NORTH FORK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2013
5:00 p.m. North Fork Mono Rancheria Community Center

Welcome -- Dan Rosenberg, President
The annual meeting of the North Fork Community Development Council was called to order by the President, Dan Rosenberg at 5:30 p.m. He welcomed all members and guests.

Members present: David Konno, Julie Konno, Barbara Colliander, Tom Burdette, Roz Thrapp, Mary Proper, Scott Marsh, Dan Rosenberg, Sandy Chaille, Beverly Bowlus, Joann Brown, Vince Smith, Ginny Smith, Tammy Armstrong, Gale Armstrong, Elissa Brown, Chuck Thrapp, Michael Olwyler, Terrance Reimer, Connie Popelish, Don Grove, Sharon Grove, Tom Wheeler, Volney Dunavan, Richard Pearson, Jennifer Pearson. (26)

Guests: Matthew Pink, Jay Otten, Paul Irwin, Craig Schub, Michelle Gillette, Josh Freeman, Myrna Freeman, Gina Clugston, Steve Haze, Barbara Thormann. (10)

Dan Rosenberg introduced the CDC Board of Directors and special guests for the evening. He expressed appreciation for all of the volunteer work done this year.

For Action:

Approval of March 12, 2012 Minutes -- Barbara Colliander, Secretary

There is a correction to the date at the top of the minutes: It should read **March 12, 2012**, not 2013.
Sandy Chaille moved, Julie Konno seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Approval of 2012 Financial Report -- Dan Rosenberg, President

Dan Rosenberg presented the 2012 financial reports (profit and loss; balance sheet). See attached. Sandy Chaille provided further explanation to the profit and loss report. The bottom line of $10,622.78 is decreased by the principal payments of $7824.20.
Tom Burdette moved, Scott Marsh seconded to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

Reports to the community:

1. Update on District 5 Projects -- Tom Wheeler, Supervisor, District 5, Madera County

Tom Wheeler thanked the Rancheria for the use of their building. The Board of Supervisors is back to 5 members now, with the addition of Frank Bigelow's replacement. He also described other projects in the works, e.g., new county buildings. The budget was balanced last year. They now have a 3-year plan for balancing the budget. He updated the group on staffing plans and project proposals.

2. Regenerating the Mill Site -- What it took-What it takes -- Barry Vesser, First Executive Director, NFCDC

Barry Vesser gave a brief history of the CDC and progress made during the time that he was executive director (1998-2004). He acknowledged work done prior to his position as director. He shared the values that helped move things forward. Although the financial resources were slim, the people resources were extraordinary. Vision, persistence and resilience, a coherent way of work/purpose, partnership, and a compelling story are the shared "values".

He gave project highlights for the time he was here: Master plan; community meetings/processes; environmental cleanup and assessment; first business on the site was Crossroads Lumber (other than the CDC office); de-construction project; underground power, telephone, and water (including the storage tank); solar panels.

3. Recent accomplishments -- Dan Rosenberg, President

Dan Rosenberg summarized the CDC mission and listed last year's accomplishments: Progress on the bio-energy project, hired a property development consultant, support to fire station construction, repayment of Brownfield's loan continues, CDC fundraising/membership letter; regular updates to website and Facebook page, full occupancy of offices, progress on site development. His vision for the future: Job creation, green space, community serving areas, public service, community redevelopment, downtown revitalization.

On-going projects include: land sales, bio-energy project, laundromat, history center, public art, senior/assisted living, more cultural events, Rancheria's projects at mill site. He emphasized again the need for ideas and energy from community members. The CDC is a completely volunteer organization, with a myriad of committees. There is a need for infrastruction for development: sewer, roadways, storm drainage, parcel division. The community support and team work has been awesome.

For the future, we need to sell a piece of land! We have engaged the services of a seller's agent. Marketing of parcels is in the plan!

Questions from the community: Is there a way to see the parcels for sale? Website has map, but there are only 3 parcels at the moment. There is flexibility to move the parcel lines. Are there architectural standards? Yes, the North Fork standards; including a "rustic mountain look".

4. Biomass Energy Project -- Dan Rosenberg, President

Dan Rosenberg introduced Elissa Brown, grants writer, to give an update of the forest bio-mass energy project. See handout. The project takes brush, limbs, slash, for recycling into energy with a gasification process (not burning). The proposed plant will process dry wood into 1 megawatt of power through this process. A by-product is bio-char, valuable for fertilizer. The feasibility study is done, and now the pre-testing and grant application is in process.

Elissa Brown invited any interested persons to a full day workshop on the bio-mass project. The workshop will be on April 2nd. RSVP to Elissa Brown. Steve Haze, of the Yosemite-Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council, announced that the conditional use permit was submitted to the county today. On April

24, the development review committee go over the application for approval. On July 2, there will be a decision.

5. North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians projects -- Paul Irwin, NF Rancheria Transportation

Planner/Grants Manager

Paul Irwin gave an update of the North Fork Rancheria's progress with HUD grants and the Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG). These allow the Rancheria to build homes and develop properties. He described the process for the new fire station. It recently pased ADA inspection on February 26, 2013 and has had preliminary final inspection. Total buiding cost to date is $960,956, plus $97,428 land value. Total is over a million dollars.

The NF Rancheria is currently building a TANF Building. Projected completion is summer, 2013. Then, they will build a Transportation and Training Center, to be completed in late 2013. The most recent project will be the solar photovoltaic project. An application is being submitted to make all of the housing units of the Rancheria energy efficient, resulting in cost savings to the residents of those homes.

Comments and Questions from the North Fork Community

For Action:

Sandy Chaille lead the discussion on elections. There were no nominations from the floor.

Volney Dunavan moved, Roz Thrapp seconded to elect the people listed below. Motion carried.

Election of three Members-at-Large for the CDC Board of Directors
- Dan Rosenberg, incumbent—2 year term
- Barbara Colliander, incumbent—2 year term
- Jean Russell—1 year term

Closing Comments from the President - Dan Rosenberg invited everyone to attend the regular CDC meeting on the 4th Monday evening each month. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Colliander, Secretary

Thanks to Frank Prudhomme of 3 P's Catering, to Scott Marsh of Slim's Koffee Shak, and to the North Fork Women's Club for the refreshments.