

Magalia Community Park Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 8, 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 6:01pm

Board members & staff present: Linda Horton-Lyons, Chair, Monica Gaxiola, Treasurer, Rich Gingery Jr., Secretary, Ryan Soulsby, Vice Chair, Phil Howard, and Executive Director Chris Rauen. Ryann Pinnegar & Lucas Warmerdam joining via Zoom.

2) Guests: Carol Beal, Gala Committee

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

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

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

4) Treasurer's Report – Monica reported \$49,366.26 (includes “reserve” funds of \$10,000 from NVCF); pending Paypal deposit of \$252.95. Less the \$10,000, the total we have is \$39,619.20 for our working budget. Also pending \$500 check from Dadco from music sponsorship.

5) Executive Director's Report – Chris

Chris shared that Ryan Soulsby set up a Facebook birthday fundraiser, which brought in the \$252.95 noted above + \$200 cash (thanks Ryan!).

Feather River Health Foundation – MCP has been approved for \$5000 from the foundation for general support & children and community events (anything health and wellness related). Adventist Health also looking to do some health and wellness related classes and programs in different communities and would strongly consider holding some programs at the community center.

DPF Funding – Board of Supervisors is allotted a certain amount each year from the county to offer in the form of small grants to non-profits in their district. Chris applied through Sup. Doug Teeter's office and MCP was approved for \$1200.

Receiving several calls on fall rentals, mostly baby showers & birthday parties. Looking at creative ways to do more promotion around this.

RCI has vacated the 2.5 acre gravel lot across the street. Per the lease, if we use this we maintain it. Rich noted that RCI left it in very good condition for us, clearing the debris & grading the parcel which is hugely helpful to us.

- 6) Gala update: Linda went over an extensive list of business sponsors that she has personally solicited and received checks for and passed on information to Joanne. There are some businesses she is following up on. Rich & his business partner are discussing purchasing a Master of Ceremonies table (top sponsor) & there was discussion of seating, tables & numbers of seats at each tables. Discussion of having an MCP Board table, but better option will be for each board member to sit with their own families & guests. Board members *should* definitely be introduced & speak during the program. Ryan has not heard too much from the disc golf player committee on attendance at the Gala. Chris noted that several people he is talking to want to sponsor but do not need all the tickets in the package – those tickets can be sold to general public. Carol Beal shared that she's been contacting several businesses for raffle donations & potential attendees. Trish Witten (committee member) and her husband are making calls.

Chris shared that his role has been to focus on networking with all of MCP's partners, donors, collaborators and supporting organizations, particularly through the Camp Fire Collaborative and the Butte Resiliency Collaborative – lots of positive feedback, including Butte County representation (not a sponsorship), many strongly pending including both fire safe councils and Adventist Health, Regenerating Paradise, CFC. POA offering to send an email blast to all their members & sponsor a table for their board. Printed tickets are on their way. MBA also interested and will discuss. Looking to have a max crowd of 85 to 120; can also look at setting tables up on patio and a tent if needed.

- 7) Board Vacancy – There is one open seat on the MCP board; tabled to next meeting.
- 8) Committee Reports

Disc Golf Committee Report – Ryan Soulsby gave the financial & program update, and monthly revenue was shared with the board. Sales for August close to \$2700, with increase of participation over Labor Day weekend. Monthly tournament scheduled for Sept 20, and a Youth Day in partnership with PRPD Sept 13. Communication & clarity w/ PRPD staff has been challenging...very little info from them. Ryan will be organizing this with the player committee & hope to have it more organized soon – there are 12 signups so far.

Membership cards – discounts were not interesting enough to the players. Player committee has come up with new numbers that will cost considerably less to the players and will be relaunched at a significantly lower price.

Looking at different avenues of sponsorships besides just the \$300/annual. “CTP” prize, community events similar to the Gala, looking to do a larger tournament next year & additional smaller tournaments. Also proposed talking to artificial turf company for an official practice green & potential sponsorship from the company that supplies the turf.

Ryan & Chris connected with the owner of a 1957 tractor w/mower deck for donation to MCP; it can be equipped with other attachments (Phil added that he has some that would work with it).

Chris & Monica held a disc golf financial meeting with Ryan & Jake in August. Chris shared with the board that our financial counsel advised we will need \$3500-\$3800/mo to break even (not counting sponsorships). We also came up with 160 players a month needed to get to these numbers. Ryan stated he felt we are getting there & on the way to meeting the goals of getting both the new people out of area to play and our own Ridge local players.

Lucas shared the importance of keeping the pro shop open on weekends for players, and that weighing the cost of paying someone to be there to do this, he has sold enough in merchandise each weekend he has been there to cover his salary.

Linda suggested to start promoting holiday certificates & gifts. Chris is working to try and reach Associated Students at Chico State about distributing flyers on campus – kiosks, etc.

Wellness Committee

- A) Community Garden Update – Committee not available to attend tonight’s meeting, but wanted to share they are doing a Scarecrow Contest Oct 26.
- B) MCP Youth Activities – Chris is filling in for Ryann Pinneger temporarily (with help from volunteer Maria Badilla and several other parents) in keeping the youth nights going twice a month; first one was held as a “Back to School Party” for grades TK-6 in late August (25 kids attended + several parents, and livescanned chaperones). Focus will be on a movie & game night for the younger kids, and one teen night (ages 12 and up) each month. Ryan Soulsby mentioned he’d like to get the kids at these events involved in the disc golf activities (i.e. glow rounds) as well as other events like the summer concerts.

Kids Free Disc Golf Day Sat Sept 13, 9am-12pm – Possibly offering free rounds to adult disc golf players to help with the kids that morning. Suggestion was made this should be more of a regular offering for the kids & new players that South Pines/MCP should offer on its own (lessons being offered). Ryan said he’s very interested in offering clinics, there is community interest.

Fall Family Fun Fest – Sat Sept 27 (4th year) 11am to 3pm– This is a Neighbor to Neighbor event with PRPD.

Halloweenfest – will be on Halloween Day at MCP, Friday Oct 31 from 4pm to 7pm. Trunk or Treat on the parking lot (we still need more cars to sign up), games on the lawn and Halloween-oriented crafts in the center.

Gala will be one week later, Sat Nov 8, and the Christmas Tree Lighting & Party exactly one month after that. It is a busy season for us!

8. New Business: Phil reached out to Strung Nugget Band (due to being booked this past summer) and booked them for June 26 next summer. He is also holding jam sessions on Saturday afternoons with anyone interested in bringing their own instruments.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2025 Meeting adjourned 7:25pm.