

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting
January 15th, 2024
Magalia Community Center

Minutes to be transcribed by the Executive Director at a later date

Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Board members present: Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair, Lucas Warmerdam, Vice-Chair, Roni Turner, Treasurer, Phil Howard, Richard Yale, Kathleen Bruce and Executive Director Chris Rauen.

Absent: Rich Gingery, Jr., Secretary. Jake Bates, Disc Golf Commissioner

Also in attendance: Prospective Board Member Ryann Pinnegar, Engineer Ray Johnson and Kyle Babb, Volunteers with Magalia Fire Station 31

Quorum: Board Quorum requires five (5) members. Quorum has been met.

Approval of Minutes: Awaiting completed minutes from the November and December meeting; Secretary Rich Gingery will be submitting these soon. Chris will transcribe the January meeting minutes and is recording the meeting. Tabled to Feb 5 meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT – Roni Turner

Balance at Tri-Counties Account: \$94,560.00

Annual financial report & 2024 budget will be presented at the February meeting.

Guests speakers: Engineer Ray Johnson and Kyle Babb, Volunteers with Magalia Fire Station 31

Ray & Kyle shared that the Magalia volunteer fire station crew would like to be involved in any community events, as well as collaboration in disc golf. Station has been in Magalia for 100 years. Crew has been sizably reduced since the fire & they are having recruitment issues & lower interest from people committing to volunteer with the fire station. They would like to be able to promote, do outreach & tap into our community events to share what volunteering with the fire station is all about. Exploring the idea of fundraisers. Positions include volunteer with medical, general support, helping with staging fire practice events with Cal Fire, etc. Goal is recruitment and the best opportunities to do this where they can be interfacing with the most people, including youth nights and concerts. Of note, the station does have a kitchen that we would welcome to use. The board discussed & explored general ideas & ways where we could collaborate with the Station to mutual benefit.

BOARD RESOLUTION – To reduce the number of board members from 9 to 7 – Executive Committee Recommends Approval

Lucas moves to approve the action item; Phil seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

There will now be 7 board members; 4 will now be quorum.

REVIEW OF VACANCIES ON BOARD, if any.

Richard Yale is stepping down as a regular board member, but wants to counsel and support in any way he can continue to do so. He will also continue to represent MCP at all county collaborative meetings. We discussed the setting up of an Advisory Council, which would include Richard, John Stonebraker, Melissa Crick, Katie Simmons, others with certain skills who can serve as counsel for MCP but not as active board members.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS – to fill Richard’s vacancy

Richard Yale Nominated Ryann Pinnegar; Kathleen Bruce seconded. Nomination was approved 6-0.

INTEREST IN ROLE OF SECRETARY – None.

LEASE NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT – 3-year extension of our Lease with Safor has been approved to May 31, 2027. Only change is we are not responsible for maintenance of the driving range (PG&E work yard) so long as it continues to be rented to a 3rd party. The reason to expedite the lease renewal was due to the First 5 requirement by the county that our own lease cover the proposed contract, which is also for 3 years (our original lease with Safor was due to expire this May). There was no increase in rental fees for MCP. This will give MCP time to negotiate for a longer term lease and/or acquisition of property.

FIRST 5 / YOUTH 4 CHANGE UPDATE:

Roni shared with the Board that Youth for Change will be providing the First 5 program in the Community Center, and that our agreement will be strictly a rental/facility use agreement with Youth for Change. MCP does not have the resources to run this program on our own, however it is just as notable that MCP can provide a space for the program to take place. We are still waiting to have formal meetings with Y4C to begin negotiating the contract. We have agreed verbally with Y4C that the use agreement would be for \$36,000 annually during the three-year term of the contract, for about 25 hrs per week. Board concerns were raised about conflicting with existing scheduled programs, meetings, etc. or “taking over” existing programs. Our calendar has been provided to Y4C so they can plan around our schedule & not the other way around. Chris prepared a draft use agreement for review by the Executive Committee, which addresses these concerns for MCP. Ryann brought up that as Y4C/First 5 starts holding activities, they will learn more about what the need is on the Upper Ridge for families with infants to age 5 and the best times of day to conduct these programs here. She, Rich, Roni and Chris will be included in these meetings when they start.

