**Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council (RVMAC)**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 9, 2016: 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Redwood Valley Guild (formerly Grange)**:

8650 East Rd, Redwood Valley, CA

**DRAFT Minutes**

**RVMAC Members:** Chris Boyd -Chair – **A**, Alex de Grassi – **P,** Melinda Hunter **– P**

**P**resent / **A**bsent Debra Ramirez – **P,** Sheilah Rogers – Vice Chair - **A**

Cassie Taaning – Secretary **- A**

**Alternates:** Mary Beth Kelly **- P**

**Guest** Supervisor Carre Brown

**Approve November agenda and October meeting minutes**:

Katrina motioned to approve. Alex seconded. Approved with Melinda abstaining

**PUBLIC EXPRESSION:**

Public member Hal Voege asked the question: can citizens get a copy of RVMAC minutes?

Discussion followed. Katrina: is Cassie willing/able to email? They will be posted on website when it is ready. Marybeth offered to keep a binder of minutes at Grange.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**:

1. Formula Business Ordinance (FBO): Alex

Carre Brown noted the MAC are welcome to comment on the FBO at Planning Commission meetings. Next meeting is November 17th. Alex and Marybeth read aloud the Community Character Development of RV, written by Sheilah Rogers. Alex and Carre clarified how find the Planning Commission agenda, minutes and public comments on County website. Alex noted that the PC puts replies to comments on website, and gave direction on how to find it. Comments by Hal Voege: it’s important for communities to get involved in the planning process. He wants the community to be solicited. He shared the recommendations he made to PC in a letter (to be delivered tomorrow) regarding modifications to zoning code Title 20-Zoning Ordinance, sections 20.147.030 and 20.196.020. The MAC was in agreement with the need to notify communities of upcoming developments via MAC or county websites, local fire depts., etc.

Debra suggested the MAC could write a letter to support Hal’s letter, which would require a vote.

1. County Cannabis Ordinance. Katrina

Election results show recreational cannabis is now legal. Question to Carre: will County ordinance for medical cannabis also cover recreational cannabis? Measure AF failed. Ellen Drell’s prior concerns regarding AF: no grading ordinance, oak tree and range lands protection. Carre says there are grading ordinances in place.

The County will host a public meeting December 1st. If RVMAC wants to comment, it would have to be tonight! Carre says there will be more opportunities for RVMAC to comment. Katrina suggested we add to the ordinance the requirement that all cannabis be grown as organic, using existing Mendocino Sustainably Farmed certification, (“organic” label is owned by Fed govt., and ruled by USDA) taking advantage of this little window of time before the big chemical companies get involved. Katrina to prepare this suggestion as a private citizen, unless MAC wants to vote on it. As such, she will draft up this suggestion for discussion at next meeting. Also, on home page of county website, there is a button to take you right to the county cannabis ordinance. Hal asked about “Renegade Organic” status, which is more stringent than Federal organic standard. Katrina said the county Renegade Organic committee does not want to get involved with county ordinance due to lack of manpower. County has pledged to have ordinance ready by March/April. State will come out with regulations re: Prop 64 after our ordinance, which will trump county ordinances. Katrina asked Carre if she has concerns for RV in ordinance? Parcels too small…1 acre. Concerns about potential distribution centers and large nurseries not having proper water and sewage. More discussion needed, and will be added to future agendas.

1. DOLLAR GENERAL: Public members Joel Soinila and Eric Boyle commented. Nothing to report except that DOLGEN and ABC alcohol license are still in negotiations. The conditions for negotiation (no single container sales, etc.) were presented by our Sheriff. If they come to an agreement, then the citizens of RV will get their hearing. If they don’t, DOLGEN will either quit or ask for another hearing. Marybeth reported via citizen Nancy Jameson that a dumpster was dropped on the lot recently. The Chehada Brothers/RV Market lawsuit is due to have its decision announced on December 8th. Joel Soinilla shared that he has been writing DOLGEN’s head of RV project, on an ongoing basis, and has heard nothing in reply.

Marybeth asked if the land was still in escrow. Escrow has not closed.

1. RVMAC WEBSITE: Katrina reported the website is close to being ready, but not yet. Sandra is still working on it. Katrina has her set up on W-9 form now so she can get paid as county vendor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. PUBLIC OUTREACH/MEDIA RELATIONS: Alex

Alex suggested we put off to future meeting. Joel Soinila volunteered to be involved in that. Eric Boyle commented on what a great response to this meeting….4 citizens. We will review current ad hoc committees that include public members and look at creating one for public outreach. When the new MAC website in place it will post all activity for the public to view. Marybeth: the advertisement banner Tom Schoeneman made for the Grange building announcing MAC meeting tonight is missing. Joel S. offered to put together a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding the meetings……ie, the tables will be set up by this time, outside sign put out by this time, etc, so that as people come and go, the procedures remain the same.

1. PLAN UPDATE GOALS: no discussion
2. ACTION ITEM: Discuss/approve request to The Community Foundation for funds to support development and production of an updated RV Community Plan. For lack of sufficient information, the item was tabled to next meeting.
3. STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:
   1. STANDING: Development Review. Debra reported that the language on the community plan was submitted a month ago. Alex reported that Development Review includes minor use permits. Faizan Corp, the proposed gas station and market on N. State St: Plan has not been submitted to the State. After the State received plan will come to County review. Marybeth asked when the county will reply to the comments submitted a month ago. Alex is not sure, but thinks it will take a few months. County has eliminated left hand turn across lanes of traffic to go southbound on 101. But the left-hand turn into the gas station, from the southbound lanes will still be allowed.
   2. AD-HOC: Plan Update: Katrina reported out from Sheila and Cassie’s grant outreach with the Community Foundation. Sheilah attended the Oct 26th grant workshop. Carre offered that the Community Foundation has a new administrator. Joel Soinilla asked if we are allowed to receive funds from the community for updating the plan, and that he would be able to talk with other businesses for donating for this cause. Is that undue influence on the MAC? Joel asked if some community member could, out of the goodness of their heart, donate for this reason? That is something the MAC needs to vote on.
   3. TREASURER’S REPORT: Katrina reported we have $2000 in bank account, so we may not need to go to public for funds. It needs to be spent by June, or it goes away, and will be replenished next year. Marybeth reported there is still a plan for a “meet-the-MAC” community potluck next year.
   4. ACTING CHAIR REPORT: Debra reported there was enough items for next month’s agenda.
   5. OTHER MEMBERS’ REPORTS: Katrina asked about getting our alternate position filled. Carre stated that Estelle needs to submit a letter to her saying she is resigning. Katrina will relay that to Estelle. Alex asked if we need to make public notification regarding the opening. Answer not clear. Marybeth asked if we want to meet in December or take a holiday break. Alex asked if tribal members would consider doing a presentation of tribal law/sovereignty and how it relates to current events/developments. Melinda needed clarification what he is asking for. Debra offered to present topic at a future meeting. Katrina asked if she could include cannabis, what the RVMAC could do for the tribes, and how they see their place in Redwood Valley. Concerns about skipping December meeting was whether or not we would have enough time to comment on Cannabis ordinance.
   6. FUTURE MEETINGS: December 14th January 11th. The MAC is continuing with regular meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
   7. \*\*Alex may write a letter to the County addressing some of Hal Voege’s concerns. He also encouraged everyone to attend PC meeting Nov 17th, 9:30 am. Motion was made by Alex that RVMAC write a letter in support to the PC re: modifications to proposed zoning code 20.147. Katrina seconded. All ayes. Alex volunteered to write it. Thank you Alex!
   8. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm