

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
March 15, 2023**

Call to Order

Chairperson Wayne Del Nero called the meeting to order on March 15, 2023, at 6:30pm. Present were Directors Robert Bastian and Lisa Morris. Vice Chairperson Becky McDaniel attended via Zoom Communications. Director Charlea Moore was absent. Staff members present included General Manager Mike Heller, Administrative Services Supervisor Annette Hernandez, Parks Supervisor Tim Marble, Recreation Supervisor Alissia DeSalles, and Office Aide Dana Marks. The meeting was also broadcast on Zoom Communications.

Public Comments

- Twin Rivers Unified School District Trustee and Rio Linda Resident, Stacey Bastian, reported that the Little League parade is this Saturday March 18, 2023. She also wanted to thank the Fulton El Camino Police Department (FECPD) for helping with traffic control, along with the Twin Rivers Police, for the parade.
- The new baseball and softball fields at Rio Linda High School should be completed by April 2023, if weather conditions permit.

Introduction of Guests

The following guests were present for the meeting: Don Davidson and Stacey Bastian.

Presentations and Announcements

There were no Presentations this month.

Written Correspondence

- Sacramento LAFCo request for comment on Regional San/SacSewer Reorganization. After Board discussion, Option 1 a population based 17-person Board was recommended. The General Manager will complete the comment form and submit it to Sacramento LAFCo.

Consent Calendar

Director Morris pulled item #3, #4, #6, #7.

Item #3. Director Morris inquired about Westside water bill being \$816.01. She also inquired about the rented pipe threader and asked if it's equipment the Park District should own outright.

Parks Supervisor Marble informed her that his staff needed to tap into the main line and drain the system to thread the pipes for the Westside Park Improvement project. Parks Supervisor Marble assured Director Morris that the certain equipment does not need to be purchased as we already own a smaller version of the pipe threader and would very rarely need to use a longer one that was required for this project.

Item #4 Director Morris inquired about the Compass cost.

Administrative Service Supervisor Hernandez informed her that the invoice was received from the County after the final budget was voted on.

Item #6. Director Morris inquired about the agreement with Dignity Health. She also inquired about the cost of the program.

Recreation Supervisor DeSalles informed her it was a new free program for seniors to feel more confident in walking when they start losing mobility. It's a workshop where they meet to learn physical strategies for maintaining their balance.

Item #7. Director Morris inquired about Generals Manager report. She thinks Livebarn is a great addition for the District. She also thanked General Manager Heller for his work on receiving the American Rescue Plan Act dollars. She thanked General Manager Heller for being proactive about the webinars.

Motion No. 1

It was moved by Director Morris and Director Bastian seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: Received and filed: (1) Park Police Report (February 2023); Approve; (2) Minutes of February 15, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements, February 28, 2023; (4) Finance Report, February 28, 2023; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, February 2023; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, February 2023; (7) General Manager's Report, February 2023; (8) Adoption of Resolution #2023-09 amending the Districts Policy and Procedure Manual – Policy #2150 - Compensation. Motion carried: Ayes; (4) Bastian, Del Nero, McDaniel, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (1) Moore.

General Business

Agenda Item #9: Discussion of Security and Protection Services for the Park District.

General Manager Heller introduced the item and provided a comparison of services between FECPD and Knight Watch Protective Services for Safety and Security within the Park District. He stated that Director Moore had previously introduced the Knight Watch team to the General Manager and had requested follow-up.

Vice Chairperson McDaniel requested that Director Morris provide her thoughts as she was at the Safety and Security Committee Meeting when they met with Knight Watch.

Director Morris is torn between the two companies. She knows that saving money is important. She is happy with the service FECPD has provided. She also expressed that private security hasn't been very successful in the past.

Chairperson Del Nero inquired about who was the least expensive. General Manager Heller responded and referred to the various options. If all services were to move to Knight Watch then there would be a cost savings. If we were to divide it then it would be more expensive overall. A third option would be to use Knight Watch for special events and rodeos which would present a cost savings.

Vice Chairperson McDaniel stated that FECPD has a good reputation and we do not have challenges in the Parks anymore. She liked the suggestion for private security present during special events and she stated that the JPA being considered for FECPD is 10-12 years down the road.

Rio Linda resident, Stacey Bastian, expressed FECPD has strived to clean up our parks and she has seen a drastic difference because of their work. She also stated that TRUSD PD and FECPD work together on community events. Finally, Safety and Security should be the number 1 priority

and she likes that FECPD officers are post-certified. She commended the District for using FECPD and keeping the community safe.

Director Bastian stated that he doesn't believe the Knight Watch response time will be a big improvement also safety is more beneficial than saving cost.

Board of Director Committee Minutes

Administration and Finance Committee – met and discussed Regional San/SacSewer and the upcoming Budget timeline

Park Planning Committee – did not meet.

Safety and Security Committee – met and discussed options pertaining to FECPD or Knight Watch. It was also noted that Knight Watch was told about the Board Meeting and was not present.

Firehouse Committee – met and showed Director Bastian the Firehouse and brought him up to speed with all the future projects.

Dry Creek Committee – did not meet, however, the Board of Supervisors did pass a resolution to rename a portion of the Dry Creek Parkway in memory of Bob Bastian.

LAFCo Committee – did not meet.

Board of Director Comments

Director Morris thanked all employees. Thanked Parks Supervisor Marble and his staff. Glad recreation has a program for seniors. Thanked General Manager Heller for going the extra mile to getting the American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

Vice Chairperson McDaniel is excited about spring. She told the District to continue to Rock and Roll. She also thanked the Staff for their continued hard work.

Director Bastian thanked our staff for keeping the parks looking good. Excited for spring to come so the parks can be enjoyed.

Chairperson Del Nero thanked everyone for their hard work.

General Manager Comments:

General Manager Heller provided a brief recap of Congressman Bera's visit and reminded the Board about the start of the Westside Improvement Project as well as the upcoming Board workshop.

Adjournment

Chairperson Del Nero adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm

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

ATTEST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Wayne Del Nero
Chairperson, Board of Directors



Lisa L. Morris
Secretary, Board of Directors