a slight fee increase. The last increase was 10% in 2017.
- Sweetwater Springs Water District Acquisition: On Friday, July 20, 10 am, Facilities Committee will meet with Lynda Hopkins, Sweetwater Springs, Regional Parks, and Open Space District to discuss the Monte Rio Trails Project. The Open Space District is contracting with Regional Parks for lower Russian River acquisitions.
- CRLP Loan Program Update: Fish & Wildlife approves of the planned renovation and realignment of the sign across from the Rio Theater. They requested pictures and to be kept informed.
- Beach
  - Riverside Meadow Restroom Renovation: Nearing completion.
  - Beach Permit: Kevin Doble is steering the 5-year renewal process; due in 2019.
- MRCC HVAC: Bill Avellar has been notified to proceed with his proposal.
- LAFCO: No activity.

G. **Personnel Committee** – None

H. **Marketing/Public Outreach Committee** –

- Duckhorn Winery is renting the Beach tomorrow, the 12<sup>th</sup>, for 175 people. Both food and boat concessions will be open for them.
- 20 events have been booked since January, not including classes or FoMR events.

I. **Safety Committee:** - A meeting will be scheduled this month.

J. **CWA (Creekside Wastewater Authority at Creekside Park)** – Steve announced that the MR Fire Foundation is considering purchasing a generator for the CWA.

7. **Correspondence** – None

8. **Action Items** – None

9. **Review Monthly Accounts Payable** – The P&L report for May reflected \$23,513.18 in expenditures. The Beach brought in \$8,541.50 in May.

10. **Next Meeting** –The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Agenda item: Approve combining the Facilities Committee with the Safety Committee

11. **Meeting adjournment** – 6:20 pm.