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

**Regular Meeting MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018: 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Redwood Valley Grange, 8650 East Rd., Redwood Valley**

RVMAC Members present: Chris Boyd (Chair), Sheilah Rogers (Vice-Chair), Sandra Berman (Secretary), Katrina Frey (Treasurer), Alex de Grassi, Debra Ramirez,

Alternates: Marybeth Kelly, Sandra Berman

Absent Members: Melinda Hunter, Cassie Taaning

1. Call to order; introduction of guests—Chris. 5

2. Review/approval of today’s Agenda, March Minutes.

Corrections to the Minutes

Page 1, 3rd item: public expression— clarification—it’s the counties “strategic plan Mendocino 2025” instead of “brand new plan”

Page 3, Fire Update- these grants will be small, up to $500, not $5,000!

Page 7, See plan update, refers to the “CEDS”

6c- Plan Update: Realtor typo- the concern was that property value would be depressed (because of manufactured homes, etc.)

Somebody from Colorado (the Clinic)

Public Expression: Gizmo (Steve Henderson)

Alex makes a motion to accept minutes with these changes made, seconded, and all in favor.

3. Public Expression of Non Agenda items:

* Mr. Rogers, a forester, from the Rotary Club. Fire restoration program. $550,000 raised already by the Rotary Club in all 4 counties, money going to various outlets. Mendocino County gets 20% of that. $80,000 to Mendo. Reforestation program working with MRCD on this. Ordered 50,000 seedlings. $.25 a seedling. $26,000 to pay for it out of the fund. The crane family contributed $10,000. Getting the trees in December. 45,000 Doug Fir, and 55,000 Ponderosa Pine. Mr. Rogers has the trees and will be storing the tree in a cool location. Will post the flyer on the website. How can we help find out who needs them? We need to get the word out!
* Meg Coleman: friend near Peterson Pond, a mountain lion killed her goat last night.

4. Continuing Business

 A. Mendocino Rebuilding Our Community (MROC)- a coalition of community partners which oversees recovery, coordinating public, private, and faith-based organizations all involved in the recovery effort. The MAC is represented by Chris and Sheilah. What the community needs to know about recovery. Press releases should go on our website. Looking for off-market rentals either temporarily or permanently. Project Hope Construction is a volunteer, faith-based group that is planning on building up to 40 pre-approved homes for fire victims, as identified through the MROC committees. Project Hope has been active in Lake County since their fires, and now here as well. Sort of in the model of Habitat for Humanity. Another group under MROC that has been coordinating furniture and other contributions wants to move the facilities from Ukiah to Redwood Valley and is looking for a place, with about 2500 sq. ft., to relocate. Anyone know someone with such a space?

A member of MROC reports that the group is in touch with 80% of all fire survivors here. What they do: trying to determine long term and short term plans, help with FEMA, Power Pole Project, mailbox project, and donated project for raised planting beds for fire victims. Visits properties, helps with insurance, they do a lot of everything.

Private meeting on April 24th— unmet needs committee. Have $2M from donations to the community. Requests for various amounts. Very confidential in order that victims’ identities be safeguarded.

Kristen Johnson (Tammy Moss Chandler’s staff member who helps manage the MROC efforts):Raised over $2M. That money went to the Mendocino Community Foundation and North Coast Opportunities (NCO). Convened this group- the MROC. Other MROC subcommittees include housing, spiritual needs, etc.). Case managers are there to help people, through the Resource Room. If anyone is aware of people that have issues or concerns that aren’t being met, call 489-4647 and speak to the Resource recovery staff. Sheilah and Chris are steering committee members of the MROC, representing the RVMAC, but they are not the exclusive members and anyone else who would like to attend these meetings, let them know.

 B. RV Community Plan-

Tammy Moss Chandler wants to talk to the RV community about the upcoming County Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget proposal, for things that are necessary for Redwood Valley. Staff have prepared a DRAFT document of priority projects with projected costs (multi-millions). The proposals would pass through many agencies, up through the County and State to the federal level to leverage the money necessary to address priority needs, such as:

* Rebuild RV Water Infrastructure, add hydrants, storage, etc.
* Expand resources at the Planning and Building Dept. to address increased work volume.
* Help with insured and uninsured.
* Remove hazardous trees.
* Repair culverts.

While that DRAFT list of priorities has been developed for submittal to the County in the June budget process, Tammy would like input about what the RV community thinks about these things. Have major issues been overlooked? Which issues are the most important, etc. Much discussion from the MAC and public members. Ultimately, the group resolved to substitute the regular agenda for the May MAC meeting in order to enable County staff to present their budget plan document and solicit public input. All agreed that this would be a great opportunity for the public and the county to get together and work on these issues. MAC further resolved to continue on the path of a May 31 Community Meeting for the second Community Plan public meeting (first meeting was in June, 2017), facilitated by our consultant, Cliff Paulin. Further, Tammy explained that the County wants to coordinate with the RVMAC on both these meetings, and will assist with some of the outreach (sending postcards). As Kirsten Johnson pointed out, a major goal will be long term resiliency. National declared disaster— doors open. Want to include everyone in the community and to think about resiliency.

