

North Fork Community Development Council
Agenda of Board Meeting – January 28, 2013
5:30 p.m. at the North Fork CDC Conference Room at the Mill Site

1. Call to Order - The January 28 meeting of the North Fork CDC was called to order by the President, Dan Rosenberg at 5:33 p.m. Present were members: Scott Marsh, Roz Thrapp, Dan Rosenberg, Sandy Chaille, Tom Burdette, Barbara Colliander, Julie Konno. Guests: Gina Clugston, Don Grove, Sharon Grove, Chuck Thrapp. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - The group said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Additions to the Agenda: #6 Soil for the TANF construction #7; Request from the Womens' Club; #8 Informational items from the School District.
4. Approval of the Agenda: Scott Marsh moved, Julie Konno seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment: There was none.
6. Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Sandy Chaille moved, Roz Thrapp seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 26 meeting. Motion carried. Scott abstained.
7. Treasurer's Report: See report Question about the Ponderosa telephone bill: We have dropped two phone lines, but in so doing had to pay for changing the dsl and installing that. Sandy Chaille moved, Tom Burdette seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
8. Discussion and Action Items
 - a. Old Business
 - i. NF Downtown Redevelopment Initiative -- The chamber met with the Madera Economic Development Council and hope to collaborate with grant writing and other initiatives. A question was raised about the old movie theater--what can be done with it?
 - ii. Water testing/system inspections -- Chuck Thrapp reported that there was a report of no water; he came to investigate and found that the tank was out of water. This has been rectified and there is now water in the tank. If Chuck is gone, we now have Tom Burdette who will trouble shoot. Another plumber will be asked to be a back-up for Chuck and Tom. Chuck will call for a backup person (Ed Tannehill and Jerry). Chuck pointed out that we probably need a culvert up the hill to the tank; it is getting washed out. Keith can put it in.
 - iii. BRLF -- We have only \$1459.44 on hand, so it was agreed that we do not have enough money to designate funds to savings.
 - iv. Caretaker responsibilities/maintenance -- It was suggested that we get lights for the parking lot. It is pitch black at night and unsafe for going to/from cars. A motion sensor light was suggested. We need an electrician to install 2 additional lights (one sensor). Don has been handling caretaking responsibilities. Tom Burdette will look at the gutters, to see if there is blockage.
 - v. Fire station/site infrastructure -- The fire station is almost done. There will be a NFVFD Auxiliary walk through on February 4 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. No date is set for the dedication.

- vi. CDC sign -- The sign lettering needs to be repainted....still. Sandy will email John, who was going to do this. A large sign is in the discussion stages. It would be possible to have several in town with listings of the businesses.
- vii. Paragliding -- No news; this will be taken off the agenda
- viii. Bio-energy project/ lot line adjustment/ property taxes -- The plan is moving along. The business plan is being discussed.
- ix. Water hookup/usage/maintenance fee— Dan Rosenberg said that the county had some feedback on the water usage fees. He reported the planning committee's discussion and recommendations for adjustments. This has been sent to Loren Green in the county, for comment. Fees will be charged starting February 1, 2013. We will wait to hear from the county, before taking action on the fee revisions. Dan Rosenberg will send an invoice to the county for the first month's fees.
- x. Lot line adjustment -- This is moving along. There is still an issue of the property taxes that we may owe. A property line adjustment cannot be approved, unless the property tax issue is resolved. We are trying to get these waived, or partially waived.
- xi. January fundraising letter to community -- \$1445 has come in from the mailing. This is by mail and paypal. A big thanks to those who prepared the flyers for mailing and to the NF Rancheria of Mono Indians for preparing the forms.
- xii. Northern California community loan fund contract update -- Elissa Brown is working on grants or initiatives for funding. Dan Rosenberg met with this group in Sacramento last month.
- xiii. Committee Reports:
 - 1. Real Estate -- There is a business in town who interested in the tire shop. A couple others may be interested as well. We need to get a realtor to represent us. It should be a local realtor. It was suggested that we invite proposals from all local agencies, and select someone from those who respond. Dan Rosenberg will ask Kirsten Englund for help in drafting a request for proposals from any interested realtors. Others volunteered to help review the responses.

