

3/23/09 – Minutes

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Community Development Council

Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Kennedy Hall at North Fork School

(all votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated)

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President Dan Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 7:30. Present were Richard McQuone, Cathey Thornburg, Kirsten Englund, Diann Miller, Mary Proper, Stuart Pincus, Sandy Chaille, Joanne Freemire and Maryann McGovran. Also present were Grant Administrator Jill Mross and Recorder Volney Dunavan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Annual Meeting which proceeded this one.

A discussion of membership was added to the agenda under New Business. The agenda was approved.

There was no public comment. Supervisor Wheeler and other Madera County officials will be holding a Town Hall meeting on April 2 here in North Fork at Town Hall. This Friday night is the 8th Grade Play.

During the annual meeting, Jill gave a report on the status of the grants and the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. Summing it up, President Dan said that as an organization we are nearing the end of our grants. We have started investigating future grants but the trick is to find one for something we already want to do. The actual clean-up of the Mill Site will be complete this year. The Mill Site is available.

There are two offices available for rent.

We got back the water report and there is no coliform. It is safe to drink. However, Jill mentioned that while driving up this evening, she saw that the 300,000 gallon tank was overflowing. The power had not turned off. Jill did this manually and left a message for Travis.

Mary gave an unaudited report from 2008. The Assessor's office still wants property taxes paid. Joanne will check the Bylaws to see if we need an audit.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Land Donation / MOU for Fire Station: Tonight was the first opportunity Dan had to see the proposed map. There has been a meeting set for April 13 with the County, the Tribe and the CDC. Ray Beach told Dan the County accepted all of our requests. The parcel we originally thought would be a good one ended up as hilly and not marketable. However, Dan reported that we can do a lot line adjustment at any time and the final parcel does not even have to be contiguous. We want to be 'shovel ready' should there be stimulus money available. We need to have all information in writing. The plan is not to sign on the 13th but to bring the MOU back so that the Board can vote on it.
2. Brownfields Loan status was updated at the annual meeting. The County is under new federal regulations and so we will not have to start the payback next year.
3. Website: Dan checked with North Fork providers. Josh Freeman will be setting up the website. The investment will be around \$100.
4. Safety Fencing: Rich found some colored fencing (orange, black or green) in 100 foot rolls for \$15 a roll. We will also need about 75 6' posts and twisting wire. Total cost should be right around \$1200. It was moved, seconded and passed to spend up to \$1200 for net fencing with 75 fence posts. Should more money be needed, it can come from Grant 240.

5. Greater North Fork Gallery: Following discussion it was moved, seconded and carried to let the Gallery use the conference room and hallway as they propose, with each artist signing a waiver of liability to hold the CDC harmless for damage or theft.
6. Bricks from the kilns: the fire bricks that come from the floor are perfect; the black ones are not. There are a couple of pallets, total. Joanne will work with Mary to come up with something commemorative. Stuart does have a buyer if we end up wanting to sell the bricks.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1. Site Visit: The County visited following the comment by Mark Stamas. Everything went just fine. Mark was referring to an old drainage system.
2. 2. Planning Committee: They met last week and brainstormed about the future. There is a great deal of excitement about the parcel of land which will be available for us. Elissa Brown found a planning grant that could be used for a business. A subcommittee will meet on April 6 and the next regular meeting will be April 20.
3. 3. Membership: Joanne brought a request from the North Fork Arts Council that the CDC 'trade' membership with them, with no actual money used. There was discussion and the consensus was that this would not work. A motion to allow memberships to be traded like this was presented and unanimously defeated.

The annual Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary BBQ will be April 25. Jamboree kick-off will be April 4.

Jill reported that her hours will go down now that we don't have as much for her to do and also are short of funding. She will be sharing her time with the Madera Rescue Mission.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Volney Dunavan, Recorder