



Russian River Redevelopment Oversight Committee (RRROC)
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MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 16, 2009, 6 P.M.
Monte Rio Community Center, 20488 Highway 116, Monte Rio, CA

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Ken Wikle called the meeting of the Russian River Redevelopment Oversight Committee (RRROC) to order at 6:17 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Lynn Crescione, John Uniack, Ken Wikle, Catherine Young, and Suzie Baxman. Dan Fein, Gary Getchell and Sarah Ronis were absent and Tom Lynch arrived at 6:40 p.m. Also present were Supervisor Efren Carrillo, Community Development Commission Executive Director Kathleen Kane, Redevelopment Manager Cas Ellena, Interim Redevelopment Associate Judith Miller, Senior Office Assistant Michael Brown, Community Development Manager Mark Krug, Captioner Jane James, and approximately 13 members of the public during the course of the meeting.

3. Minutes

Lynn Crescione made a motion to approve the March 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes; the motion was seconded by Suzie Baxman and the motion passed 5-0-4 (Fein, Ronis, Lynch, Getchell absent).

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Lenny Weinstein
Lloyd Guccione

5. Information Sharing

John Uniack informed the RRROC that the next meeting of Vet Connect would be the 2nd Thursday in May from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall. He stated that there were a surprising number of women coming in for the services offered. Mr. Uniack also gave an update on Sarah Ronis' condition: According to the report he received, she gave birth to a baby boy on Tuesday.

Ken Wikle reported that Monte Rio Fire Protection may be coming to a future RRROC meeting with a request for redevelopment funds for acquisition of real property for the building of a new Monte Rio Fire Station.

6. Correspondence

Cas Ellena reported that there has been no correspondence addressed to the RRROC since the last meeting.

John Uniack commented that he would like mail addressed to the RRROC forwarded to him from the CDC promptly after it is received. Ms. Kane clarified that correspondence addressed to the RRROC is promptly forwarded via e-mail upon

receipt, with hard copies placed in the monthly RRROC meeting packet; however, when the RRROC is only listed as a copy recipient on the communication, then that piece of communication is provided in the RRROC packet or at the next RRROC meeting. CDC will continue this procedure unless otherwise requested by the RRROC.

Public Comment

Lloyd Guccione

7. Monthly Reports

Cas Ellena discussed the updates that were included in the Monthly Reports.

Ms. Ellena introduced Craig Meltzner and Chaney Delaire from Burbank Housing Development Corporation, who attended the RRROC meeting to provide an update under Monthly Reports on the Guerneville Fifth and Mill affordable housing project. Mr. Meltzner gave a detailed update of the 48 unit affordable housing project. RRROC members and public attendees asked several questions about the project, which were answered by Burbank Housing staff. Catherine Young advised that the Marshall House has been identified as potentially eligible for the National and State Registries, triggering need to comply with historic preservation requirements.

Ms. Ellena discussed two new areas of the report: Monthly CDC Task Group Activity and Monthly CDC Staff Activities. Ms. Ellena advised that the names listed under the Task Groups are the individuals that were recommended by the RRROC and who have agreed to participate. She also commented that CDC staff has put out public notices calling for additional persons who may be interested in serving on the various task groups. The deadline to respond if interested is May 8th.

Ms. Ellena explained that the entries listed under CDC Staff Activities are very early preliminary requests from groups or individuals that have contacted staff. These activities are listed under Monthly Reports as an early heads-up to the RRROC. Additional information has been requested from these entities and the projects are still undergoing analysis. Kathleen Kane clarified that the new Monthly Activities section is intended to let the RRROC know what activities staff is working on as many requests never make it past the staff analysis phase to the RRROC.

Ms. Ellena informed the RRROC that CDC is beginning preparations for the 2009 RRROC Election and has tentatively set Friday, December 18 as Election Day.

Ken Wikle and Tom Lynch asked CDC to find out if foreclosed properties could be purchased with tax credit financing.

Mr. Uniack asked about the timing for the Design Guidelines and for the Santa Rosa Junior College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) items to go before the Board of Supervisors. CDC staff advised that the Design Guidelines have been forwarded to PRMD for processing. PRMD has not yet notified CDC regarding timing for Planning Commission and Board consideration of the Guidelines. CDC

staff stated that they are now working with SBDC on the agreement for services, after which that item will be submitted to Board for approval.

John Uniack asked CDC staff to make the RRROC packet materials easier to read by using different fonts and/or darker printing.

Public Comments

Lenny Weinstein
Zelda Michaels
Lloyd Guccione
Lee Torr, IV

8. Old Business

A. Vouchers for County Refuse Disposal Facility

Ms. Ellena reported that at the March 19, 2009 RRROC meeting, the RRROC requested that staff research the possibility of Redevelopment providing free refuse disposal vouchers to residents of the Redevelopment Project Area to help with the general clean-up of the area. Ms. Ellena reported that CDC staff talked with the Department of Transportation and Public Works staff who suggested they are not interested in taking on a new voucher program at this time when they are making cuts in their budgets. Also, the County does not want to discourage recycling by providing free disposal services. Ms. Ellena also provided information regarding fees at County-operated refuse disposal sites.

Following discussions on how to clean up the community, the RRROC requested staff to continue working on this issue, to inquire about the cost for an additional dump day or determine if redevelopment can use one of the Chamber's free dump days and/or look into the cost of hiring a contractor to organize this project.

Public Comment

Lloyd Guccione
Lee Torr, IV

9. New Business

Revised Draft Russian River Redevelopment Strategic Plan

Kathleen Kane stated that a red-lined copy of edits to the draft Russian River Redevelopment Strategic Plan that were requested by County Administrator's staff, is included in the RRROC packet. Ms. Kane noted that no substantive changes were made, simply a repeating of some language from the Introduction section in the Potential Projects and Initiatives section, and a re-ordering of the projects listed in the Potential Projects chart. Ms. Kane advised that the revisions were reviewed by the Strategic Plan Task Group and they were in agreement that no substantive changes were made and recommended RRROC approval.

Public Comment

Lloyd Guccione

Lynn Crescione made a motion to approve the changes; Suzie Baxman seconded the motion and the vote passed 4-2-3 (Lynch and Uniack opposed; Fein, Ronis, Getchell absent).

Public Comment

Lee Torr, IV
Lloyd Guccione

10. Agenda for Next Meeting

The following items were recommended for inclusion in the May 21, 2009 Agenda: Call to Order; Roll Call; Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2009; Public Comment; Information Sharing; Correspondence; Monthly Reports; Old Business: Vouchers for the Dump; River Park Stage (possibly) New Business: Monte Rio Fire Protection District (possibly); , Burbank Housing (possibly); Redevelopment Plan Amendment. Public Comment; Agenda for Next Meeting; Adjournment.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: Next regular meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., Guerneville Veterans' Hall, First and Church Streets, Guerneville, CA

RRROC members:

Residential Tenants: Catherine Young, Suzie Baxman, Sarah Ronis.

Residential Property Owner Occupants and Residential Property Owners: Dan Fein, Tom Lynch and John Uniack.

Business Owners/Business Property Owners: Lynn Crescione, Gary Getchell, and Ken Wikle.

Notes:

1. 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 the Sonoma County Community Redevelopment Agency for \$5.00 by calling (707) 565-7523.