



Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2024 05:30 PM
8650 East Rd - P.O Box 243, Redwood Valley, CA 95470
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Dolly Riley.

A. Roll Call

Present: Chair Dolly Riley, Vice-Chair Jini Reynolds, Member Chris Boyd, Alternate Member Marybeth Kelly

Absent: Member Patricia Ris-Yarbrough, Member Kahli Johnson, Member Deborah Hughes

Recused: Member Adam Gaska

2. Consent Calendar. Approval of Minutes of 6-12-24

Chris motioned approval, Marybeth seconded. Minutes of 6-12-24 approved by Dolly, Jini, Chris, Marybeth.

3. Public Comments

Jini Reynolds explained the new equipment, OWL system, is not completely working. Gizmo Henderson addressed the lack of disaster warning sirens, stating he contacted County CEO Darcy Antle who agreed to call OES, and they await permission from PG&E to use their poles. Supervisor McGourty stated he would call Alison Talbot to follow up. Marybeth Kelly suggested a call to PUC. Cathy Monroe announced a Drought Relief meeting to be held Sept 5th. Bill Self expressed his concern about water meter changes and new housing. Monica Huettl added that she knows of no plan for a housing development.

4. Brief Report from County and Agencies

Guest Speaker Sheilah Rogers from United Disaster Relief of Northern California (UDRNC) stated they have found a new location on Babcock Lane in Ukiah at the old Coca Cola plant, and plan to be in there Dec 1. In April they were told to move by July, but things changed. They will be in the present location through November and will need volunteers to assist in moving on Nov 30. UDRNC has helped many people obtain what they need to get back on their feet after a fire. They have been offered a \$100K donation match, and request donations which will double. Sheilah brought flyers and volunteer applications. UDRNC Board Member Jini Reynolds contributed to the presentation, with a description of the new site and noting they recently lost 3 long-time volunteers, and need folks to volunteer.

Supervisor Glenn McGourty stated the BOS do not meet in August, and the next public BOS

meeting will be Sept 10. Supervisor is working on a Noise Ordinance as almost 400 noise complaints were received in the past year, mostly regarding noisy parties, and will provide for noise to stop between 10pm and 7am. Fines will be involved, imposed on the renter of the site. Gatherings will require permits. He proposed to use an Administrative Citation as a consequence of violation, with an Appeal Officer coming before the BOS. He hopes to present his plan before the BOS Sept 24, after speaking with Code Enforcement and County Council.

Sheriff Matt Kendall stated that in the Redwood Valley area alone, his Dept received 378 noise complaints, and going south 216 more noise complaints. As to calls for service in the last 30 days, he's received 170 service calls ranging from violation of court order, to shooting, vandalism, theft and death. He said the Grange Fire in Boonville kept MCSO busy, and he is training 2 new deputies with a potential to hire 8. Inmates at the jail have a gardening project, and assisted CalTrans in Gualala to do landscaping. He stated the Sheriffs are not using Redwood Valley School for training, and prefers to use an alternate site if the RV Rec Center moves in. He answered questions about fires at RV School and a local gas station.

Fire District Update. Chris Boyd, a Member of the Redwood Valley/Calpella Fire Dept Board, stated the next meeting to discuss budget and Measure P is Aug 15 at 6pm. They are expecting fire funding to be used for equipment, and they require about \$100k per year. Funding from tax revenue has not been consistent. Supervisor McGourty added that Regional Government Services has assisted with County finance issues, and funding to agencies will be more consistent. Chris stated the RVCFD is losing two Board Members which creates openings on the Board. They have three Members. The BBQ raised close to 30K which will be used for Volunteer personnel expenses. Supervisor added that the County now has a new division of Contracts and Grants to assist.

Grange Update. Marybeth Kelly stated the Redwood Valley Grange is working on new improvements such as rain gutters, electrical and plumbing being updated, and new kitchen flooring. They plan to purchase kitchen equipment and install new curtains. The Grange is planning a Dance in November. Jini, who is the Chair of the Grange Pomona, added that the Pomona oversees local Granges, and works with volunteers after disasters.

Traffic and Trailer Chain Safety. Gizmo stated the May letter from the MAC received a response from the CHP Safety Dept, and together they are working on setting up a series of safety chain check points, similar to snow chain check points.

Water Update. Dolly Riley stated she had spoken to Adam Gaska who is working on three water agencies, and he offered to be a guest speaker in the future as the City of Ukiah takes over many duties of Redwood Valley's municipal water service due to consolidation of water agencies.

