

MUSD 7-11 Committee
March 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened at 4:00 pm in the Mendocino High School Library. Committee members attending were Harold Hauck Sam Waldman, Gail Dickerson, Ken Matheson, Janet Self, Elaine Hillesland, Bones Newstead, and Gail Daly. A quorum was present. Community members attending were Michael Schaefer MUSD Trustee, and Pat Scott representing dog park interests.

Committee Discussion and Actions:

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Discussion followed concerning the contents of the committee's meeting minutes. Some members of the committee expressed the opinion that minutes should reflect discussion and action votes only, while other committee members desired minutes that contained information that was obtained outside of the committee meeting process and included discussions with individuals that may not be in attendance at the meeting. There was no vote or consensus reached on this matter.
3. Janet Self, a committee member, volunteered to take the minutes for this meeting.
4. Discussion of the committee having a unique email address occurred with consensus opinion that the committee should have an email address that distributed mail to all committee members. Gail Dickerson volunteered to discuss this issue with MCN.
5. Discussion of a web site to provide committee information to the community was agreed upon by consensus and Committee Member Harold Hauck volunteered to create the site.
6. Committee member Sam Waldman reported on his attempt to obtain information from the Harmony School District concerning their 7-11 Committee process and procedures was not successful as the Harmony District staff could not find the requested information.
7. Discussion to determine if the historic grammar school property is surplus ensued. Ken Matheson and Janet Self provided reports on this issue to the committee. These reports will be on file in the school district office and will be posted on the 7-11 Committee web site. Ken Matheson motioned that the committee declare the property surplus. The motion received a second from Gail Daly. Discussion of the motion followed with some members in agreement and others expressing concerns that not all of the MUSD property requirements were known. Following this discussion Mr. Matheson asked Ms. Daly to withdraw her second after which he withdrew his motion. The committee requested that additional information on this topic be provided at the March 23rd meeting.
8. Michael Schaeffer, MUSD Trustee, addressed the committee and provided his thoughts and opinions about the 2006 AA bond measure, MCN history and operations, and the MUSD office space. Mr. Schaeffer was asked by the committee about the issues and thinking of the MUSD Board in their decision to create the 7-11 Committee. Mr. Schaefer reviewed the grammar school property use and lease history with the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District.

He indicated that a 7-11 Committee report would be necessary if the school board were to make any decisions concerning the future use of the grammar school property.

9. Under Public Comment: Pat Scott, a community member, advised the committee of the success and valuable contribution to the community that is provided by the Fort Bragg Dog Park. She expressed her hope that a similar dog park could be established on the historic grammar school site.
10. Discussion of the requirements needed to determine if school property is surplus continued with Elaine Hillsbrand agreeing to obtain information on capacity requirements after construction of the new K-8 campus is complete. Gail Dickerson will obtain information about the district office requirements, and Sam Waldman will look into MCN space requirements. Reports on these items will be provided at the March 23rd meeting.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 6:00 pm. The Committee's next meeting will be March 23, 2009 at 4:00 pm, in the Mendocino High School Library.

Minutes submitted by:

Harold Hauck, 7-11 Committee Member