

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 3, 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 6:04pm

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

Guests: Jeanne Brovelli (Community Garden Committee)

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

2) Approval of Minutes: January meeting minutes have been submitted for review.

Motion to approve minutes was given by Phil & seconded by Rich. Minutes approved 6-0.

3) Treasurer's Report – Roni Turner

Balance at Tri-Counties Account: \$61,102.91. Balance has been stable month to month, with somewhat of a buffer, particularly thanks to Youth for Change, but we do need to work towards other ways of generating add'l revenue.

4) Family Center on the Upper Ridge – Chris reported that everything is status quo from their report to us at the January meeting; classes are progressing forward w/increase in number of classes, but still low number of attendees. They are still maintaining 15-18 hrs out of the 25 hours we allocated. Beth Parsons reached out and would like to have a meeting re: collaboration on our own youth activities and would like to schedule a meeting with Chris & Ryann very soon.

5) Executive Director's Report – Chris

PRPD Neighbor to Neighbor Grant Submissions – Many ideas taking advantage of this funding opportunity came up at our January board meeting. We were able to submit some applications for this quarter but not all:

Proposed collaboration w/PRPD on an Easter Carnival at MCP; PRPD would rent the facility and we would provide a few volunteers w/Youth for Change possibly participating as well.

Summer Movie Nights Under the Stars – proposal for PRPD to bring their outdoor projector & screen for a summer family movie series in June, July and August – one Friday night each month.

Phil & Rich submitted an application for Music on the Green for \$7500 in reimbursable expenses.

We were not able to meet the deadline for either life skills activities for youth or a disc golf volunteer cleanup day/event, but will revisit for the following quarter. Phil would also like to submit an application for a Fun Run, provided Aaron Singer would be available to potentially collaborate and help put it on.

6) North Valley / Aaron Rodgers Grant for Youth Programs

Roni proposed that the disc golf committee could apply for the North Valley grant (funding range about \$5000 to \$25,000) for disc golf lessons for kids. Could be a one time class or three 1 hr classes, etc. Could be almost like a day camp i.e. 3 or 5 days. Grant also supports payroll so temporary employees would be covered. Jake also expressed interest in exploring this as a program & the regular players/volunteers would be able to help run the program. Rich added that whoever works with the children will need to be livescanned and that they should know in advance. Nic Weber was suggested as a potential volunteer to help teach. Deadline is March 1, program needs to be outlined in the grant & is an modestly easy form to complete. Only difficulty might be Jake's time & availability to commit time during the spring & summer months when maintenance needs are highest.

7) Meeting with Paradise Stronger – Roni and Chris met with Aaron Singer and the program director for the Equilibrium, Kendall. Goal was to increase use of the Community Center by outside organizations to help provide more youth programs, particularly those that are already funded by the new PUSD grant. Aaron & Kendall are offering guidance & can provide one program day in March, they don't have the bandwidth at this time for a full collaboration with MCP. From Ryann: could Paradise Stronger offer kids dance classes here?

They would like us to look towards hiring a youth program director, either at 5 hours or 10 hours a week, who could spearhead a Magalia-based program similar to Paradise Stronger. Roni confirmed that something like this could come from a N2N grant from PRPD and that a part-time employee would work in our budget at this time (fewer insurance costs, etc). Ryann agreed that a program director would be helpful, but would like to give Youth for Change more time to get their own program up and running before we start something, even tho it would be separate from First 5. Agree to table the idea of a director for now, but will keep this on the radar.

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

9) Committee Reports

Disc Golf Committee Report – Jake reported on the success of the tag round opener in January w/19-21 players, generated \$1000 in sales that weekend, the following weekend was \$800 in sales. Month of December was \$2963 in sales. Next event is Feb 22, hopeful for good weather.

Lynn Bakke at BCOE (through a program called SELPA) would like to set up collaboration with MCP where high school kids could work on projects on the course or around the buildings, helping Jake with tasks, etc. These tasks would be more exciting for the kids than their present jobs they are assigned to. MCP could put in for a set of rakes and gloves (they don't have these supplies). They are also available to help with community events with enough advance notice – Halloween, etc. Chris will call.

Discussion w/Jake on offering disc golf volunteers 6 month & year-round passes, giving them free rounds in recognition of their work & efforts. Will lose some income initially due to these volunteers being frequent players but would be made up for in those same people bringing new & more frequent players to the course & purchasing from the pro shop. Should be evaluated over the course of the next year.

From Linda – Joy Lynn's is re-upping their sponsorship; C&C sign placement clarified. Linda spoke to new manager of Les Schwab as potential sponsor, she will follow up. Rich reported Pizza Factory has come in where prior pizza location vacated & she will work on sponsorship from them soon.

Maintenance – Chris reported 4ft deep sinkhole opened on 18th fairway, has now been backfilled w/rock and dirt and compacted. Large stormdrain at hole 18 was covered with silt – this was also cleared to improve drainage on the fairway.

Wellness Committee

- A) Community Garden Update – Jeanne shared that they are making progress with the compost bins; aeration system is almost complete. Lauren requested & received tons of seed donations for planting in the community beds. Orchard plans are moving forward in a small area across from the garden, trees provided by Janel at Regenerating Paradise. Garden committee needing \$2000 for fencing around the trees. Looking to get donations / fundraising ideas. Potential for a yard sale fundraiser in the summer.

Linda shared that her friend and a retired teacher who are master gardeners are interested in plots in the garden – there are two spots left. Linda & Rich have offered to pay for a plot to ensure the spots are full; also the master gardeners are connected with 4-H and would involve their participation – Jeanne will take to her committee and circle back.

B) Youth Program Update – Dawn Elise (local artist) will hold a monthly paint activity for kids & parents through the coming year. Two youth nights planned, including one on Friday & teen night on the 13th. Family Center classes continuing w/ Youth for Change.

C) Events – Music on the Green

Phil reported grant application submitted for summer music nights w/PRPD Neighbor to Neighbor program, and also hopeful that last year's sponsors will also be on board again. Calls from 3 bands already interested in booking dates for the summer, including one new band. Two spots filled already for summer. Chris will submit grant application to Rotary this week.

Also interested in pitching “Fun Run” idea to Aaron at Paradise Stronger as a 2025 fundraiser.

8. New Business:

Chris reported that Magalia residents & families are organizing a brainstorming session to provide feedback to our PRPD rep John Stonebraker, on what amenities residents would like to see on the Upper Ridge for recreation, both at Lakeridge Park and potential other sites. Will be held Saturday at the Community Center.

Rich strongly recommended that feedback also be solicited from children & families in Stirling City, who are most likely to use parks and amenities in Magalia.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 3, 2025
Meeting adjourned 7:48pm. Minutes to be transcribed by Chris from audio recording & submitted to the board for approval