

MEETING OF THE ROUND VALLEY AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RVAMAC)

Wednesday, April 03, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Action Item: Approval of March 06, 2024 meeting minutes.
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
5. Report from County and Tribal officials & Public Comment:
 - a. Tribal Council update
 - b. Sheriff Kendall
 - c. Supervisor Haschak
 - d. Mendocino County DOT (A letter has been sent to Mr. Howard Dashiell with respect to street signage corrections)
 - e. Mendocino County Animal Control – Mr. Rich Molinari

New Business:

6. Discussion and possible action ongoing problems in the community with uncontained dogs, dogs that have been abandoned (dumped), dogs killing other dogs and creating a nuisance and potential safety issue.
7. Discussion and possible action to help and support for the Round Valley Skatepark Project. in getting approval to build a skatepark at The Covelo Community Park aka The Recreation Center from Mendocino County. Review and approval of letter of support.
8. Discussion and possible action due to Transfer station ownership change. Charles has a concern and understands they either plan to or already have eliminated the large capacity trash hauler. This was something the MAC worked hard on getting as it was needed to relieve the lack of capacity leading to illegal dumping along the roadways. The Round Valley community paid for the work, and probably is still paying for it, through a surcharge added to the standard fees. This change should be opposed unless the new company can guarantee an equivalent capacity some other way.
9. Discussion and possible action: Zoom recording. (RVAMAC Meetings) Two issues: 1) audio for those who attend in person is very poor. Lew is the only one who is clearly heard. There should be adequate funds available to obtain microphones for each council member plus one "roving" mic for audience members.

10) Discussion and possible action, Charles has been making sure the recordings are in the correct location on the MAC. Google drive but there is no link for the 2024 recordings on the MAC website. (Charles doesn't have access or he would have taken care of it.)

10. Old Business:

- a. Discussion/Update: Continuing discussion on the possibility of the county creating a safe housing area for deputy sheriff and other essential county employees and health care workers on the Forestry Service property located at the Covelo Ranger Station. Whether to request the county to look at Department of Agriculture – Rural Development - Rural Housing Service (Community Facilities) for possible funding. This program awards grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to: medical or dental clinics, healthcare facilities, police or fire departments, and public works vehicles. Community Facilities grants cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space. Sheriff Kendall reported that there are several houses that could be possibly utilized. He is looking for an agreement with the Forest Service.
- b. Discussion and possible action: "Transportation planning and data collection"? DOT was supposed to coordinate with County DOT to make sure they had notice enough to get traffic data on Main St. prior to the 162-downtown project. At the last steering committee meeting it was clear that they had not yet made sure to coordinate with DOT and that the Cal Trans project would leave a couple week time frame between stopping construction and installing speed bumps where there would be a return to "normal" traffic on Main St. Unfortunately, they seem to have only had this window of time between the construction barrier removal and the installation of the speed humps for a couple weeks including during the Thanksgiving week. Did DOT receive enough notice and were given enough time to plan accordingly.
- c. Discussion and possible action: The parking in front of the library was recently repaved and the lines have not yet been re-striped. Discussion at the Friends of the Library meeting was to make the parking situation safer for pedestrians who have to walk behind big trucks in the oncoming traffic lane to walk north to reach the library. Additionally, there has been a 2nd crash into the garbage can in front of the library, next to the book drop box, from people pulling in too fast or something. Discussion about changing the parking in that section or having DOT work with the owner of the next parcel to the south to make a safer walking area. This is especially important since the speed humps may result in more people driving south on Main to avoid the 162 speed humps when driving south from Howard by the library.
- d. Discussion and possible action on maintenance of the sidewalks on the South side of Howard Street from the Library to Foothill Boulevard (schools). (Letter has been sent to Andreas Krause and response received)

- e. Discussion and possible action on requesting a polling place in Round Valley for the November 2024 election.
10. Treasurer's report
11. Next Meeting: May 01, 2024. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.
12. Adjournment