



RRROC

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Non-Property Owning

Resident

John De Salvio
Catherine Young
Sheila Peterson

Residential Property

Owner

Dan Fein
Tom Lynch
John Uniack

Business Operator and/or Business Property Owner

Lynn Crescione
Ken Wikle
George Zastrow

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M., Thursday, January 18, 2007
Guerneville Veterans' Hall, First and Church Streets

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Ken Wikle called the meeting of the Russian River Redevelopment Oversight Committee (RRROC) to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Lynn Crescione, Tom Lynch, John De Salvio, John Uniack, Catherine Young (7:20), George Zastrow (7:10), Ken Wikle, and Sheila Peterson. Member absent: Dan Fein. Also present were Executive Director Kathleen Kane, Redevelopment Manager Boris Sztorch, Redevelopment Associate Vicki Sacksteder, and approximately fourteen (14) members of the public during the course of the meeting.

3. Minutes

There was a brief discussion regarding the final agenda. Tom Lynch made a motion to approve the December 21, 2006 meeting minutes; Lynn Crescione seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-3 (Fein/Zastrow/Young absent).

4. Public Comment

Larry Lane
Deborah Waller

5. Information Sharing

None reported.

6. Correspondence

Boris Sztorch reviewed correspondence included in the RRROC Members' packets and correspondence that arrived at the Community Development Commission (CDC) after the packets were mailed that included the following: a letter from Dana Zimmerman, Russian River Recreation and Park District, supporting the Guerneville River Park project; an email from Margaret Kennett, Russian River Chamber of Commerce Board President, requesting the Guerneville sidewalks item be tabled; and a letter from Boris Sztorch to Lloyd Guccione in response to a Public Information request regarding the Niche Marketing participants.

6. Correspondence - *continued*

There was a discussion regarding information requests. Staff asked that information requests be submitted in writing. John Uniack requested the names of the Niche Marketing/LGBT committee; Boris stated that he would provide that information to the RRROC members.

7. Monthly Reports

There was a discussion regarding the demolition of the De Monchy and Norgaard projects, specifically hazardous waste disposal (asbestos floor tile) and prevailing wage. Boris Sztorch then reviewed the Project Report included in the packets. There was further explanation of the River Child Care Services grant and loan as well as the Monthly Financial Report.

Public comment

Zelda Michaels

There was a discussion and clarification regarding a recent grant submitted to FEMA for additional funds to elevate houses in the lower Russian River area and the North Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District's Woodstove Program. RRROC members requested Kathleen Kane review and obtain clarification regarding the possibility of restructuring Redevelopment funding for the Woodstove Program.

8. Subcommittee Reports

A. Design Guidelines Steering Committee

Chairperson John De Salvo reported that the meeting minutes from December 12th were included in the RRROC members' packets. John also reported that at their last meeting, the committee worked on the Traffic Study portion of the guidelines with the consultant, Deirdre Calloway; he added that the committee is working on one more chapter before bringing the Design Guidelines forward to the RRROC for their recommendation.

Kathleen outlined the process for the Draft Design Guidelines; she stated that the County's Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD) staff would review the Draft Design Guidelines when the Design Guidelines Steering Committee completes their work. This process ensures that the guidelines will not conflict with the County's zoning, General Plan, etc. Upon completion of PRMD's review, the Draft Design Guidelines would be presented to the RRROC for review, any possible revisions, and recommendation, after which they would be forwarded to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for approval.

B. Housing Subcommittee

Tom Lynch reported on the Subcommittee's meeting with Mark Krug, CDC Community Development Manager and Jenny Helbraun Abramson with Continuum of Care regarding homelessness issues in the lower Russian River area and expressed the Subcommittees' frustration in trying to find a way to use redevelopment funds to resolve homelessness issues. He also reported that at their next meeting they would be working on the Housing portion of the Strategic Plan.

C. Election Subcommittee

Chairperson John Uniack reported that the Subcommittee's next meeting would be February 1st, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Forum Room at the Guerneville Regional Library.

D. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

There was no report.

E. Restrooms Subcommittee

Chairperson John De Salvio reported that the Subcommittee is waiting for a response from Safeway regarding a location and the outcome of Caltrans' transfer of property at the foot of the Guerneville pedestrian bridge to the County and working with County Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) regarding the Park and Ride property.

