

Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023 9:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting

75 Quinta Court, Suite D

I. Call to Order – 9:00 a.m. (Bill) a. Approve May 2023 Minutes- ACTION	9:04 AM Present: Bill Knowlton, Marilyn Mann (minutes), Matt Mertens, Robert Brown, Asia Lee, Keaton, Riley, James Murphy, Sabrina Teft, John Rice, Chase Stremsterfer, Marianne Santos, Ken Nguyen Motion to approve the minutes By John Rice, K. Riley gave a second. Approved. – no objections
II. Treasurer's Report (James Murphy) - ACTION	James Murphy reported as follows:
a. Review and approve May 2023 financials i. MRP ii. Foundation	MRP: Nothing new. A review was provided this year in contrast with last year's budget identifying the impacts of the purchase of the new building. Overall expenses are comparable to last year. Larger donations came in and went out toward purchasing the church property. MRP is running efficiently and well in range with expected expenses and budget items.
	Matt M Asked about the \$107K that went from RMRF to MRP. James M. advised that since these funds were used as an investment into the purchase of the property, they will eventually be removed from the balance sheet and added to as "equity" in the financial statement. Matt M. asked if a property tax exemption was possible based on previous reports to the Board. Bill K. advised that he is awaiting information and documentation to determine our status.
	Keaton R Advised Bill to contact him so a call can be made to the County Assessor's office to ensure we are getting credit for all the space being used that would qualify for exemptions concerning the property taxes. Once received, Bill will forward all documents to Keaton R. for assistance.
	RMRF: Review was given. The budget reflects the impact of the church building, including expenses and upsizing activities at the Community Center. Expenses for "rent" have also increased due to the purchase of the church building.
	Motion to accept the Financials was given and approved.



III. A. Highlands Charter School Update (Bill) - NON ACTION B. South Sac Heritage Festival	A. Highlands Charter: Work at the church building and landscape is coming along. The building has been painted inside, floors stripped and polished. The work looks great. Thank you to Rob Brown for his support in making this referral.
	Landscapers have been coming every Monday. Norma will ensure the Center's backyard is being taken care of. Unfortunately, someone drove their car out into the soccer field and broke a sprinkler line. We will get this fixed. Marilyn M has written a grant with the assistance of Sac PD. The grant includes fencing and other safety precautions, as priorities were identified in an independent safety assessment.
	B. MRP is hosting the South Sacramento Heritage Festival in August 2023 at the old Hong Kong Plaza in collaboration with Cali-Saigoin, funded by the City of Festivals grant. The festival is a two-day, multi-cultural event. Mai Nguyen has been seeking donations and sponsorships for the event. She is well-known in the community and does a great job marketing the event.
	Old Food Source Building has been sold- A new store called H-Mart is coming in, a Korean-based market. Bill reports that H-Mart is a good operator and has several successful businesses. Filling this vacancy is great for our community.
	Matt M. reported news media buzz around the arrival of H-Mart. Community members were excited as well.
	Bill- James Kang: We have worked hard to build a good rapport and working relationship with Mr. Kang. During a recent conversation, Bill had the opportunity to share the Year-end report and the Community Center. Mr. Kang requested a tour of the Center and liked what he saw. Mr. Kang and his family are part of a Foundation and want to provide a stipend to acknowledge "Excellence. "Mr. Kang received the list of youth that were nominated. We will create certificates, and Mr. Kang and his family will present their award and acknowledgment to the youth. This is an important relationship that took a long time to foster.
IV. Sacramento Police Department- South Command a. Sac PD update	a. Capt. Monk- Reported that numbers were good for May, but June has seen an uptick in violent crimes. There was a homicide at Valley Hi Park. A person of interest was detained that night—no information about the motive. The following night a person experiencing homelessness at 6601 Mack Road was found deceased. We know the individual was assaulted. Captain Bales will have some updates for you.