Farmer's Market. Jini Reynolds is asking everyone to support the Redwood Valley Farmer's Market merchants. She stated that a County Inspector was present at the market and penalized sellers for minor issues such as selling produce not on the list or having sales personnel not on their application, and did this in front of customers. Supervisor McGourty suggested she call the now Ag Commissioner, Angela Godwin to inform her.

5. Redwood Valley Rec Center: Marybeth, Dolly

A steering group is working to convert the old Redwood Valley School into a Recreation and Community Center. Marybeth Kelly stated that the Aug 8 meeting with Ukiah Unified School Dist (UUSD) Board was well attended with a full house, and Superintendent Deb Kubin thanked Marybeth afterward for a positive presentation. The original donating Wooley Family descendants were present at the meeting. The next step is for UUSD to apply for a waiver with the State Board of Ed, to allow for lease or sale of the property. After that the School Board will

put out a request for proposals (RFP) which the Rec Center will respond to in requesting a lease. Marybeth added that there are pledges of \$120K so far to pay for Rec Center conversion expenses. She gave credit for Dr. Trotter's work and great posters.

6. Cannabis Policy Standing Subcommittee: Pien, Community Members

Cannabis Policy. Patricia (Pien) Ris-Yarbrough has composed a letter for the MAC to send to the BOS, which opposes the changes in cannabis licensed grows that would allow double the crop per parcel. Chris Boyd motioned to send the letter, and Marybeth seconded. In discussion, Dolly stated the public should be able to weigh in on this new interpretation of the ordinance. Chris stated that the public believed they voted for and settled on 10,000 sq ft of cannabis per parcel, and doubling it creates more crime, traffic, dust and noise. Ellen Drell of the Willits Environmental Center thanked the MAC for the letter and opposes the expansion, stating the proposed change to increase square footage is a violation of policy as it came from staff without public input. Ellen added that Supervisor Haschak will put the topic on the Sept 10 BOS Agenda. Supervisor McGourty added that such cannabis expansion must be located within correct zoning and does allow two business licenses on one parcel. John King stated that the public wanted a cannabis exclusion zone in Redwood Valley, and the BOS did not. Bill Self stated he promotes public input. At this point, a VOTE was taken 3 to 1 in favor. Chris, Marybeth, and Dolly in favor, and Jini abstaining stating she does not fully understand the letter.

7. Development Review Standing Subcommittee: Marybeth, Jini, Pien

Marybeth stated she has received no new permit applications. Regarding the Faizon Gas Station permit, Dolly stated she spoke with County Planner Liam Crowley on July 22, three months since the May 7 date at which the BOS requested more information from PBS regarding Faizon's new traffic study. Liam said he contacted CalTrans, and they have not yet responded. Dolly will keep checking with PBS on this. At issue is that Faizon would like to build without paying for a new center median on Hwy 101 as CalTrans found such to be necessary, and Faizon submitted a new traffic study indicating ¼ the traffic established in earlier reports, which is considered dubious by some members of the public.

8. Community Action Plan ad hoc Subcommittee: Dolly, Chris, Jini and community members Sheilah Rogers and Alex DeGrassi

After BOS budget approval to go forward on 2-6-24, PBS Director Julia Krog stated her office would begin stages of approval July 2024. On July 8, 2024, Dolly Riley and Jini Reynolds met with Director Krog and Planner Russell Ford to discuss the CAP and Design Guidelines to become a County General Plan Amendment. Russ Ford is in charge of referring the CAP to local agencies for comment.

On 8-14-24, Russell Ford stated he will complete a comparative table of the proposed goals, policies and action items in the CAP against what already exists in the General Plan, with the intent to streamline a bit using elements already present [in the General Plan]. Once complete, Director Julia will confer with County Counsel before referring the project out. Russell stated he will let Dolly know when he sends out the referral packet, in the next several weeks.

9. Prohibit New Gas Stations in Mendocino County: Chris

The first city to ban construction of new gas stations was Petaluma in 2021. Chris Boyd obtained such a Resolution and will share it.

10. Officers and Members Reports and Announcements

As of 8-14-24, Member Adam Gaska submitted his resignation to the MAC. We now have openings for one Member and one Alternate. Erin Moynahan has applied and wishes the

Member position. Members discussed the third absence of Kahli Johnson, and agreed that Dolly will call her. The MAC purchased OWL equipment to facilitate Zoom function in meetings. Marybeth brought a bill for the MAC post office box. Members discussed next guest speaker and chose Ag Commissioner Angela Godwin.

11. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next meeting 9-11-24.