

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, December 1, 2025  
Magalia Community Center

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

Ryan Soulsby, Vice-Chair (Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair, is on vacation)

1) Call to Order & Board Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:12pm

Board members & staff present: Ryan Soulsby, Vice Chair, Monica Gaxiola, Treasurer, Ryann Pinnegar, Phil Howard, Jake Bates (Disc Golf Director), Lucas Warmerdam (retail) and Executive Director Chris Rauen. Not present: Rich Gingery Jr., Secretary, Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair.

2) Guests: Lauren Wemmer & Lee Stone (Community Garden)

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

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

***Motion to approve minutes was given by Monica Gaxiola & seconded by Phil Howard.  
Minutes approved 4-0.***

4) Treasurer's Report – Monica reported a bank balance of \$43,157.09 (includes “reserve” funds of \$10,000 from NVCF); Less the \$10,000 in reserves from NVCF, total is \$33,157.09 for our working budget. With Paypal from the disc golf added, total working budget is \$34,254.09.

5) Mardi Gras Gala Recap – Ryan Soulsby thanked everyone involved & commented on the amazing work that was put into the event. All of the board attended. Chris reported that the total gross brought in was \$14,000; after expenses – the event planner's fee, catering, and all supplies purchased, the total net revenue for MCP was \$6,705.31. Chris spoke with our financial counsel, Katie Simmons (Butte County Administration) about these numbers and wanted to stress that for first-time event of this magnitude, this was an impressive result. She advised that most non-profits would have been lucky to break even let alone take a loss, so that fact that we actually made a significant profit was a testament to how well this was put on by the organizers...and how positively it was received by the community and our partner organizations. Discussion that Joanne was a tremendous asset to help us get to this level of fundraising and we could not have done it without her. Monica agreed that catering costs came out much less than it could have been. Considerations for future: consensus was to aim for late September or early October next year, while monitoring other events happening in town more closely. We had also discussed previously holding a Spring event that has more of a disc golf theme, which is looking to be May/June. Much learned from auctions & raffles could also carry over to disc golf events. Add'l details covered that can carry over to future committee meetings.

86 attendees; 116 had been expected from the data we had collected & we had the seating. Difficulty confirming attendance w/some individuals & organizations, but all were glad to support & tickets were paid for. Consensus was that yes, we should hold this again next year, and if at all possible, hold it at the Community Center regardless of the numbers.

6) Executive Director's Report – Chris

Chris shared that North Valley Community Foundation has changed their application process for general funding for Camp Fire organizations. A new grant for 2026 funding opened in November, and MCP was invited to apply. Max amount is \$10,000. Chris wrote & submitted an application for this grant, which we will be hearing back on by mid December. Any funding we receive will likely be their only contribution to the general fund in '26; a second grant that will be made available in January/February, also with a max \$10,000 limit, will have a focus on serving children.

MCP Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Kids Craft Party – Fri Dec 5 at 6pm. Phil shared that this year's tree was donated by John Hawkins at the Stirling City Volunteer Fire Dept and is being prepped with lights & ornaments. Ryann P. & Chris talked about organizing the reception & party. Youth for Change reached out about participating & will be here to help with crafts.

Tree seedling planting day November 14 – Resource Conservation District (RCD) partnered with us to hold a volunteer day planting seedlings (doug fir and ponderosa pine) on the course as part of a reforestation project that we'll do in stages. Several volunteers from the community garden group came out to help. Next best time for planting will be early spring. Ryan S. was interested in planting trees in other areas of the course.

Grants, Donations & Funds Outstanding: Feather River Health Foundation (\$5000 due, not including \$500 for the Gala sponsorship) – funding approved but not yet paid out. Also CA sales tax refund approx \$3000, may take some time but is pending. We also received a charitable donation from Enterprise Rental, Inc. (approx. \$2500). One check for a Gala sponsorship, Tire Depot, was returned (\$350, Chris is working with them), and Dadco has a balance due of \$500 for the 2025 summer music series.

New potential programs & rentals: Paradise Recreation and Park District has stated recently that there is a desire for more classes and programs in Magalia. Chris attended their latest board meeting and put out the invitation to utilize Magalia Community Center for any proposed new programs & classes. Invitation was well received by board & staff & we will be discussing more during the January/February timeline. Admin at PRPD are looking for potential instructors on the Upper Ridge (life skills, music, other areas?).

Several rentals in November & December, mostly baby showers & birthday parties, around \$100-\$200 per rental.

7) Board term expirations coming up December 31<sup>st</sup> – this was shared with the entire board for information only:

Rich Gingery Jr – 3 yr term – expressed desire to continue on the board during the November MCP board meeting. Term is extended to Dec 31, 2028.

