

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, August 4, 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 6:03pm

Board members & staff present: Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair, Monica Gaxiola, Treasurer, Rich Gingery Jr., Secretary, Phil Howard, Jake Bates, Disc Golf Commissioner, and Executive Director Chris Rauen. Ryann Pinnegar joined online for part of the meeting. Not present: Ryan Soulsby, Vice Chair

2) Guests: Jeanne Brovelli, Magalia Community Garden;

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

3) Approval of Minutes: July meeting minutes have been submitted for review.

***Motion to approve minutes was given by Rich & seconded by Phil. Minutes approved 5-0.***

4) Treasurer's Report – Monica Gaxiola: Balance \$41,646.73 + PayPal transfer (\$869.32), total will be \$42,516.05.

5) Executive Director's Report – Chris

Meeting w/North Valley Community Foundation: Chris reported that he & board members Rich, Monica, Linda, and Ryan recently met with Alexa Benson-Valavanas, Kim DuFour and David Little at their NVCF office in Chico to discuss funding & MCP's strategic plan for long term sustainability. Meeting was prompted due to sudden changes to MCP's financial planning and request for additional funding support. Meeting was very productive and NVCF was very understanding and supportive of our situation. Kim contacted Chris last week to let us know that MCP has been approved for support "in stages," to allow time to re-review our budget & goals over the course of the coming year.

- \$10,000 will be transferred to MCP help defer rental costs;
- An invitation to apply for a similar grant opportunity early in 2026 will be made available to us at that time;
- NVCF will re-evaluate w/MCP our budget and needs in the Spring of 2026 to consider potential further funding

Monica proposed that the initial \$10,000 be put in a separate savings account at Tri Counties Bank, to be “on hold” as a reserve fund while we work to maintain our existing account balance and generate new sources of revenue to build this account. Board was supportive of this suggestion; option to deposit these funds to this type of account can be shared & approved by the board via email.

Feather River Health Foundation – Chris has been discussing grant funding w/Joleen Levy at Adventist Health; application has been submitted and we are waiting to hear from their committee on a decision.

Donations received in July:

Perrin Construction: \$1500

RCI: \$1500 (both of these are PG&E subcontractors)

Paradise Realtors Association: \$500

Conversation w/Tiffany Rowe of Department of Employment & Social Services; In looking for new programs that could provide for unmet needs on the Upper Ridge & operate from the Community Center, funding for programs is limited due to various State & Federal issues (DESS is funded by State & Federal); she did express interest in looking towards “out of the box” ideas and we would be discussing more on how to make this work. Chris will also continue networking with other departments at the County who might be able to provide programs on the Upper Ridge.

Driving Range: RCI has vacated the parcel across the street from the Community Center; it is now a gravel lot, ideal for overflow parking for events.

Jonathon w/A Helping Hand (lot & tree clearing): they will be doing additional work on the course to clean up add'l downed trees & debris around the course. Chris will also reach out to the community for those who wish to claim oak & cedar for firewood.

FRAP (Fuels Reduction Assistance Program) Matthew Wooley cut down 3 large dead cedar trees at Hole 14 affecting a home; most of the wood was quickly milled on site by a community member and removed. No costs to MCP for any of the tree & debris work.

Butte County Mobile Library – A new service offered by the County; Chris has arranged a visit by the Mobile Library to the MCP parking lot in early August, just before the start of the school year. They do not have a regular schedule at this time, they are doing event-oriented visits but looking to have a semi regular schedule that would include Magalia in the near future. No compensation to MCP for use of space at this time, just a public service/unmet need.

Crosswalk upgrade – Chris met w/Public Works Director Josh Pack in June on options to making our crosswalk between the parking lot and building safer. Explored solar powered lighted crosswalk but burden of cost would be on organization (\$30k). They recognized the crosswalk and other striping is dated & worn, and has now been repainted & striped to meet current standards.