C. Coming Home Expo. Held at the college in March. 50 exhibitors present. Construction, energy, solar, alternative construction, PG&E, etc. Same day as the March for Our Lives, so the morning session wasn’t as well attended. County officials also present, like Mike Oliphant of Planning and Building, and Health and Human Services representatives. Workshops were held on sustainable water systems, land restoration after fire, Disaster Prep, zero net energy design etc. Not much attendance by fire victims, but there were some. Might have been a little bit too soon for some folks. Need to hold more such workshops, perhaps with different emphases, scheduling, etc.

Jini Reynolds mentioned that people are texting about what they need, wants to have a bulletin board for wants and needs. Sheilah will put her in touch with Danila from MROC, who is coordinating a Facebook page and resource center for donations.

Mr. Rogers: Talked to Carre Brown about putting in a “Memory Rock” perhaps at Fischer Lake as a potential location. This isn’t the first time a fire memorial has been mentioned at the MAC meetings. Jini: A mosaic wall will be created at the Grange. Metal sculpture that could go up at the Grange also. Several attendees volunteered to begin coordinating these efforts: Jini, [WHO ELSE?]

 E. Potter Valley Water Project

As noted in a past meeting, RVMAC has sent a letter of support (on the website) for continuing the provision of water via the Eel River/Potter Valley Water Project, which supplies the RV County Water District for residential and agricultural water in RV. PGE is considering abandoning the project, which will be up for review soon. Cliff Paulin reported that Potter Valley has held community meetings to update the public on this issue, and perhaps RV needs a similar event in June. For more information, go to wearewatersolutions.org and read about it. PGE still considering all their options, moving forward with relicensing, still considering de-commissioning or selling. RV water district still moving forward with amalgamating. Willow District has pulled out. Mary Beth and Jini volunteered to coordinate upcoming information.

5. New Business

 A. SB 897 (McGuire)—proposed legislation on behalf of fire victims.

Insurance companies requiring data heavy submittals before recovering losses. This bill adds some consumer protections and requires that insurance companies advance a large % of covered losses in a declared disaster, prior to seeing a complete list of lost property. Other requirements would be clearer policy disclosure about covered living expenses, annual renewals, etc. There will be a lot of pushback from the insurance companies. April 25th is the day the bill will be heard by the Senate Insurance Committee. Phone number for the Senate Insurance Committee—916-651-4110. The more phone calls and letters the better. 40,000 people in California lost their home. MAC unanimously approved sending the draft letter to the Senate Insurance Committee in support of the bill.

 B. Hopland MAC Report—Chris attended their March meeting. A good group to keep in contact with. They discussed holding a public meeting for the 5 Board of Supervisors’ candidtes in the upcoming election. This MAC has some similar and some different priorities as our MAC, and one of their current issues is emergency response. Julie Golden is the chair.

6. Ad Hoc Committee

 A. Development Review—Alex reports on an application for a mixed light grow. He, Debra, and Cassie didn’t make much comment. There is a new minor subdivision application for a 22+ acre parcel to be subdivided into 4 parcels. Remaining parcel will be1-14 acres, mostly grapes. We empowered the Ad Hoc committee to use their own discretion on these administrative permits. Date filed was January 12th but Committee only just got the papers. Another referral for 930 Lone Pine already discussed at Sept. meeting.

Do we have a water policy, what we would accept? Perhaps we should come up with something.

Depends on the size of the structure, piping, etc. Topic for a future meeting. Alex commented that they do mention water, and the low standard accepted for wells, in most of their letters from the Development Review committee back to the County.

7. Officer’s and Member’s Reports

Debra- Spirit Walk, on this Saturday 8:30-2pm. Other tribes usually come and participate, lunch and a continental breakfast. A short walk. Rain or shine. Not related to the fire. Will recognize the fire and those who lost their homes.

Jini: The Grange needs support. All the legal stuff is ending! The grange needs a fundraiser for a new roof. Marybeth mentioned there will be a celebration for the “no Dollar General” but no final date has been set; combine with the Taste of Redwood Valley? Or with the parade? Can’t do the code kitchen until the roof is done, so the RVMAC will also look for opportunities to share information about the Grange as soon as we learn more about its legal status.

Questions: Fire After Action Plan—-? It is critical to the well being of this county.

After Action Plan- when you have a major emergency. The county goes through all the good and bad that happened. Sonoma County is working on it. Lake County never got to it, according to one attendee. Office of Emergency Services would be the group to contact. Alex and Chris volunteered to look into it.

Meeting adjourned. As noted above, May will be devoted to two separate meetings: 1) May 9, 6-8 pm—County budget priorities for RV fire recovery; and 2) May 31, 6-8 pm, the second Community Plan Public Meeting sponsored by the MAC and facilitated by Cliff and Alex. Postcards to follow to all RV residents.