

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

RESOLUTION OF THE REDWOOD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE SITE OF THE REDWOOD VALLEY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Redwood Valley residents Marybeth Kelly, Marvin Trotter MD, Sandra Berman and others have formed a steering committee and held community meetings to explore, plan, outline multiple usages, and to extend the Alex Rorabaugh Center, with support from the Ukiah Unified School District, City of Ukiah, Boys and Girls Club, Redwood Valley Grange and others, to create a local center for healthy recreation, multi-generational, and multi-cultural activities in Redwood Valley at the closed school site;

WHEREAS, Redwood Valley area has no consistent location for children, youth, seniors, families, and individuals to participate in regular physical fitness activities in teams or groups and Mendocino County children are below the State average in physical test achievement and above the State average in drug and alcohol use, with recreation being the main deterrent to obesity, alcoholism, and substance use;

WHEREAS, the Redwood Valley School site has been closed over a decade, declared surplus property in 2018, and not sufficiently maintained, and has not found a buyer, yet has a gym, tennis courts and soccer fields with potential for community use for multiple local sports;

WHEREAS, the school site was donated by the Wooley family in 1921 for \$10.00, and has a 100-year history of demonstrated intention of public use;

WHEREAS, the Redwood Valley Community Action Plan and Design Guidelines approved by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors 2-6-24, state that the community favors plans to “Find creative ways to repurpose the old Redwood Valley School into an artist community, youth center . . . and provide a campus for summer and school year activities for RV youth,” such as a yoga studio, childcare center, child and youth activity center, swimming pool, library, community garden, tiny homes for teachers, etc.;

WHEREAS, the Great Redwood Trail and Russian River lie adjacent to the site, mapping a future to healthy recreation, and the community envisions long-term value of a Community Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the REDWOOD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES, ADVOCATES, AND SUPPORTS THE TRANSITION OF THE CLOSED REDWOOD VALLEY SCHOOL TO A COMMUNITY CENTER WITH SUPPORT FROM MULTIPLE AGENCIES.

This Resolution was unanimously approved by the Redwood Valley MAC on the 12th day of June, 2024:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and **SO ORDERED**.

Dolly Riley, Chair of the Redwood Valley MAC. Council Members and Alternates: Jini Reynolds, Christine Boyd, Marybeth Kelly, Patricia Pien Ris-Yarbrough, Adam Gaska, Kahli Johnson, and Deborah Hughes

This Resolution is the voice of the RV MAC and not necessarily the opinion of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors.