

RIO LINDA ELVERTA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, California 95673

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 19, 2022

Call to Order

Chairperson Charlea Moore called the meeting to order on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6:30pm. Present were Directors Wayne Del Nero, Jerry Huffhines, Becky McDaniel. Director Lisa Morris was present via Zoom Communications. Staff members present included General Manager Mike Heller, Administrative Services Supervisor Annette Hernandez, Parks Supervisor Tim Marble, and Recreation Supervisor Alissia DeSalles. The meeting was also broadcast on Zoom Communications.

Public Comments

Mike Beebe, the Softball Vice President for the Rio Linda Little League spoke about the lack of adequate softball fields in the community. He commented that the Rio Linda Little League was looking for an improvement on the situation and that the girls were given the same opportunities as the boys. He is hoping that the Board of Directors would consider converting one of the fields at Babe Best Park to a multi-use field.

Introduction of Guests

Presentations and Announcements

General Manager Heller introduced Mindy Craig from BluePoint Planning to present the Final draft of the District Master Plan.

Ms. Craig recapped the Master Plan document. The six (6) Key Goals of the plan were identified, and the vision of the plan was to enhance the District and offer more connected, safe, and inclusive parks and facilities. The six goals are: Connectivity; Health and Wellness; Sustainable Resilience; Unique Sense of Place; Inclusive and Equitable; and Partnerships. There are two major parts to the Plan. These are Guidelines (best practices) and Park Specific recommendations.

- Director McDaniel commented that both she and Chairperson Moore are on the Planning Committee and found the Master Plan to be sound and easy to read. BluePoint gets the wants and needs of Rio Linda and Elverta and the plan meets our goals.
- Director Morris stated that the document looks great. She did ask about the movable fencing for a dog park at Central Park. As well, there are 2 acres of unused land at the Quarter Midget track, could a rectangular field be placed in there (Soccer)?
- Mindy Craig responded and said that the fencing is actually permanent, but it has large gates that can be opened up. These gates are movable and flexible. With regards to the Quarter Midget Track, they had a remote control track in mind, or an area for kids/teens to work on cars. The 2 acre area is linear.
- Director McDaniel did point out on pg. 4.29 that Disc golf had been mentioned.

BluePoint will make the final changes based on comments this evening and will resubmit for approval at the November meeting.

Written Correspondence

- CAPRI Board of Directors – all incumbents are unopposed, there will not be an election.
- Sacramento LAFCo Public Hearing notice for the appointment of Public Member and the Alternate Public Member position for the LAFCo Commission. If members of the public are looking for more information, they are encouraged to contact the Park District for information.

Consent Calendar

At the request of the General Manager, Item #11 was pulled for discussion.

Agenda Item #11: Motion for the Park District to end the agreement of the maintenance and usage of the Rio Linda Elementary School with the Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD).

General Manager Heller informed the Board of Directors that he had received phone calls from both TRUSD Superintendent Steven Martinez and TRUSD School Board Trustee Stacey Bastian earlier in the day to discuss this item. In the conversation with Superintendent Martinez, it was mentioned that the Park District Board were considering a motion to return the land to the School District as it is not being used by the Park District in the manner that we thought it would be when we signed an agreement four (4) years ago. Superintendent Martinez accepted this information and assured the Park District that the land would not be sold (a concern for some) and it would remain in the hands of the TRUSD. The call from School Board Trustee Bastian was to let us know that she would be unable to attend the meeting and she wanted to make some comments on the item. With this information, the General Manager is asking for the item to be pulled and placed on a future agenda. There is no new information, and the recommendation is still to return the property to the TRUSD.

- Director McDaniel was curious as to whether the Board needs to postpone a month for further discussion or take the recommendations of Staff.
- Director Morris would like to know if the Park District will be paying 50% of the water.
 - The District is still responsible for the water usage until January 20th.
 - Director Morris is in favor of returning it due to non-generation or revenue.
- Director Huffhines agrees that the District should return the property to the TRUSD.
- Director Del Nero would like to see the property used more than it has been.
- Chairperson recognized TRUSD School Trustee Bastian who had entered the meeting at 6:58pm. Ms. Bastian was invited to speak.
- Ms. Bastian commented that Bob Bastian had worked hard to establish the current MOU and it is used as a community area. People feel safe on the site, and she would love for the Park District to continue to use it.
- Director McDaniel asked the question that if the Park District chooses to end the MOU, will the TRUSD charge for Community events moving forward.
- School Board Trustee Bastian could not provide an answer to that question as a School Board Trustee, but as a member of the community she would fight for continued usage by the Community without increased fees.
- Director McDaniel made the recommendation to table the item until a time when the Park District General Manager could meet with the School District Superintendent to see what will happen with the Community use.
- Director Del Nero asked if a permit would be needed for people to use the park. The property is used as a park. So that is correct, no permit would be needed.
- Chairperson Moore stated that prior to the MOU, the School District had some minor restrictions and minimal charges for community events. In her opinion, she does not believe that the TRUSD will change this and begin to charge high amounts to use the area

for Community events. She does not have an issue with the property being returned as the Park District is unable to the type of work needed to make it in shape for the type of recreation that the Park District offers.

- It is the recommendation to pull the item and place it on a future agenda for discussion.

Motion No. 1

It was moved by Director McDaniel and Director Huffhines seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: Received and filed: (1) Park Police Report (September 2022); Approve; (2) Minutes of September 21, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements, September 30, 2022; (4) Finance Report, September 30, 2022; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, September 2022; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, September 2022; (7) General Manager's Report, September 2022; (8) Adoption of Resolution 2022-10-19 approving a continuing resolution recognizing California AB 361; (9) Adoption of Resolution 2022-23 approving guidelines for the general public to follow while attending a District Public Meeting virtually; (10) Adoption of Resolution 2022-24 approving an amendment to update the District's Policy and Procedure Manual – Policy #6060 – Fee Schedule for Outdoor Facilities. Motion carried: Ayes; (5) Del Nero, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

General Business

Agenda Item No. 12: Approval for the addition of a new policy for Commercial Signage on District Property and adoption of Resolution #2022-25 for this policy.

General Manager Heller introduced this item and recapped the history of the item, first coming to Park Planning and then moving over to Administration and Finance where a potential policy was written and approved for the Policy and Procedure manual, but not to be implemented at this time. It was also mentioned that the District would only recommend two places for signage like this; the Ueta Parkway and the lot on 16th and Elkhorn. Currently the District does allow local non-profits to hang banners for events and the recommendation is that the District continue to allow that.

Director Del Nero asked about current signage in place (Rio Linda Little League). It was explained that the RLLL was allowed to fundraise and place sponsor signage on the fields as part of the MOU.

Director McDaniel asked if this was discussed at the Planning Committee and that the recommendation was that prior to allowing for any business to place signage, the District should place their own sign at 16th and Elkhorn. The General Manager confirmed that this was discussed at Park Planning and that the District had not yet developed any signage for that spot.

It was discovered that the proposed Policy was not included with the agenda package and the Board tabled the item until the November general Board Meeting.

Board of Director Committee Minutes

Administration and Finance Committee – met on October 11th. There was a presentation by the RLE Quilt Trail project. Director Huffhines donated the fee for the price of a square for the Park District and the paperwork has been submitted to the project. The Committee is becoming more familiar with the monthly finance statements. The Committee also reviewed the District policy on refunds. The rest of the meeting was reviewed, and the Minutes are in the Board package.

Park Planning Committee – met on October 10th. The Rio Linda Little League was in attendance and presented on the current field situation. The committee agreed that this is something to look

into and it is a process. As part of the discussion, it has been noted that the fields at Hayer park have been let go and are in disrepair. The Master Plan was discussed as was the Elementary School greenway.

Safety and Security Committee – did not meet.

Firehouse Committee – met prior to the fundraising dinner to go over the plan for the evening. There were 135 people present and the speaker, Stephanie Stevens, did a great job.

Dry Creek Committee – did not meet.

LAFCo Committee – did not meet.

Board of Director Comments

Director Huffhines appreciates the hard work by the Staff. He recognized the efforts on Social Media and is very happy to see that.

Vice Chairperson Del Nero appreciates the reports being forwarded. He mentioned page 3.6 of the Master Plan that even the consultant has recognized the need for more softball fields in the community. He had a great time at the fire fundraising dinner. He did ask about the audio in the community center. Staff will look into it as the original system is antiquated.

Director McDaniel will not be entering a vehicle into the Trunk or Treat as she will be present with some community kids. She reminded the Board and Staff to go out and work on touching your community and encouraging people to be out and about. She gave kudos to Stephanie Stevens from CPRS for being the keynote speaker at the fundraiser dinner. She recommends purchasing wireless lapel mics for the audio and changing the room set-up into a more rounded configuration for better audio. She also thanked Parks Supervisor Marble for the update on the Sunday incident (shooting on the Bike Trail).

Director Morris is happy to see the Seniors returning to four days per week. She thanked the restoration crew for their work on the dinner. She also thanked the District Staff for their continued good work.

Chairperson Moore congratulated Alissia and the Recreation Division for selling out the Trunk or Treat (with trunks). She thanked the Parks Division for their continued good work on the Parks. She thanked Administration Services Supervisor Hernandez for her work on the District finances. She also thanked the General Manger for his continued work on community negotiations.

Future Agenda Items:

Adjournment

Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm

APPROVED: Del Nero, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, Morris

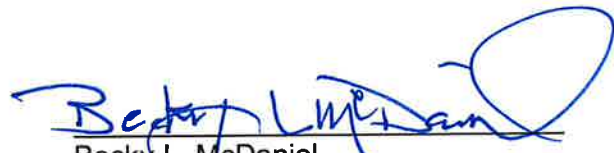
ATTEST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:




Charlea R. Moore
Chairperson, Board of Directors


Becky L. McDaniel
Secretary, Board of Directors