- 6) Gala update: Committee discussed maximum seating to accommodate the most number of attendees. Linda shared that we had estimated 80 in the Community Center and 40 in Izzy's, with use of heating lamps (if needed). Tent is also a possibility depending on success of sales. Group has started clarifying list of potential sponsors & attendees and reaching out to businesses and contacts, planning committee still coming together. Rich will be reaching out to Masonic Lodge contacts. Discussion centered around the number of tickets that need to be held for sponsors, board members and their families, close friends & volunteers, disc golf committee and garden committee. Want to make sure we have enough space for general public.
- 7) Review of rental rates – Board had extensive discussion on how some of these should be adjusted due to outdated contracts and original rental pricing for private events that was set in 2020. Prices are still competitive with other local venues and there was no need to make changes to the public rates at this time. Contracts w/partners will be re-evaluated.
- 8) Board Vacancy – There is one open seat on the MCP board; members of the garden committee were encouraged to consider having one of their members possibly filling this if they would like. Jeanne Brovelli spoke at their monthly group meeting and nothing to report in terms of interest in serving in this role at this time.

#### 8) Committee Reports

Disc Golf Committee Report – Jake reported course is looking very good with all the clean-up efforts. 20 people turned out for a tournament in July; low numbers month is common for July (summer & vacations) but \$290 higher in sales than last year at this time. One membership has been sold so far.

#### Wellness Committee

- A) Community Garden Update – Jeanne shared the garden is doing very well right now and they are in the very beginnings of harvest season – corn, green beans, zucchini, tomatoes. Sunflowers look amazing! Getting more interest however the garden beds are all taken at this time. Suggestion of a sign to help bring in more volunteers, though there is a lot of promotion on social media. Disc golfers impressed! Orchard making progress. They are talking about an Open House with a scarecrow contest this fall – date would be Sunday Oct 26, 1-4pm. No conflicts with any events at MCP.
- B) MCP Youth Activities – Chris shared the first youth night of the new season will be Fri Aug 22 for the TK-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Return with the teen nights in September, so we'll be doing two youth nights per month once again.

## Events – Music on the Green

Phil reported a large crowd Saturday night, and looking forward to Roni's tribute with Special Guest on 8/16 (Chris has been in contact with both the band and Roni's family). He's also putting on a jam session Sunday afternoons for those who want to bring instruments & hang out, etc.

Idea was put out there to charge money for parking on the parking lot. Concerns were raised about managing this & public response.

Phil wants to do a split-the-pot next year and asked if we could get paperwork submitted to the State well in advance of the next series.

Board discussion of how to increase donations to MCP, whether at concerts, online or any venue. Both Rich and Chris pointed out the challenges of raising money on the Ridge.

Roni's tribute concert Sat Aug 16: MCP will hold a hot dog "bar" fundraiser, with help from POA social committee, Phil & Cole will help with the hot dogs. Most of the food items will be donated.

Fall Family Fun Fest – Sat Sept 27 (4<sup>th</sup> year) 11am to 4pm– This is a Neighbor to Neighbor event with PRPD. Izzy's has confirmed they will have an affordable children's menu for the day in addition to their regular menu to better cater to young families with children. In addition to the PRPD sponsored activities, Chris suggested a mobile climbing wall as a "draw" to bring more people to the event.

Chris will meet with PRPD staff to start the planning next week. Concerns were addressed by MCP to PRPD about expense of food at Izzy's and the need for more budget friendly snacks and meals for families with children; Izzy's is on board with having a special menu for the families for this venue.

Halloweenfest – Both MCP & the POA will do their event on the 31<sup>st</sup>. PRPD is doing their event on Sat., Oct 25. The only question for us: how available will volunteers be on a Friday afternoon for Trunk or Treat, games and crafts...and for school buses coming back up the hill, junior high students won't be home until after 4:00pm. Consensus that we should stick with Oct 31, and Rich stated we should not need to be concerned with students & parents returning home in time for a 4pm event...we should be fine.

8. New Business: Phil checked with the Masonic Lodge if they would consider helping out with Halloween.

Next meeting will be Monday, Sept 9, 2025 Meeting adjourned 7:39pm.