Monica Gaxiola – 3 yr term - agreed to stay on as board member and treasurer, with term extended to Dec 31, 2028.

Phil Howard – 1 yr term – has agreed to another 1 year term, expiring Dec 31, 2026.

One vacancy – Chris will post on social media that there is a vacant seat on the MCP board and any interested persons should come and attend a board meeting.

## 8) Committee Reports

Disc Golf Committee Report – Jake & Ryan S. shared that there was a lot of good feedback on their Bingo tournament; the next event will be the 12 Pars of Christmas Sat., Dec. 20. Pro shop sales in November were up 31% over this time last year, however foot traffic has been slow.

South Pines committee meeting went very well, members were enthusiastic. The 2026 calendar year of events were discussed & planned; need to get the camping/event permit submitted w/the county soon for the Shasta Series finale the last week of April (earlier than in the past); looking to get signed up for a Trilogy Tournament (retail disc manufacturer) possibly in May. MCP would purchase packs of discs for players w/ the company's branding, and all players would be required to use their discs. Carrying into the summer, hoping to bring in some professional disc golfers come to do clinics & a "Skins Match" where players would win cash for each hole that they win (\$100, preferably \$300 per hole). This would bring in spectators as well as an opportunity for sponsors. An event at this level would be professionally streamed on YouTube. Course will need to be pristine, all 40 acres prepared to show off. Timing is key to schedule the match when the pros are already heading in this direction for other tournaments. Things are still fluid w/dates, we will have something more definite in January.

Tractor needs to be winterized, good idea to get a cover / tarp for it.

Community Garden Update – Lauren Wemmer shared that they had a great scarecrow contest in October & added 4 new people to the garden volunteers. They also raised an add'l \$250. They have a few expenses left they'd like to use these funds for, including a need panels for growing grapes & other produce, compost buckets, and other items. Lauren will send Monica the financial expenditures on these items. Also have piloted a canned food giveaway at the food stand during the winter when there isn't as much fresh produce to provide to the community. Working on operational guidelines & will postpone garden meeting to January due to holidays. Lauren also introduced Lee Stone, he is new to Magalia who has moved with his partner from Oakland and is making great connections with other parents & community members.

### ***Carried over from Executive Directors Report:***

Ridge Kids Christmas – A close friend of Deb Tastet has reached out to Chris, she hosts a toy giveaway in Magalia every year and they are looking for a location to hold this year's event. The organization that Deb works with, Global Empowerment (which partners with Tsu Chi) are interested in partnering with us. Chris will be working with GEM's representative to do a site survey to ensure safety for a potentially large number of people, and will reach out to Paradise VIPS for parking and crosswalk management. We will host as a donation to the community, but will only do so if the group can do it safely. Site survey meeting is later this week. All of

the board were in full support of this partnership, and Phil added that this would help to bring Deb and her connections in Upper Magalia closer to being a part of the community center in our support of attending to needs of our youth & families.

***Maintenance Update:***

Projects have been sidelined for the time being – our two maintenance volunteers have had sudden personal or health issues come up, and are unable to work in December. We will circle back to projects in January, however one key issue that needs addressing are the main doors to the rec hall: the equipment is workable, however the hardware is dated and doors are non-functional for the type of public use they receive. Chris will get a bid and find funding for this work.

9) Youth Activities

Youth nights on hold due to the holidays; the larger family & community events have taken precedence and seen many children attend. Ryann P. agrees that we should reboot the 2 youth nights / month in January. Monica suggested theme nights for the teen groups; we'll need to recruit add'l adult volunteers to help run these. We are thinking after we restart the youth nights next year.

Ryann P. & Monica asked about the status of the min-course; Ryan S. and Lucas will work on a map for Udisc. The New North Valley grant application targeting youth programs will be out soon. Max amount is \$10,000. There was extended discussion on what MCP projects we could apply for.

10) Events/Activities

Chris proposed that we plan our events calendar for 2026 in early January. Ryann P. proposed creating a word document that we can all share to provide input (including other events happening on the Ridge so we don't conflict). Will include disc golf & garden activities.

11) New Business:

Chris shared that the new "Zone 0" regulations regarding vegetation & other home hardening requirements & restrictions is scheduled to be approved by the Board of Forestry and signed into law by the Governor by the end of December. It will have an impact on Magalia, particularly for surviving homes & neighborhoods that were not impacted by the Camp Fire. These new regulations are still being debated but please stay informed. The URCC is working on getting a professor from Chico State who can address this issue from a different perspective than the messaging we have been hearing in other forums.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2026. Meeting adjourned 8:18pm.