2/23/09 – Minutes

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Community Development Council
Monday, February 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCDC conference room
(all votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated)
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The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Vice President Sandy Chaille. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Joanne Freemire, Maryann McGovran, Richard McQuone, Mary Proper, Cathey Thornburg, and President Dan Rosenberg. Absent were Board members Steve Cook, Kirsten Englund and Stuart Pincus. Also present was recorder Volney Dunavan. Richard and Jean Hancock, Paul and Marcia Abram and Donna Hardy were present as was our Supervisor for District 5, Tom Wheeler.

President Dan Rosenberg spoke of the roadways in the CDC and that it was appropriate that the first road developed on site be named for someone who has unselfishly done much for the CDC, the residents along Douglas Ranger Station Road, and North Fork in general. He and Supervisor Tom Wheeler honored the Hancocks by naming the road that comes into the new fire station and Crossroads “Hancock Lane”. Supervisor Wheeler had a proclamation from the County Supervisors.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary Freemire read the public comment guidelines.

- Supervisor Wheeler has talked with Resource Management Agency head Ray Beach who wants to put enough property in the set-aside that we could separate out some and sell it for funding for CDC operation. He also will start having Town Hall meetings every quarter. The first one here will be March 23.
- Paul Abram reported that 18 out of a class of 26 at Minarets High School, participated in the Mock Trial. They beat Yosemite High School which has won every year for the past 18 years. Paul will be donating half of the sales of his art to them (from his present showing in Oakhurst) and hopes the CDC will also make a donation. It costs $300 a student to go to the next competition, stay there and return home.

Sandy read Jill Mross' Grant Administrator's report which had been emailed to her.

Maryann corrected the January minutes to remove the reference to the temporary Tribal TANF building. The minutes were approved with the correction.

Mary presented the Treasurer's report.

- We will be receiving $270 from Ponderosa Telephone as their subcontractor was the one who broke the pipe.
- PG&E had not credited our account with three $850 payments. They sent us a refund check.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hydroseeding for erosion control. It is too soon after the rains to make a decision.
2. Dip Tank Remediation Project: There is a lot of pooling. Jill was tasked to talk to the County about possibly amending the RAW (Remedial Action

Workplan): how long would this take, would there be additional fees, etc. This could delay the process several months. A decision can be made at the next meeting once we have the information. Would it have to be remediated the same way for a park or amphitheater? The RAW covers dioxin only, not PCB's. There is no petroleum contamination on this site.

3. Website: It was moved that President Dan spend no more than $100 to set up our new website and have at least two people trained to be able to put our information on it.
4. Annual Membership Letter: Sandy reviewed letter progress. She will pick up the salient points from last year's letter and create it tomorrow.
5. Annual Meeting: There was lengthy discussion
6. Gallery Committee: There was much discussion as to the role of the CDC, the Arts Council, and Paul and Marcia. The CDC was not willing to become involved in the finances of the project. Paul did offer to donate a lot of work and the legal elements if the gallery were to continue with the CDC at the helm. The CDC elected to wait and see if a proposal was made to the board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MOU between the County, the Tribe and the CDC: Details about the MOU are still being negotiated. In the interest of keeping things moving, the CDC met with the County in a very productive meeting. There will probably be a reversion clause if something doesn't happen in a reasonable time. It also was an opportunity for us to express our concerns such as about the design standards.
2. Planning Committee: As Supervisor Wheeler mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, there could be four parcels carved out with one given back to the CDC to sell. There was discussion about the infrastructure. The Planning Committee will be started again to go through the options and come to a

board meeting with recommendations. Dan will discuss the options with Rebecca Lane who is on the County Planning Committee. Another thing that Dan and Rich talked about was a roundabout which would facilitate the road intersection and add a degree of charm. Another identical one could be at the front entrance. As a reminder, we are not building the fire station; we are donating the land. Dan will send out a notice for the Planning Committee. Anyone who wants to be on it is welcome.

3. Damage to Plumbing Line: Mary spoke of this during the Treasurer's Report.
4. Quad/Knopf Report: We hired them to write a plan that told us where we are and how we can get to a subdivision. We do have some information from them in the form of 900 pages of Madera County Board actions that are pertinent to the CDC. Unfortunately, we had expected more. This was disappointing.
5. Safety fencing for the Kiln area: Richard will walk the area; if it will not cost more than $400 to get the amount we need, Dan can approve it. The Board moved to have Dan approve it if the material to fence off the rubble piles does not exceed $1,000. The Board felt this was a safety necessity.
6. Trash Disposal: Mary will get information on this. It really is needed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Volney Dunavan, Recorder