

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 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 6:07pm

Board members & staff present: Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair, Ryan Soulsby, Vice Chair, Rich Gingery Jr, Secretary (joined at 6:30pm), Ryann Pinnegar, Phil Howard, Jake Bates (Disc Golf Director), and Executive Director Chris Rauen. Treasurer Monica Gaxiola joining via Zoom.

2) Guests: None

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

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

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

4) Treasurer's Report – Monica reported a bank balance of \$42,000.76 (includes “reserve” funds of \$10,000 from NVCF); Less the \$10,000 in reserves from NVCF, total is \$32,000.76 for our working budget. Jake added that he also has cash from October disc golf revenue not yet deposited.

Monica has requested an Executive Committee meeting to go over the budget. Chris will send an email to the board to determine the best date & time for this meeting to take place.

5) Executive Director's Report – Chris

Chris reported that based on attendee feedback, the Halloweenfest / Trunk or Treat was a success on Friday. More “trunks” than last year & all participants who gave out candy had a great time & want to come back next year. Difficult to estimate numbers of kids & families; a lot of candy was given out but we did not run out this year; there was discussion around the large number of events happening on the Ridge the same day, but attendance was still very strong. Games were weaker due to lower number of volunteers to run the carnival area but still attracted attention. Craft station was well covered. Also talked about collaboration w/POA next year to have their volunteers & cars come to our facility for one “large” event for the Upper Ridge – this is in early talks w/POA staff & board members.

Grants & Donations: Feather River Health Foundation (\$5000 due) – funding approved but not yet paid out. Also sales tax refund approx \$3000, may take some time but is pending.

New potential programs & rentals: Community Action Agency of Butte County. Hilary Crosby reached out to Chris to bring some services for unmet needs in Magalia. They work with clients to help schedule medical appointments, transportation, housing resources, etc. and also have a division that works with individuals in financial distress that could lead to homelessness. They are interested in utilizing the office space 4 to 8 hrs. a month to start with. Update: their money is tied up in federal funding that is being delayed due to gov't issues, so we will circle back in December.

Receiving several calls on fall rentals, mostly baby showers & birthday parties, around \$100-\$200 per rental.

Maintenance – Chris is in contact with a former colleague who is a contractor and is offering to fix up the benches & bulletin board in the main courtyard area before the gala on the 8th. Ryan asked if this person could also modify the South Pines sign to allow for a bulletin board and a roof.

6) Gala update:

Event is SOLD OUT! We are expecting 116-118 (max) attendees for dinner, North Valley released their 8 tickets (their reps are unable to attend) which we are selling to a short wait list. Chris is putting together a photo gallery on the bulletin boards. Would like to have the pro shop open during part of the event however Jake cannot attend; Ryan will be here. Went over further details of timeline of program, music, layout of tables & where partners & businesses will be seated, auction items + drinks + food will be at Izzy's & answering questions. Committee meeting Tuesday & prep on Friday. Ryan will be donating hand-crafted items to the raffle including a clock made from re-claimed wood from the Camp Fire.

Carried over from Executive Directors report

Pine Ridge Elementary School and Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) are working on their emergency reunification plan. In the event of school lockdowns, students and faculty will need to take refuge elsewhere, and have determined that Magalia Community Park is the most appropriate & closest facility to move to. The Community Center building, parking lot and overflow parking across the street would be utilized. A site visit has been conducted and the process is moving forward. There will be a "test run" early next year.

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

Rich Gingery Jr – 3 yr term

Monica Gaxiola – 3 yr term

Phil Howard – 1 yr term

One vacancy – 2 yr term (3 if likely to be an officer role)

After some discussion, Linda suggested that for the open position, which has been vacant for 6 months, we should go ahead and share publically that a board position is available at MCP and that anyone interested is welcome to attend our board meetings to learn more. Regarding the length of the term for the new potential board member, Rich recommended a 3-year commitment should be emphasized first – that conversation can be had with the individual when they attend.

Carried over from Treasurer's Report:

Monica requested to set a time & date for an executive committee meeting to go over the budget. Board members discussed potentially Fri Nov 14 or Fri Nov 21; Monica and/or Chris will follow up with an email.

- 8) Committee Reports

Disc Golf Committee Report – Ryan reported that South Pines will hold its monthly tournament on Nov 22, will be a “Bingo” style event; also setting up a player committee meeting to plan the 2026 calendar which will include the Shasta Series in May and potentially a new C Tier tournament in June. Will be promoting the gift certificates & memberships starting Friday & throughout December. Jake & Chris discussed with the board the event permit required by Butte County to allow Shasta Series participants to camp out onsite when we host their weekend finale tournament in May and any concerns or questions that might arise in the permitting process. Ryan will work on a draft for the questions on the application. MCP / South Pines, as hosts, wants to do as much as we can for the tournament players. Ryan is also drafting a flyer to promote sponsorship on the course.

Community Garden Update – Garden committee reps were not present for this meeting. Phil is exploring a merger between the Community Garden and Magalia Beautification as a way to expand volunteer base in both groups

MCP Youth Activities – Chris is filling in for Ryann Pinneger temporarily in keeping the youth nights going twice a month; 20 Junior High & High School students came to our youth night in September. Very successful & appreciated the activities. Maria, Cara, Tina and Austin have all been helping – Ryann we look forward to having you back soon!

9) Youth Activities

With holiday events & so much going on, it has been difficult to schedule youth nights on top of everything else. Chris & Maria held one teen night in mid-October with a small group; the monthly family paint nights w/Dawn are drawing up to 40 kids & families and those will continue through the fall & winter months. Ryann Pinnegar brought up that we need to find a way to reach out to the home school students to promote our events.

10) Events/Activities

Date TBA: Chris has connected w/Butte County Resource Conservation District to organize a tree seedling planting day in November or early December. Location will be on the course starting from the parking lot and running parallel to Andover Drive to replace the trees lost in the fire. Pine seedlings provided by Cal Fire nursery in Davis, with Doug fir & cedar donated by SPI nursery. This is best time of year for trees to get established. Ryann Pinnegar suggested her husband Darren would like to be involved in future tree planting activities.

Christmas Tree Lighting & Kids Craft Party – Friday December 5 – Chris has reached out to the Stirling City Volunteer Fire Fighters (John Hawkins) – they will be donating a tree again for 2025. Phil, Jake & Ryan Soulsby suggested that for future, MCP plant a young established fir tree and as it grows, in time it would be our “official” Christmas tree. Crafts: Ryann will connect w/Cara on the crafts; Chris is networking with parent volunteers for preparing & serving hot chocolate & cider.

11) New Business:

Phil raised a concern that as the Camp Fire funds are winding down, North Valley Community Foundation staff whom we’ve built relationships with may have left or are leaving as well. Chris clarified that several staff who managed the Butte Strong Fund & Aaron Rodgers Fund did leave North Valley, but the main board / committee members we met with this summer – Alexa, David Little, and Kim DuFour, are still there and will remain for the foreseeable future.

Linda shared that she was at a jury duty summons all day, but was very grateful to be able to postpone due to a pre-planned vacation to Hawaii (yay!). She will return from her trip Dec 5, so Ryan Soulsby will need to chair the next MCP meeting on Dec 1.

Next meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2025 Meeting adjourned 7:26pm.