

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 2, 2025
Magalia Community Center

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

Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair

SPECIAL NOTE: Prior to the regular monthly meeting, the Board met in closed session with MCP Advisory Counsel members, and Beth Parsons, CEO of Youth for Change. Their organization has elected to move to another facility in Magalia and is therefore giving their 30-day notice of intent to terminate their agreement with Magalia Community Park.

- 1) Call to Order & Board Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:47pm

Board members present: Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair, Ryan Soulsby, Vice Chair, Monica Gaxiola, Treasurer, Rich Gingery Jr., Secretary, Phil Howard, Ryann Pinnegar. Jake Bates, Disc Golf Commissioner, and Executive Director Chris Rauen.

- 2) Guests: Lauren Wemmer, Community Garden Committee, Lucas Warmerdam, Disc Golf Committee

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

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

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

- 4) Treasurer's Report – Monica Gaxiola: Balance \$64,821.39 in Tri-Counties account; \$46,821.39 after rent is paid (rent is \$18,000 annually, due June 1)

FOLLOWING UP FROM CLOSED SESSION: Chris stated that he received a 30-day notice via email on May 30 from Youth for Change of their intent to terminate their agreement with Magalia Community Park. This will greatly affect operating revenue for MCP. He and Monica spent several hours running new budget numbers looking at different financial scenarios for the future operations of MCP. Will need to double down on donations and tighten the budget. Chris has proposed an emergency financial meeting. ***Board discussed & decided Friday, June 13 at 1pm would work best.***

There was extended discussion of MCP's current financial status, referencing the greatest revenue generators & largest annual expenses. Ideas for new fundraising activities were put forward for both the disc golf course and community center. Discussion of perceptions and messaging around all program areas.

5) Executive Director's Report – Chris

Chris shared that the Healthy Communities Collaborative, with funds provided by North Valley Community Foundation, is offering a mini grant (between \$5000 - \$10,000); one of the areas that fits the MCP mission is promotion of outdoor exercise, health and wellness. Ryan Soulsby has applied on behalf of the disc golf course, for the purpose of installing a “short course” for younger players, and adults with physical limitations who may find the current course layout too challenging. He shared a draft of the application with the board to very positive responses. Final version will be completed soon; must be submitted by June 19.

Downed trees, logs and brush piles – Jonathon with “A Helping Hand” has done major chipping and hauling of timber off the bottom of Hole 8 (it is now a new basket position) and the area around Hole 18. Goal is to have as much leftover wood from the Camp Fire removed this year so that we are starting each season with a clean slate, and further work is minimized to maintenance & as needed work only. This work was done partly in trade for oak, which Jonathon sells as firewood for the community.

Fall Gala November 8 – Linda, Monica and Chris have been meeting w/Joanne Hall (events planner) to do a Mardi Gras themed fundraiser / dinner. Tickets will be \$50-\$75, looking at what to charge. Rich made the point that the messaging to prospective attendees that when paying for a ticket, it is a *donation.*

Once we have more details, we will form a Gala committee.

Discussion among the board about website analytics & use of social media (Facebook) and benefits of their use for our respective programs.

Chris also reported that he is now in contact with the CCC Corps in Chico about setting up a volunteer day to do weed abatement on the course in areas that we cannot mow.

- 6) Board member vacancy – MCP has one open position. It had been discussed by the board that a member of the community garden could step into this type of role if they desired.

7) Committee Reports

Disc Golf Committee Report – Jake shared condition of the course negated the ability to hold our own tournament or other major activities, continued mower issues. We do have a loaner & possible 2nd mower in the works if needed. Chris reported with an update that Cub Cadet has a blown transmission and may be too expensive to repair. Ryan Soulsby discussed other larger, more appropriate equipment & tractors are now needed for a top tier program in keeping the course maintained properly. Possibility of reaching out to Rental Guys & working out an arrangement for proper equipment and he will follow up.

Lucas asked about the status of his contract for the weekends he is working in the pro shop, which started in May.

Disc golf financial report: Jake reported \$3307 for the month of May, *not* including the Shasta Series. Exact number for Shasta Series was not available but estimated at \$2000 so May total was over \$5000.

From Linda – Les Schwab sign is finished, Pizza Factory is coming.

Linda asked if Ryan Soulsby had put a sign up in the pro shop about prospective business sponsors.

Wellness Committee

- A) Community Garden Update – Lauren reported that the orchard fence is up & trees getting planted. Applying for a grant for \$6500, grant is very competitive. Would like to have a larger greenhouse. Big harvest of fava beans & peas. Butte County Local Food Network did a promotional on the garden in May. Promoting garden through Facebook, Homestead Fair, Seed Swap.
- B) MCP Youth Activities – Ryann reported 23 kids (and some parents too) attended our End of School Year Party (Movie & Game Night) in May. All of our chaperones are now background-checked & have enough volunteers to hold two youth nights a month – at least. Crafts now being offered too utilizing supplies from the life skills program. Teen numbers were dropping off earlier in the year, possibly due to the requirement of sign-ups; Rich pointed out that there are many teen opportunities that we are now competing with on the Ridge. Messaging to the public should be that all our chaperones are livescanned. Also: PUSD dominant numbers are TK-6th grade, the numbers are much lower in the upper grades, so we are serving the right demographic focusing on the 6th grade and under age group. Re-evaluating the teen nights.
- C) Events – Music on the Green

Phil reported that the first concert is coming up with Soul Posse on June 14. Idea is to provide something for the community to do, and promote the Community Center & raise awareness. We are making a stronger effort to have a donation table at each of the events. “A Helping Hand” has agreed to contribute \$250 towards a sponsorship of the concerts. We are still short by a few hundred dollars and hoping for another sponsor so that the program is fully funded. Rich has some ideas and we will pursue. Ryann P. suggested holding a bake sale, lemonade stand, etc. but need to speak to Izzy’s on any food & beverage suggestions.

Halloweenfest – Halloween falls on a Friday night this year. POA will do their event on the 31st and we suspect other groups will hold their events on the same day. Talked about whether we need to change up the routine for the event or add

something...board feels we have a strong event as is, no changes needed...it is not broken. Possibly adding games or quality of games.

Note on Nov 8 Gala – Rich strongly recommended that from past experience, even if the Gala sells out, not everyone will show up and there may be a lot of extra food. Have a plan to donate the extra food to a needy group on the Ridge. Also brought up the point that \$75 is still a reasonable price for what we will be offering + considering the limited space.

8. New Business:

Ryan S. asked about our website and would like to see more user-controlled interface on the disc golf page so that it can be updated & edited on a regular basis. We will bring this up on the next agenda. He also suggested board & volunteer group chats using an app like “What’s App” instead of standard text messaging groups.

Chris shared that he would like to submit a request for another 12 month buffer from NVCF and would connect with Jovanni Tricerri, Kim DuFour and others to bring our partners together to brainstorm new program ideas.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 7, 2025 Meeting adjourned 8:48pm.

Minutes transcribed from audio recording and respectfully submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Directors on 7/3/25.