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

**MINUTES: Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2016: 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

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

RVMAC Members: All present: Chris Boyd (Chair), Sheilah Rogers (Vice-Chair), Cassie Taaning (Secretary), Katrina Frey (Treasurer), Alex de Grassi, Melinda Hunter, Debra Ramirez. Alternates: Marybeth Kelly, Sandra Berman

1. Call to order; introduction of guests: Guests Supervisor Carre Brown, UUSD Maintenance Manager Gabe Sherman and RV Community Plan Facilitator Cliff Paulin

2. The agenda and April meeting minutes were approved unanimously

3. Public Expression on Non-Agenda Items - no speakers

4. Continuing Business:

A. New Redwood Valley Community Plan – Chris: Cliff Paulin will submit a work plan with deliverables of facilitating a series of community meetings. Katrina: re funds received such as the Community Foundation grant for the Plan, checks may be made to the County and they will transfer funds into the RVMAC budget. Cliff – the new Plan will focus more on land use rather than economic development, which was the focus in the 2004 Plan. The process will start with 3 community meetings. The first meeting with breakout sessions for public input on topics: Agriculture, Economic Development, Environment, and Public Facilities. Chris will email Cliff’s proposal and workplan to Council members. The rate for Cliff’s work is $100/hr.

Cassie: at meetings the public could be made aware of RV’s current status; zoning in major agriculture lands, commercial and industrial zoned properties and environmentally sensitive areas, and public facilities. Alex: The County has zoning maps printed or we could project maps from the website on a large screen. Alex is researching differences of community plan vs. town or action plan. What is our goal? Carre suggested talking to a County planner for direction. Alex and resident Jacquie Lee volunteered to be on the Plan ad-hoc committee. Katrina: The MCRCD (Resource Conservation District) offered to help with mapping.

Debbie – the Plan should include info on Native American history, former and current tribal lands. Will try to get a speaker on this topic. Carre – we should also focus on industrial zoned properties where businesses can be established and jobs created. Sandra: This plan needs some be functional, used and referenced by the County Planning Dept. Carre – in order for the County to formally adopt/enforce a new planning document it needs an Environmental Impact Review which costs approx. $100,000. Sheilah – We need clarity on the Planning Commission’s recommendation that these rural community plans be considered in the final draft language of County’s Formula Business Ordinance. The current draft does not consider rural town plans, despite Board members commenting that the local plans need to be referenced.

B. County Cannabis – Sandra: April 20th the County hosted a meeting on its draft cultivation ordinance and application process. They had representation from County Agriculture Dept, the Water Board, Fish and Wildlife, Cal Fire and the State Dept of Food and Agriculture. Still opportunity for public input. The County is now accepting cultivation applications.

C. Dollar General —Marybeth – Alcohol license petitioners received letters from the ABC. They added a condition that loitering is prohibited. The Sheriff will only support writing a letter if we have data proving DG stores increase crime in the area. Tom Schoeneman and Marybeth interviewed Lake County DG staff and neighboring markets for data.

D. Flow Cannabis Institute – Chris: escrow closed on the former Fetzer property. So far, development proposal has not been presented to the County Planning Dept.

E. Formula Business Ordinance—no report.

F. Former Light property, 1745 acres on East Rd. Site for HBO movie shoot.- Carre: the County was not notified in advance of the scope of the recent filming; traffic, etc.

5. New Business:

A. Ukiah Unified School District planning process for RV School—Marybeth and Chris attended School District meeting. Gabe Sherman, UUSD: Options are sell, lease or keep the property. Current cost of maintaining the closed school is $35,000/yr.

Chris: being closed for several years, it’s no longer “grandfathered in” for ADA requirements, according to UUSD. Cass: when the land was originally donated in 1921, the donors included in deed that property must only be used for education. Marybeth read aloud an article from the Anderson Valley Advertiser confirming that clause in a letter by James Marmon, the donor’s grandson.

B. Review of MAC meetings, schedule, process: Do we need to meet every month? Take old items off the agenda if there is no update. Chris suggested a holding file so it’s not forgotten; and asked members to be proactive with submitting agenda items and reports to her in advance. Debbie recommended meeting quarterly if there are no action items; reports could be sent via email. Carre: it’s not a Brown Act violation to send updates and reports especially if sent by a volunteer, clerk, or non-council member. Council agreed to take off two meetings per year; in December and Summer time, July or August. The upcoming Aug meeting was cancelled. The next regular meeting will be September 13.

6. Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports; Review Members: no report

7. Officers’ Reports—Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer: no report

Meeting Adjourned 7:20

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