2. Planning -- Done; see above

b. New Business

- i. History Group: Tom Burdette reported that the History group would like to start some projects: An informational sign (overlook) and posts (pvc pipe) marking an outline of the actual site of the mill building. They also would like to start trimming the trees on their history site. They do not anticipate a lot of traffic now. In the future, it would be a point on the hiking trail. Scott Marsh moved, Sandy seconded, to approve the projects of the sign and the outline, and approve the trimming of trees. Motion carried. A scaler will be preserved by the history group as well.
- ii. Art Gallery— Don Grove spoke, representing a group of artists that wish to continue with the art gallery, housed in the CDC office. They would like the same location (meeting room/hall), same hours/days. They plan to open in May and will have painting done by then. A committee is being formed. Two additional sets of keys to the CDC are

requested. We requested one contact person, with whom we can liaison. Signs will be repaired. Don asked that his typed comments be included in the minutes. They are included at the end.

- iii. Annual meeting -- It was suggested that we ask the NF Rancheria for their meeting space. March 25th was suggested as the date, which is the same as our regular meeting date. Alternate date was March 11. Time: 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. Program: Barry Vesser was suggested as a speaker. Also, an update on the bio-energy project would be helpful. A montage of video clips could be developed, with speakers who have been a part of our past history. NF Visitors' Center -- Scott Marsh reported that the building space that was going to be used was unsuitable (health and safety-wise). Another building is being considered. Jenny Pearson is the director of the new visitor center. She is looking for volunteers to work at the center. It may may open as early as March 2013.
- iv. Thank you notes to members/contributors -- Yes, a card with the old mill on it could be developed as a thank you to members and contributors. Roz Thrapp moved, Julie Konno seconded, that we authorize up to \$50 for cards and envelopes for thank you notes. Motion carried. Roz Thrapp volunteered to send these out. Julie Konno will make labels and a membership list.
- v. Soil for TANF Building -- Paul Irwin would like soil for the site of the new TANF building. We could charge 50% of their budgeted amount; they deliver it themselves. Sandy Chaille moved, Roz Thrapp seconded, to allow Dan Rosenberg to negotiate with the NF Rancheria to buy our soil for 40-50% of their budgeted amount, and to transport it and do soil tests themselves. Motion carried. This is soil that is at one end of our property.
- vi. Women's Club request -- They would like to meet here at the CDC. This is no problem.
- vii. North Fork School -- We may get a petition from students at the school to have an entertainment center or movie drive-in. The goal would be to have a weekly family entertainment. This is still a possibility.
- viii. Sandy Chaille moved, Tom Burdette seconded, that we give Chuck Thrapp a give card to La Cabana for \$50, as a thank you for all the work he has done for us.

9. Organizational Reports (if time)

Announcements from the Boosters:

Talent show on Friday, February 1st at Kennedy Hall.

Citizen of the Year dinner and awards on February 2nd at Town Hall

Valentine's Day dinner and dance on February 15th at Town Hall

10. Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Colliander

Scribe

Reminder: The next CDC meeting will be Monday, February 25, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the North Fork CDC Conference Room at the Mill Site.

Comments submitted by Don Grove on behalf of the Art Gallery

Art Gallery *****

At CDC Building*****

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January 28, 2013*****

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A contingent of the artists who have been displaying their work at the Greater North Fork Gallery wish to continue the use of the CDC conference room and hallway for that purpose. ****

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We would like to confirm that we would have the same relationship with the CDC as the former committee had. The days, hours, and season will not change from previous years. We will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 11AM to 3PM from the first weekend in May through the first weekend of October. This committee has not yet been formed, but we will determine the makeup of the committee at the next meeting of the artists on Feb. 9, 2013. We will notify the CDC once the committee has been formed with the name of the contact person.

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The artists understand the CDC provides liability insurance for the building, but does not provide insurance for the artwork. We will caulk nail holes and repaint as needed prior to the Gallery opening in May.*****

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In order to facilitate the exchange of keys to the various members of the new Art Gallery, we request two sets of keys be allocated to the gallery. Keys will be in locked facilities available to members only. ****

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Don Grove*****

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