

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

**Monday, October 14, 2019, 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 6:00 pm by Board Vice Chair Jean Sasso.
- 2. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meeting**  
Present: Board members Jean Sasso, Marina McTaggart and Paul DuBray; Administrator Sherry Pimsler. Absent: Chuck Ramsey and Steve Baxman

Marina moved and Paul seconded approval of this evening's agenda and minutes of September 9, 2019.

**3. Public Comment –**

- A.** Michele McDonell asked the Board to consider a proposal to bring two evenings of Rockin' on the River to MRRPD's Amphitheater. Sponsors of the Guerneville event have approved expanding the calendar to add two performances, which would bookend the regular season's operations and could take place here in Monte Rio. She is seeking production costs through aligned organizations and is asking the District to waive fees for the facility. She grew up when the Amphitheater was used three nights a week and would like to see more use.

In addition, she would like to offer a way to replace the banner that used to be located at the Amphitheater entrance. She has contact with someone who can fabricate it and would like to take the proposal to the right body.

Regarding the Rockin' the River proposal, Jean Sasso referred Michele to the Marketing Committee, which will be meeting on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Facilities Committee meets the Wednesday before each Board meeting, would be glad to discuss the proposed banner. Board members thanked her and will welcome her proposals.

- B.** Dan Fein, Chair of the Monte Rio Fire Protection District Board as well as Treasurer of the Creekside Wastewater Authority (CWA) Board asked the MRRPD Board to agendaize possible dissolution of the CWA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) at their next meeting. He explained that administration of it has become unnecessarily burdensome for both staff and volunteer board members, and they are now having to pay \$500 for biennial audits. The JPA's attorney has been consulted regarding the possibility of an operating agreement between the two districts.

**4. Old Business – None**

**5. New Business -**

- A.** Interview of Prospective Board Member: Linda Santa Cruz spoke briefly and expressed interest in serving this community where she's been involved since managing the Rio Theater and serving on the Monte Rio Chamber of Commerce. She enjoys cultivating groups in order to make things happen. Paul DuBray, who has known Linda for 5 years, praised her as an

indefatigable volunteer who never says no. There was general agreement in welcoming Linda onto the Board.

## **6. Reports & Information**

### **A. Board Reports – None.**

### **B. Staff Reports**

- Sherry, Brian & Stephanie will be attending the Lower Russian River Trail (LRRT) stakeholders' meeting on Friday.
- There will also be an LRRT Town Hall here at the Community Center on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Board members were reminded of Sherry's proposed change to Rosenberg's Rules of Order, which has been distributed to members for review.
- \$3,000 has been budgeted for Marketing and new Events Director Pamela Johnson is gathering estimates to upgrade the Community Center's A/V system.
- A request was sent to RH & Sons to perform the annual test of Creekside's backflow prevention device required by the Sweetwater Water District.

### **C. Budget Committee – No meeting. Draft Audit will be sent to Board members.**

### **D. Facilities/Safety Committee –**

- Beach tear-down is complete.
- The transfer switch for the Creekside Park emergency generator was not compatible with the unit; installation of a new one is to be completed this week.
- The Community Center's sterilizer pump was not draining properly; solved by redirecting the drain tube to a lower elevation.
- Two leaks occurred in the MRCC parking lot this past month: Local resident Kim Henderson repaired one by the Fish & Wildlife restrooms for \$675; a second leak at the driveway entrance has been temporarily repaired by Doug Wood, who will return to complete.
- We are experiencing continued blockages in the F&W restrooms due to vandalism; one of the main building's cameras has been adjusted to take in the area and lighting has been improved.
- So. Co. Transit has offered to assist with Creekside bathroom cleaning once a week.
- Junipers across from the Rio Theater, by the new sign, are being replaced.
- The District's \$2,000 TIF grant has been moved forward to a June 2020 deadline; staff is still looking for the best use for safety equipment; a generator for the Community Center is a possibility.
- Creams Towing did not demolish the old (totaled) concession trailer as agreed. It was found abandoned just above Hopland. Staff will keep the Board apprised.
- Damage occurred to stairs leading from F&W restrooms; the driver's insurance will cover; Leslie is getting an estimate from a concrete contractor.
- Facilities rental rates are under review.
- Creekside gym re-roofing is complete; inspector to be scheduled.

### **Flood Impact**

- Decision needed on Creekside debris removal; Sherry will invite new District Director Leo Chyi from Lynda Hopkins' office to survey the damage, in hopes of permit relief from the County (estimated at \$20,000 for permits; \$20,000 for extra hauling).
- Ross Jones (of Merrill, Arnone & Jones) has been consulted regarding insurance questions.

### **Flood Preparedness**

- The new food trailer will be stored on Sweetwater Springs Rd. after an inspection yet to be scheduled. (Leslie to coordinate with Brian and Stephanie.)

- Flood gate installation demonstration postponed.

**E. Personnel Committee** – No meeting

**F. Marketing & Public Outreach Committee** –

- Marina reported on the last Marketing Committee meeting, where use of the Amphitheater as a larger revenue source was discussed, including music events, weddings, and exploration of a farmer's market and available grants. The committee plans to meet monthly; next on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

- JPA dissolution is being explored (refer to Public Comment).

**7. Correspondence** – None

**8. Action Items** – None

**9. Review Monthly Accounts Payable** – The P&L report for September reflected \$25,326.75 in expenditures.

**10. Next Meeting** – will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**11. Meeting adjournment** – 6:55 pm.