

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, January 6, 2025  
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 6:00pm

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

Guests: Beth Parsons & Lorraine Johnson (Youth for Change), Lauren Wemmer (Community Garden Committee)

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes: December meeting minutes have been submitted for review by the board; change was requested on #8 where the motion was made to approve Ryan Soulsby as a new board member by Lucas, not Linda.

***Motion to approve minutes w/corrections was given by Ryan & seconded by Lucas. Minutes approved 6-0.***

3) Treasurer's Report – Chris (subbing for Roni)

Balance at Tri-Counties Account: \$61,768.43

+ Paypal/Venmo (disc golf revenue): \$1,146.38  
+ Youth for Change: \$3000.00

Total after deposits: \$64,914.81

4) Family Center on the Upper Ridge – Beth Parsons reported that they are excited about the new classes that have started, and the positive feedback being received by the community. Program is slowly starting to pick up momentum as they work through the best days & times for parents & kids and as they continue to build up new attendees; new activities will be expanding to include children ages 10 and over, and not just infants/toddlers. Community engagement during our Christmas Party on Dec 6 provided many new sign-ups for Family Center activities. Lorraine is the on-site program coordinator and is also excited about the prospects of offering activities to more and more families. Collaborating with the new PUSD Wellness Center which is located on the Pine Ridge School campus (but serves all families on the Ridge) and will be

holding a dual Grand Opening on March 4, with part of the festivities taking place at the Family Center (at MCP).

#### 5) Executive Director's Report – Chris

Chris reported that MCP's financials are stable and good starting off the New Year, but stressed that new ways of raising revenue for general support needed to be explored and implemented to keep our bank balance at a healthy level, particularly with upcoming larger expenses such as rent and insurance. Ideas shared by the board included a car wash, a "Fun Run" with sponsorships (Phil has spoken briefly to Aaron Singer about a possible collaboration here). PRPD's Neighbor to Neighbor grant was discussed & will be circled back to on the agenda at item #8.

Need to explore creative ways to increase individual & business donors – emphasis that both are important, but expanding business donors would bring in general support revenue needed for larger expenses & building up a reserve fund. Chris will continue to meet w/Roni on all aspects of fundraising & bring ideas back to the board & volunteers.

#### 6) MCP Board Officers – There is still an open position for Secretary. No board members are able to serve in this position at this time.

7) PRPD Neighbor to Neighbor Grant – Discussion - PRPD received \$750,000 to provide funding for communities in their district for programs & events that help to bring neighbors together & foster connections. MCP is strongly being encouraged to apply for this grant (applications for multiple ideas may be submitted as long as they meet the grant parameters). The deadline is February 1 for any activities that are proposed to take place in April, May or June and while the application process is fairly easy, it is important to connect with PRPD staff (Kristen Dehart is managing the grant, Scott Amick can address disc golf questions) to ensure that the proposed activity is something that is permissible, or if the idea needs to be adjusted to meet the grant criteria. All elements of the Park may apply – community center events, disc golf, community garden, etc. Ryan has reviewed the grant and discussed a course clean-up day + need for sturdy recycling bins; Phil is interested in support for the summer concerts, Lauren & Ryann P. has ideas for the community garden including youth involvement. We are hopeful for a collaboration with PRPD on our Easter event this year, and outdoor movie nights this summer.

#### 8) Committee Reports

Disc Golf Committee Report – Jake reported on the success of the tag round opener and the revenue it generated.

Compensating player committee members w/ free course passes for their many hours of volunteer work to show our appreciation was discussed. Also color-coded cards to differentiate volunteer levels and contributions, and a possible tracking system for number of volunteer hours were discussed. This was originally intended to be a board

action item, it was decided a more detailed proposal will be brought to the next meeting.

From Linda – C&C Printing proposed to make a sign for the pro shop advertising that we do business sponsorships on the holes & promote what comes with the package – disc golf committee will work on the wordage. Also suggestions proposed for drainage & erosion control on the 18<sup>th</sup> tee pad.

#### Wellness Committee

- A) Community Garden Update – Jeanne shared that the garden now has a variety of winter crops in the community planter beds. Out of 12 beds, 9 are now rented & the open house in October generated a lot of interest in participation. Janel continues to work with the gardeners on composting; making connections on sourcing compost materials from a variety of sources. Wayne Angel is coming to talk to garden members about possible bio char (which might include downed trees/limbs on the course); the product from bio char adds nutrients to the soil for better growing conditions. The group is also working on a t-shirt promoting the garden; general discussion of ideas for raising money. Shelly Miller (Butte County Local Food Network) is now their rep who is working with the community gardens on the Ridge. Ideas for getting students involved, possibly tying in Youth for Change and the MCP youth group; ideas for seeking donors/sponsors for garden boxes for kids.
- B) Youth Program Update – Ryann & Chris have their regular youth nights planned for January. Also Chris noted the PRPD grant could possibly help expand our youth activities w/ add'l resources to supplement our volunteers. Special thank you to Youth for Change & the Family Center for adding to the youth oriented activities we offer as part of the Community Center program.

Dec 6 Christmas Craft Party was great, around 150 people total this year attended; we outsourced our cookie decorating to a Ridge mom who is a baker & brought gingerbread cookies & icing. Will look into a “baby gate” area :) Phil & Cole put lots of time in the Christmas Tree at the corner.

#### C) Events – Music on the Green

Phil is looking forward to the third year of concerts this summer and is already getting calls from bands needing to book dates. We will start on fundraising & possibly add the PRPD Neighbor to Neighbor grant.

#### 8. New Business:

Ryann suggested we should look into online campaigns / email campaigns for fundraising; Lauren asked about having the community garden as a page on our website (potential donors have been asking for a place to go & see information about the garden online). Chris will get a quote from our web designers to add this.

Suggestions for improving the online calendar, the current Google calendar template is showing too much information – is there another way to filter out or limit what a user sees what is available?

Next meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2025

Meeting adjourned 8:21pm. Minutes to be transcribed by Chris from audio recording & submitted to the board for approval