Collaborative/Cooperative Agreement – First 5 / Youth 4 Change – Richard Yale discussed the tri-lateral relationship between First 5 (county), Youth 4 Change and MCP and proposed having a conversation with the other entities to draft Memorandum of Understanding. We are community partners which will have a use agreement as a part of it, but it is better to be a community partner that can provide space for an important program as opposed to just being a renter only. It was proposed by the board to invite Youth 4 Change to attend one of our board meetings. Chris will email Beth & Alan to get an update on scheduling our first meeting regarding the use of the center (community partner / cooperative agreement will be separate), and a 2nd email with a standing invitation to a future board meeting.

Bathroom sinks – Phil proposed to replace the bathroom sinks with pedestal sinks. All agreed.

Committee Reports: Disc Golf

Lucas stated from UDisc tracking that 166 plays were recorded in December; only half of all players actually report on UDisc so it was closer to double this number for the month. Shasta Series coming up the first weekend of May. Weeklies going well. No update yet on NADGT but will follow up by next meeting.

Sponsorships: Linda met the owners of True Value (family same owners of Chuck's Place and another gas station in Magalia), left sponsorship information with them. Sports Memorabilia store in Paradise is a new sponsor.

Wellness Committee: Roni is putting together a Wellness Nature Walk to help people heal their trauma from the fire (Kate Scowsmith's program at the Camp Fire Collaborative is working with Roni on this).

Community Garden – Pamm Larry has been out with an injury, but Chris and Pamm spoke about drafting an MOU with Butte County Local Food Network & MCP; we need to discuss how budget & finances will work. Also following up with our insurance. MBA is very interested in participating in this project as well.

Youth Nights – Chris & Ryann reported 51 attendees (children) at our first event of the year (Fri Jan 12) for grades 6 and under. PUSD is applying for a grant to help community partners who are providing activities outside of school to add to their programs – MCP included. Ryann compiled answers to a survey we did at the recent youth night from parents to help the district with the grant. Paradise Stronger & MCP will collaborate on a youth night at their facility in February.

Events Committee:

Chris reported our first Community Tree Lighting & Children's Party (Dec 8) was a huge success, thanked everyone for putting it all together. 86 kids participated in crafts but there were

more children in attendance. Board noted that as we continue these events more and more people are turning out and is establishing our role as *the* community center in Magalia which has been our mission.

Saturday, March 23 8:30am to 11am – Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser & Easter Egg Hunt

Music on the Green '24 starts Saturday, June 15. Discussed having the fire dept. with snow cones.

Chris reported that Randy & Jini are selling the restaurant. Dan Rangel is to be the new owner. There is a 4-6 week process but when the sale is close to done we will set up a meeting with them.

Shasta Series, Fall Family Fun Fest in Sept is still “on” for now, Halloween-fest and the Christmas Party will be the major events for 2024, along with the concerts.

Executive Directors report: Chris gave a year-in-review report on the growth of Magalia Community Park after the direction we chose to take in January, and how this new direction has brought us closer to long term financial sustainability (and with the help of all of the board and extended family of volunteers and outside counsel). Chris just returned from his second week-long non-profit institute in Grass Valley, sponsored by North Valley Community Foundation. Focus of conference was less so on fundraising this year and more on how to build a more stable non-profit, very introspective as the attendees looked at ways they could all improve themselves as individuals, as directors and as board members of their organizations. Chris also reported that organizations which formed in response to the Camp Fire have either closed (the need is no longer there), or are retooling their missions to serve the community without the fire component.

Property Maintenance: Course in very good condition. Close to 40 dead or dying trees cut down on the course in November & December; Stephen Murray hauled much of the non-useable timber away, some is still on the course available as firewood or wood for milling.

Parking lot update: The county has agreed to settle with Safor for \$2500 on the corner lot (which was damaged by county snow plows, total claim was \$5000). We will receive this money once we have the add'l funding to repair it. Chris will contact Dan from Almond Asphalt. A claim has also been filed with PG&E, which they have verbally accepted responsibility, to resurface the parking lot next to our building and the restaurant. Safor & MCP is working to get this in writing from PG&E.

Community Center Private Rentals: Averaging 4 per month (or \$600/mo revenue to MCP). County Board of Elections will also rent the facility as the Magalia voting precinct for the March 5 primary election. Add'l \$1000 donation will be made to MCP if we can get 4 volunteers to serve as precinct workers.

Phil reported MBA will be donating \$500 to MCP.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next meeting will be held Monday, February 6th at 6pm, at Magalia Community Park.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Rauen, Executive Director, on January 27, 2023