

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2024
Magalia Community Center

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

Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair

1) Call to Order & Board Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Board members present: Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair, Lucas Warmerdam, Vice Chair, Roni Turner, Treasurer, Rich Gingery Jr, Secretary, Ryann Pinnegar, Jake Bates, Disc Golf Commissioner, and Executive Director Chris Rauen. Not present: Phil Howard

Guests: Ryan Soulsby

Quorum: Board Quorum requires four (4) members. Quorum has been met.

2) Approval of Minutes: October meeting minutes have been submitted for review by the board;

Motion to approve minutes was given by Lucas & seconded by Ryann. Minutes approved 4-0, one abstain (Roni).

3) Treasurer's Report – Roni

Balance at Tri-Counties Account: \$62,836.93.

William Sharrett's accounting office in Paradise had been doing payroll services for MCP as a donation; Mr. Sharrett has retired and the business has sold. Roni received an email from the new accountants with an invoice for \$3,462.50 in past due fees for 2023, and \$1,983.43 for 2024. She has a call in to their office and will follow up to see what can be arranged to adjust this downward. She also discussed the benefits of keeping a professional service for payroll vs. in house.

4) Executive Director's Report – Chris

Rich Hefner (H&T Construction) took down & stacked several hazard trees near the basket at Hole 8 (next to Cardiac Hill) as a donation. The main parking lot on the corner was resurfaced and restriped by Dan & crew from Almond Asphalt in mid October, paid for by Safor with settlement funds from the County. Youth for Change custom built a new lockable closet/storage area along the wall across from the restrooms in the Community Center building. Kuddos to Alan White (YFC) for designing the storage, as well as all the other improvements done this past year. One of the old cabinets will go to Jake for use in the pro shop.

Chris discussed that North Valley Community Foundation is no longer funding projects related to the Camp Fire & has restructured; Giovanni Tricerri has his own non-profit consulting service & leads a social services meeting every quarter (which Chris attends). MCP will also be resuming meetings w/Katie Simmons to consult on our budget & fundraising plans in the near future.

5) First 5 / Youth for Change Update –

Brief update, Youth for Change has started two small one-hour classes/playgroups a week, one for infants to age 2, and one for ages 3-5. Limited numbers. We will be getting flyers soon. Chris has referred YFC to Staci Galla (Moms of the Ridge) to promote to families with young children, and PUSD to broadcast to the schools. This is a soft launch, they are taking things step by step & navigating the grant parameters. Relationship between MCP and YFC has been good; Lorraine is the employee who was recently hired to direct the program and has started sharing the office space w/Chris, which has been an adjustment for both in terms of scheduling & hours of use.

6) MCP & Serving Food at Events

Comments have come back to board members about our special events not having enough affordable food options for families with children. Jake mentioned that Izzy's will work with MCP on certain events (they are already doing this for disc golf tournaments) on smaller snack items & special menus; also what will Izzy's agree to if we are providing food items for snacks, such as the Music on the Green concert nights (i.e. popcorn, hot dogs, etc). We think we can come to a mutual agreement working with the restaurant with multiple options.

7) Committee Reports

- A) Disc Golf Committee Report – Jake reported that October was a slow month, however November has already turned around in both player numbers and & shop sales. Getting ready for *junior tee pad* construction to shorten the course for youth play, in need of a donated bobcat / tractor to get started. Monthly event scheduled for Sat Nov 23.

Lucas attended the Shasta Series at Black Butte on Saturday & asked for comments and suggestions from players on how the community was feeling about the course at South Pines. He received a lot of feedback, and what could be done differently or better (which will be discussed & talked through at a later meeting of the disc golf committee). Ryan Soulsby has stepped up in the past year to be very much involved in helping organize things for our course, streamline rules for weeklies, etc. Ryan is leaving the board of his current organization and has expressed the desire to join our board (we still have one vacancy). He stated his appreciation for our mission, the Community Center, and his love for the sport of disc golf and particularly South Pines. Problem solver, collaborator, looking for finding answers and solutions &

make everyone happy. His involvement has been part of a process of creating stronger structure within the disc golf players committee, setting monthly meetings, etc. Ryan also shared his background & experience. Nominations for new board members will be agenzized for the December meeting, and will include Ryan.

Jake reported the Venmo pay option for green fees is starting to take off & players are very much appreciating that we have provided this as an alternative to cash. It is being recorded manually in the system now along with all present sources of payment.

Chris has been in touch with the rec department at Chico State, which arranged to send emails to all their students promoting South Pines in late October.

