

FACILITIES AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (in person)
Wednesday June 4, 2025 @ 8:30am

1. Call to Order – 8:30am

2. Roll Call and Approval of Today’s Agenda and Minutes of May 9, 2025

Present: Board members Steve Baxman, Jean Sasso, Administrator Marina McTaggart; Park Supv., Leslie Hofelich, Maintenance and Landscape Asst., Nick Thayer, PRAXIS Architects consultants Brian Grant and Stephanie Felch

Approval of agenda and minutes of May 9, 2025. Leslie moved to approve both the agenda and minutes, second by Jean- all in favor

3. Public Comment-None

4. Reports and Information

Leslie and Nick

- Memorial Day weekend crowds were not as many as last year.
- Signs have been posted at the ‘T’ and the lower beach entrance – no amplified sound, no alcohol, pack it in – pack it out. Additional signs will be ordered in Spanish.
- Chris from Noel’s Automotive is coordinating with Brian and Stephanie on installing grab bars on the railings at Lightwave Café and fabricating a step at the entrance.
- There have been issues with a renter at the Tax Office building located at the Community Center/beach entrance encroaching on Park District property with his collection of belongings. This was a problem when there was a recent leak, and the plumber could not access the Community Center water shut off until the renter moved some of his items out of the way.
- The volleyball net at the beach has been put up.
- There has been an increase in requests for dedicated pickleball courts. The tennis courts at the amphitheater are lined for pickleball but the height of the net is set for tennis. MRRPD will consider designating one of the tennis courts for pickle ball with the correct net height.
- The Terrapin Crossroads Roadshow event at the Amphitheater was a big success. The show was respectful of the venue and hired ‘Green Mary’ to deal with trash and waste.
- Nick reported that there were several trees on MRRPD property that were tall and dead. Monte Rio Fire Dept will assist with removal
- Nick presented a summary to the committee on the possibility of re-incorporating MRRPD as a Community Services District (CSD) as an option to protect MRRPD’s future and address the needs of our communities. He will give a report to the board at the June 9 meeting.

Marina

- At a recent event at the Community Center 3 people tripped over the wheel stop curbs and fell. MRRPD is considering painting the curbs and installing new curbs at the parking spaces that don’t have them for uniformity.
- MRRPD was sad to learn that Cary Ostrofe has passed away. Cary worked for the District last year and was also instrumental in helping to raise funds for the Skatepark.

- Marina contacted Mindy Craig from Blue Point Planning regarding the grant they submitted in partnership with MRRPD. The award notification will be announced in June.
- Vacation Races will be making a donation to MRRPD as a thank you for being allowed to stage their shuttle buses in the parking lot in mid May.
- Boat rentals have made approximately \$7000 YTD and food concessions have made about \$3100. It was suggested that burgers return to the food concession menu.
- There have increased requests for using the Community Center for meetings. Event requests are also increasing.

5. New Business – None

6. Old Business

A. Grant Updates-None

B. Emergency Preparedness- None

C. Update on Trails Projects and SWS/Starrett Hill Acquisition

- Brian and Stephanie continue to attend monthly meetings with Olivia Fiore of Sonoma County Ag + Open Space. Recently MRFPD assisted in transporting staff from the various agencies up the hill to tour the property. Several MRRPD board members are also interested in touring the property. The additional 1517 acre acquisition to Monte Rio Redwoods Regional Park has been finalized by the County. *(Not MRRPD property)*

7. Safety Committee Report

- Steve reported that there was a near drowning of a 14-year-old boy who could not swim and went into the river after a ball. Another person went into the river to assist and both of them were going under. They were rescued by two others who had observed the situation from the beach. The boy had swallowed a lot of water and was sent to the hospital.

8. **Adjourn/Next Meeting** – Adjourned at 9:22am; next meeting date July 9, 2025.