North Fork Community Development Council

Minutes of Board Meeting – April 27, 2015

5:30 p.m. at the North Fork CDC Conference Room at the Mill Site

1. Call to Order: The CDC Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice President Sandy Chaille. Present were: Claudia Vandenbergh, Diann Miller, Chris Salazar, Sandy Chaille, Tom Burdette, Barbara Colliander, Ryan Schulte, Jean Russell. A quorum was present. Guests: Connie Popelish, Mary Proper and Bob Costa.

2. Additions to the Agenda: Grease shed and proposal from Hansel Kern. Art Gallery proposal. Both under new business.

3. Approval of the Agenda: **Tom Burdette moved, Diann Miller seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

4. Public Comment: Connie Popelish announced that the Putney Ranch has been sold to another group for a children's camp. It will have horses and a horseback riding program for the community. Bob Costa presented an idea for the amphitheater. Goal of a program to attract visitors to North Fork, e.g., pageant, water activities, apple festival, log carving. He is forming a central planning committee and is asking for a piece of land be held for the purpose of an amphitheater; he requests the CDC not sell the land within a triangle for one year. He was advised that we cannot act on this this evening.

5. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2015 Regular Board Meeting: **Tom Burdette moved, Claudia Vandenburgh seconded, to approve the minutes as posted on the website. Motion carried.**

6. Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented and Mary Proper was available to answer questions. **Diann Miller moved, Jean Russell seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.** Tom Burdette reported that the largest office in the building was rented out today. Lease is signed.

7. Corresponding Secretary/Membership Report: Roz Thrapp has sent thank you notes to all new members and donors.

8. Discussion and Action Items
    a. Old Business
        i. Caretaker responsibilities—update: Donny is doing weed-whacking.
        ii. Bio-energy project/grant/contest: Board of Supervisors approved a partial exemption for the county fees. A second community meeting will be held on April 29 at 5:30 p.m.
        iii. EDA grant/planning committee report/contract awarded: John Reed was selected for the contract; he/we are still waiting for the contract. Tom Burdette reviewed the adjustments that were made in the parcel map that John Reed presented to the Supervisors.
        iv. Old Mill Trail—update/signs: Progress is being made with the signs.
        v. Facilities maintenance: Cleanup of Keith's area continues.
        vi. Property Owner's Association: No news.
        vii. New payment schedule to Madera County for BRLF: No news.

viii. Allright Recycling—update: This is in progress. Keith will have his "stuff" cleaned out of non-leased areas by June 1st.

ix. Propane bill—update: No news.

x. Dollar General Store—update: We need to update our overall plan, so that we are prepared for future prospective purchasers. Dollar General is still in the running.

xi. BRLF-designation of funds to savings: No action.

xii. Committee Reports:

1. Real Estate—including offices for rent: Reported above.
2. Planning—see above
3. History Group/CDC: They are continuing to clean up.

b. New Business

i. Approval of 2015 CDC budget: This is not ready yet. We are waiting for Dan's new financing plan for payback of the Brownfields loan.

ii. Authorize cost of repairing water tank fill system: The estimate of repairing the automatic refill mechanism is $515. **Jean Russell moved, Claudia Vandenbergh seconded to repair the refill mechanism and pay for it out of the property owners' account. Motion carried.**

iii. Purchase of water by an individual: Tom Burdette would like to buy 2 truckloads of water from the CDC. He suggested that we sell water at $10 per 1000 gallons. This may be a viable option for selling non-potable water to others. We are not sure if we need to pay sales tax on the sale. It was suggested that we speak with our CPA firm. Sandy Chaille will follow up.

iv. Loan to NF Community Power for $10,000: Dan Rosenberg requested that we "loan" the NF Community Power to pay the fee for the bio-mass energy plan. This is a new market tax credit, so we may not get the money back. However, if awarded, we would gain $1.2 million. **Jean moved, Tom seconded to loan the NF Community Power $10,000 to pay the fees. Motion carried.**

v. Change of next board meeting? The next meeting is May 25th, Memorial Day. It was suggested that we have the planning meeting on May 18 at 5:30 p.m., followed by the CDC meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tom Burdette will check with John Reed. Women's Club will be notified.

vi. Election of board officers: Tom moved, Jean seconded that the same officers be elected for another years. Motion carried. CDC officers for 2015 are: Dan Rosenberg, President; Sandy Chaille, Vice President; Treasurer, Jean Russell; Secretary, Barbara Colliander.

vii. Grease shed and Hansel Kern: Tom Burdette volunteered to be the liaison with Hansel Kern, to indicate which things can be taken. **Diann Miller moved, Claudia Vandenbergh seconded, to allow Hansel Kern to take things that can be taken away, per Tom Burdette's monitoring. Motion carried.**

viii. Art Gallery request: The artists that are left in the Art Gallery group would like to have a self-serve gallery this year; there will be no regular hours. There was a suggestion that if others would like to exhibit, they be welcomed. **Tom Burdette moved, Diann Miller seconded, to allow the Art Gallery group to continue this year, by appointment only or according to times that the office is open. Motion carried.**

ix. Tom Burdette announced water use regulations for using water from Willow creek. We can not take water, except for specified reasons (e.g., fire suppression).

9. Organizational Reports (if time): May 19 is scholarship awards. Earth Day was a great success. NFVFD Auxiliary BBQ went well. Clean up day was postponed, until Memorial Day weekend. May 9th is the Chamber's shredding event, for scholarships.
10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Reminder: The next CDC meeting will be on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the North Fork CDC Conference Room at the Mill Site. This will follow the planning committee meeting, which is at 5:30 p.m.