

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

Monday, October 12, 2020, at 6:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Board Chair Steve Baxman.

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

Present, Directors Steve Baxman, Jean Sasso, Paul DuBray, Linda Santa Cruz and Marina McTaggart; Administrator Sherry Pimsler; Brian Grant of PRAXIS Architects.

Jean moved, Linda seconded approval of this evening's agenda and minutes of August 10th. (September meeting was cancelled.)

3. Public Comment – Residents Karen Gallinger and Rhian Miller were present. A discussion ensued about fires that have occurred at homeless encampments on the hill across from 9800 Bohemian Highway. Locals submitted a letter to County Counsel and District Attorney regarding this property. One person has been using a tractor on the hillside, even taking soil from neighboring properties. In light of Creekside Park, the disruption is causing damage to Dutch Bill Creek. Steve informed everyone that earlier today, Lynda had held a meeting of Monte Rio Fire, Code Enforcement, District Attorney, Sheriff's Department, and other agencies to discuss and problem solve. Karen Gallinger suggested starting a petition and connecting with other residents, which Steve supported. One of the complainants suggested buying a drone. Steve said the County already has one, but not sure how effective one would be among the trees.

4. Old Business – None

5. New Business – None

6. Reports & Information

A. Board Reports

- Marina announced the availability of Small Business Stabilization Grants from the County for businesses with 1-30 employees. Awards are anywhere from \$2,500 to \$15,000, depending on size.
- The Russian River Chamber received a grant from Creative Sonoma & has partnered with MR Chamber to place signage in both locations for the Russian River Reopening Project. They will place a couple on MRRPD property.
- Community Investment Grants are now available from the County's Administration Office.
- Paul announced that there is a potential buyer for the Rio Theater who would like to talk to other residents. His name is David Lockhart. He would like to invest in the community and is asking for input.
- Paul also said he's heard reports of illicit activity in the Fish & Wildlife bathrooms.

B. Staff Reports

- Sherry said that as long as the County is on the Monitoring List for Covid-19 (purple), events (cultural gatherings) are restricted to outdoor only, no reception, and no food.

C. Budget Committee – Sherry reported that, at season’s end, the FY 20/21 budget that projected approximately \$50,000 in Covid-related losses seems to be fairly accurate. A mid-year adjustment may not be necessary, but she will be meeting with Craig to confirm.

D. Facilities/Safety Committee – Minutes from the October 7th meeting were distributed to the Board. Highlights were:

- Kevin Doble from LACO performed the annual Beach Permit inspection with Brian.
 - Playground Covid signage has been received from CAPRI and will be posted.
 - Leslie unplugged the ice machine and we’re waiting to see PG&E bill.
 - The snack and boat rental trailers have been moved off the beach and will be stored once the 240 A/C is replaced with a 220 unit.
 - Bill Avellar installed a kitchen fan at Creekside for \$4,100, from estimate of \$3,909.
 - Plumbers serviced the Community Center hot water tanks, replaced filters. They recommended installing a de-scaling unit and re-plumbing for easier flushing.
 - Landscape assistant John Hailer has been ill with pneumonia.
 - The bathrooms and play structure will be power washed with a virucide.
 - Grant Updates: MAC grant – PRAXIS has been in communication with Elise VanDyne in Lynda Hopkins’ office to clarify match requirements for the MAC Flood Mitigation Grant. The District was informed that an award of \$15,000 can be used as a match for installation of solar panels at the Community Center. Brian provided estimates.
 - Trails Projects Update:
 - Brian Grant and Stephanie Felch of PRAXIS gave a presentation of the proposed trail leading from Creekside Park to Willow Creek Preserve to the Sweetwater Springs Water District Board. It was well received.
 - Brian approached Fire Safe Sonoma for possible forest management funding.
 - Emergency Preparedness:
 - Leslie is bringing flood gates over with Yvonne’s shed to store at MRCC.
 - Safety Report: Refer to Public Comment.
- E. Personnel Committee** – No report; meeting to be scheduled.
- F. Marketing & Public Outreach Committee** – No report.
- G. CWA (Creekside Wastewater Authority at Creekside Park)** –
- Dan Fein is scheduling a meeting with the former CWA Board to review the proposed operating and maintenance agreement.

7. Correspondence – None

8. Action Items – None

9. Review Monthly Accounts Payable – The P&L report for August reflected \$21,466 in revenue and \$44,928.40 in expenses. September reflected \$5,966.90 in revenue and \$21,402.34 in expenses.

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm. The next Board meeting will take place on November 9th at 6 pm.