Linda has received feedback from families using the course if there was a way that they could get a “family pass” at a better rate. Brief discussion on how this would be implemented. Same for implementing discounts for annual passes.

Disc Golf Sponsorships & Fundraising – Total up to \$3900 received in sponsorships for 2024. Linda received checks from Kelly Tires (no sign), \$500 from Pam Gray at Rose Chapel, to be used towards MCP’s youth program; still working with C&C Printing, Bunch Electric, Joy Lynn’s Candies said to come back in Dec; Les Schwab’s budget is done for ’24; Paradise Bikes will hold for now (seasonal). Discussion about local businesses stating they are getting hit up by many non-profits for donation requests all at once, difficult for them to commit right now. Signage on course still good exposure for any business.

Wellness Committee

- B) Community Garden Update: Dedication & Open House held Sat, Oct 19, with Richard Yale, Phil, and Linda representing MCP. About 20 people attended; “Free Food Stand” was up & produce from the garden was available. This event happened simultaneously with a separate event, a collaboration between Magalia Beautification Association and the Paradise Garden Club (funded by California Climate Action Corps) working on a planting & beautification project around the monument sign on South Park & Andover.

Discussion of working with the students & teachers at Pine Ridge in making the garden available to them.

- C) Youth Program Update – Ryann & Chris reported two youth nights are scheduled for November, and Ryann has worked through the Kidcheck software now so it’s ready for parents to input their info & sign up. We continue to require RSVP’s and have a link on the flyers & texts for parents to reserve spots for their kids. Once they are in the Kidcheck system, we have much more data on the kids that helps protect ourselves & makes it safer for the kids and who exactly is picking up/dropping off.

October teen night went very well, had a mini-pumpkin decorating craft & all the kids were plugged in. Collaboration continuing with Paradise Stronger.

C) Events –

Halloween Trunk or Treat + Games & Crafts Sat, Oct 26 –

Huge success, with a different layout moving the games outside on the lawn, crafts inside the building and the Trunk or Treat on the parking lot – much improved use of space and traffic flow for the families & kids.

Ryann reported that we had purchased craft materials for 500 kids, not all materials were used & seemed dependent on what crafts were more popular than others so we made an investment for next year as well. HUGE shout-out to Melissa Crick for bringing together volunteers & Paradise Rotarians after two previous groups that had planned to work with us could not commit – adults oversaw & helped guide the crafts, Rotary Youth ran the games.

For the crafts, Chris observed (and after speaking w/Melissa later) that it was better & more valuable for the children that they were not fully “self guided” and actually had adults able to assist.

Attendance numbers same as last year (about 800); 600 game cards were printed & 400 used; 140 were actually redeemed at Izzy’s for a free soda. Numbers for the crafts unknown except that the Center was very packed the entire three hours.

Important feedback – people appreciated that this wasn’t just a “candy handout” place – it was a place where the kids & families could actually spend time with each other and *engage* in the games & crafts that were being offered.

Fewer cars for Trunk or Treat than in past years; several who had committed to attend did not show up or contact us. POA also reported lower numbers of car participants.

STARS team worked to manage traffic & crosswalk; both Magalia fire stations attended & brought their engines.

Climate Action Corps event (mentioned earlier) – Shoutout to Phil for all the prep-work to get the sprinkler system & hose installed.

Jake suggested that the cedar tree near the sign be deadlimbed; this would make a great long-term Christmas tree (we will look into limbing from companies/workers willing to donate).

Christmas Tree Lighting & Children’s Craft Party Fri Dec 6 – This year’s tree will be donated by the Stirling City Volunteer Fire Dept. and will be recognized with a small

sign next to the tree. It will be a red fir (cut above Inskip) and more typical of a holiday tree than those that grow natively at our elevation.

Tentative Kids New Years Eve Party, looking to collaborate with Paradise Stronger (potentially using their venue vs. ours, or vice versa).

8. New Business:

Discussion of PRPD's Lakeridge Park current standing as reported from their October board meeting.

Ryann proposed a system, using a system with separate microphones (looks like a disc) – she will look into this further.

Chris proposed the possibility of changing the meeting time to 5pm from 6pm due to shorter days. Not doable for most members, will stay with 6pm.

Lucas offered to help give Jake a vacation break to come and help run the shop.

Next meeting will be Monday, December 2nd, 2024
Meeting adjourned 8:00pm. Minutes to be transcribed by Chris from audio recording & submitted to the board for approval