Thank you to Bill- Last week in South Area, on vacation, then moving on to Metro. Captain Bales will take over overseeing South Command. Bill is an ultimate collaborator in the area. High praise to the MRP team and Bill for his leadership. Thanks to the Board for the support

Bill- Update in gang activity, not necessarily in violence, but in activity- Gang members hanging out at Providence Place, Carmel Point, and the Community Center- lots of activity on Social Media. Lavish D- used the Center ate hours to make a video. Sac PD partners have made a presence, hanging out with the youth. Carmel Point has entered the eviction process with several households due to ongoing lease violations and/or non-payment of rent. We see the impact and fallout with some children whose families have been evicted from the property. Our RMRF team has been on this with the youth to support them through their life transition and provide mentorship and extra support to provide a safe space for them. Important work is happening.

Captain Monk- Sac PD activated the Community Center with the Center's staff to ensure safety and make a statement that the Center is not territory up for claim by any gang members or gang-related activities. The space with activate the space. Captain Monk advised that he was told that Lavish D. has left Sacramento and has flown back to his home in Texas.

Matt M.& Bill- Gave thanks to Capt. Monk for support and well wishes on his new assignment.

V. Executive Director's Report (Bill) – NON ACTION

- **a.** Business concerns & solutions
- **b.** Clean and Safe Report
- c. Safety Meeting
- **d.** ReIMAGINE Update

a. Business concerns & solutions

Cops and Coffee- met with Sgt. Dani L will do a Cops & Coffee at the Community Center for the community. Sac PD will also participate in one of our quarterly Business walks.

Rob Brown- Mixed Institute community health and wellness event! This event supported underserved youth in need. Kaiser supported the event and other community partners. The event was successful.

SMUD Presentation around best Practices- Bill presented how the residential and MRP business communities mesh together. Bill presented about MRP and how MRP launched a non-profit to support community needs within the PBID. The presentation was well received, and the information was helpful to others.

c. Clean and Safe Report



Bill reported that he talked with Supervisor Kennedy to get funding for a Homeless Navigator in the MRP office. MRP is putting together a grant to bring a position to address the homeless issues of individuals in the area who are not receiving services. We think this grant and position will fill an unmet need to assist people experiencing homelessness off the streets and onto their next step toward stable housing. MRP has been the go-to organization to get connected with homeless services. Our part experiences

Keaton R.- Advised that the County is expanding outreach activities. There may be good synergy with another organization to bring services and service providers into the Mack Road PBID.

Rob B.- asked if the Security is seeing an uptick in loitering. People are not feeling safe on Mack Road. There are a lot of guys on bikes trolling parking lots, appears to be an increase in people hanging out and loitering.

Bill reports that Mercy Housing is adding more Security, aware that more "sketchy" characters are coming out. A fence is going up to help with illegal dumping and keep them from engaging in criminal activity behind one of the larger plaza trouble spots. Our security team is making a concerted effort to clean up and address issues at certain hot spots are taking proactive

c. Safety Meeting

DA Quality of life crimes think tank- Bill shared MRP is a part of DA Tien Ho's Community Action Team. They were given an assignment to identify one problem and three solutions. Diversity of the group shared the same identified challenges and similar solutions. Bill will send out the results of the group's homework to tackle the identified issues.

d. ReIMAGINE Update

ReIMAGINE- Highlights of Program Activities:

- Cross over Basketball clinic is up and running.
- Sac Library Urban Learning program, is running.
- UC Davis flu shot,
- Resource Fair on the May 27
- The Center distributed over 2000 diapers through our partnership Diaper Program with the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.
- Food Boxes still running- 400 per month 2x per month
- ARPA/ALBH funds are providing healthy snacks and hot meals for kids



	RMRF was selected As the Community Association of the Year for D-8 Mai Vang's office. Ryan, who works at the community center, gave a speech and represented us well. Ryan spoke very eloquently on our behalf. Bill was very proud of the team and the work being done at the Center.
VI. Old Business and Action Items if any	n/a
VII. Announcements & Save the Dates a. Next Board Meeting	Next Board Meeting: July 19, 2023- 9:00 a.m. via Zoom