F. Infrastructure Subcommittee

Chairperson George Zastrow reported on the Subcommittee's January 10th meeting and requested a discussion and determination of how the Infrastructure Subcommittee interrelates and serves the RRROC be agendized for the February RRROC meeting. George announced that the Infrastructure Subcommittee's next meeting would be February 14, 2007 at 6:00 pm at the Guerneville Senior Center.

G. Communications Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

George Zastrow reported that the RRROC's newsletter was mailed and local residents should be receiving it soon. The RRROC's Website will be agendized for the next Communications Ad-Hoc Subcommittee meeting.

Cate Young announced that the next Strategic Plan meeting would be held on February 7, 2007 and would be a joint meeting with the entire Russian River Redevelopment Oversight Committee.

Public comment

None

9. Old Business

A. Big Spring Clean-up Appreciation

Tom Lynch introduced the item and proposed the presentation of two plaques, one each for Scott Mitchell and Margaret Kennett for their good works and efforts on the Big Spring Clean-up 2006. There was a general discussion regarding presentation of awards by the RRROC and specifically the RRROC's appreciation of Scott and Margaret for their dedication and hard work on the Big Spring Clean-up 2006.

Public comment

Lenny Weinstein
Rich Carmichael

Tom Lynch made a motion to give plaques to Scott Mitchell and Margaret Kennett for their efforts in the community clean up; George Zastrow seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-1-1 with Uniack dissenting (Fein absent).

10. New Business

A. Guerneville River Park

Boris Sztorch introduced the item; provided a brief background of Redevelopment first-phase funding of the project; referred to his staff report in the packet; and introduced Mark Cleveland from Regional Parks. Mark introduced Patrice Cox, Regional Parks' new Park Planning Manager. Mark stated that Regional Parks could not have completed the construction without the redevelopment funding and thanked the RRROC for their support. Mark also stated that the initial improvements of the park were substantially completed.

A. Guerneville River Park – continued

Mark Cleveland requested \$110,000 from the Russian River Redevelopment Agency to construct the group and family picnic sites; an outdoor stage; and concrete path. If recommended by the RRROC and approved by the Board of Supervisors, the proposed improvements planned for Phase 1 would be completed in the Spring of 2007.

There was a discussion that included restroom privacy issues; design esthetics; line item costs; riverbank stability; flooding issues; stage orientation and location; picnic site and stage foundation materials; stage amplification; use permits; sunrise and sunset hours; environmental and neighbor considerations; construction timeline; the longevity and maintenance of the Park's built environment; and the potential for RRROC member's to provide input.

Committee members were encouraged to visit the Guerneville River Park site before the February meeting when the RRROC will be asked to recommend the proposal. It was also recommended comments or suggestions could be made to either Boris Sztorch (565-7508) or Mark Cleveland (565-3349).

Public comment

Elizabeth Parker
Dana Zimmerman
Rich Carmichael

B. Agendizing Correspondence

Tom Lynch introduced the item and expressed his concern regarding the inclusion of correspondence in the RRROC packets because correspondence is agendized. There was a discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of agendizing correspondence; no action was taken.

Public comment

Lee Torr, VI
Simon Lowings
Zelda Michaels

C. Guerneville Sidewalk Repairs

This item was carried over to the February RRROC meeting.

11. Public Comment - Continued

Rich Carmichael

12. Agenda for Next Meeting:

The following items were recommended for inclusion in next month's agenda: Call to Order; Roll Call; Approval of Minutes; Public Comment; Information Sharing; Correspondence; Monthly Reports; Subcommittee Reports: Design Guidelines Subcommittee; Housing Subcommittee; Election Subcommittee; Strategic Planning Subcommittee; Restrooms Subcommittee; Infrastructure Subcommittee; Communications Ad-Hoc Subcommittee; Old Business: Monte Rio Community Center Renovation; Guerneville River Park; and Guerneville Sidewalk Repairs. New Business: Election of Officers; Preliminary RRROC Annual Budget; Role of the Infrastructure Subcommittee; Youth Outreach Subcommittee Formation; and RRROC Website. Public Comment-continued; Agenda for Next Meeting; and Adjournment.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting: February 15, 2007, 7 P.M. Koret Club, 20488 Highway 116, Monte Rio, CA

NOTE: A RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON CD AT THE GUERNEVILLE LIBRARY FOR LISTENING PURPOSES ON SITE. OR, YOU MAY PURCHASE A COPY OF THE RECORDING FROM REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR \$5.00 BY CALLING 595-7523.

Attachments:

Infrastructure Subcommittee Minutes

George Zastrow (1/10/07)