

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
July 21, 2021

Call to Order

Chairperson Becky McDaniel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 6:32pm. Vice Chairperson Stacey Bastian and Directors Jerry Huffhines and Lisa Morris were present. Staff members present included District Administrator Mike Heller, Administrative Analyst Deann Cater, and Recreation Supervisor Erik Hernandez. Director Charlea Moore arrived at 6:33pm.

Presentations

The Board of Directors presented Michael & Francis Norsthworthy with an Award of Distinction from the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) for the continued volunteer work on the Sacramento Bike Path and the southern portion of Community Center Park working on downed tree branches and overall clean-up to keep the area better protected from wildfires.

July is Parks Make Life Better! Month. The Board of Directors recognized this through a resolution declaring July as Parks Make Life Better! Month.

Motion No.1

It was moved by Director Moore and Director Morris seconded the motion to adopt a Special Resolution declaring July as Parks Make Life Better! Month. Motion carried: Ayes; (5) Bastian, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

Public Comments

Rio Linda Resident Bob Reisig spoke briefly about the upcoming Public Meeting for the Rio Linda Elverta Community Water District (RLECWD) and the proposed rate restructure. Mr. Reisig is also a Director on the Water District Board. He informed the Board of Directors that recently a Bay Area School District saved more than \$111 Million dollars using remote irrigation controllers and that the technology is available. He also commented that he had received reports about portions of the Rio Linda elementary School irrigation system was aimed improperly and has been watering the sidewalk.

Written Correspondence

There were two items presented for written correspondence. The Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 52 making July California Parks and Recreation Professionals Month and a public notice from RLECWD stating a public hearing on Monday, August 16, 2021.

Chairperson McDaniel requested to pull the RLECWD letter from written correspondence to discuss.

- Chairperson McDaniel – Should the Park District have a representative at the public hearing on August 16th? She also asked Water Board Director Reisig is the RLECWD will be providing any incentives to the public if they become water savers moving forward and make an effort to use less water.

- Vice Chairperson Bastian agreed that there should be Park District representation at the public hearing. She asked the District Administrator if we would be able to figure out how much more the District would be paying.
 - District Administrator Heller responded that the District's use varies so we do not know exactly how the proposed increase will impact the District. He added that the Parks Division is cutting back on watering, but we are keeping our trees green and still watering those areas to avoid losing any trees in our parks.
- Director Huffhines agreed that we should have representation at the public hearing.
- Director Morris also agreed to have representation at the public hearing.
- Director Moore also would like to see representation at the public hearing. She also would like to see the District continue to water the trees as not to lose any of them.

Chairperson McDaniel requested that the District place the public hearing on an agenda so that the five Board Directors could attend. District Administrator Heller said that this would be taken care of as well as a discussion item would be placed on the August Board Meeting for the Park District.

Motion No. 2

It was moved by Director Moore and Vice Chairperson Bastian seconded the motion to place the August 16, 2021, RLECWD public hearing on an agenda so that the District Directors may attend it. Motion carried: Ayes; (5) Bastian, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

Consent Calendar

Director Morris requested that Item #2 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Director Morris stated that on the first page of the June Minutes that there was a typo regarding the project finish on the Fire Truck and Fire Museum projects and that Director Moore had actually made the comment. Director Moore agreed with this. Staff responded that the correction would be made.

Motion No. 3

It was moved by Director Morris and Director Moore seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: Received and filed: (1) Park Police Report (June 2021); Approve; (2) Minutes of June 16, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting (with edits); (3) Cash Disbursements, June 30, 2021; (4) Finance Report, June 30, 2021; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, June 2021; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, June 2021; (7) Administrator's Report, June 2021; (8) Adoption of Resolution # 2021-17 – approving an amendment to the District's Policy and Procedure Manual – Definitions – Policy #2005; (9) Adoption of Resolution 2021-18 – approving the Park Impact Fee Nexus Study Update; (10) Adoption of Resolution 2021-19 – ordering the levy of special taxes for fiscal year 2021-22 within the CFD at Gibson Crossing. Motion carried: Ayes; (5) Bastian, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

General Business

Agenda Item No. 11: Discussion of rescheduling the December 2021 Board Meeting Date.

District Administrator Heller introduced the item and mentioned that a Board Member had a conflict with the meeting date and had requested that it be rescheduled to either the Wednesday prior (December 8) or the Monday or Tuesday prior (December 13 or 14). On occasion meeting

have been rescheduled in the past. He also added that the December Meeting was important to have the 5 Directors present as that is when the Board is reshuffled.

Director Morris asked if this would impact the financial reports due to it taking place so much closer to the end of the previous month. Staff replied that the financials from November would be completed, but that the Administration and Finance Committee Minutes would not be included as that meeting would take place within 72 hours of the Board Meeting on the December 8th proposed meeting date.

Chairperson McDaniel asked Administrative Analyst Cater if December was a lighter month for financials. Administrative Analyst Cater responded that yes, it was normally a quieter month.

Director Moore pointed out that the Board did not reshuffle. Rather, they nominated and elected the Board Positions annually.

Motion No. 4

It was moved by Director Moore with Director Moore seconding the motion to change the December 2021 meeting date from December 15 to December 8, 2021. Motion carried: Ayes; (5) Bastian, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

Agenda Item No. 12: Approval of Resolution 2021-20 approving and adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

District Administrator Heller recommended that the Board table this item until August as the District received an update on property tax from Sacramento County earlier today. The update provided the District with a slightly larger amount for fiscal year 2020-21 and Staff adjusted the budgeted numbers based on this information. The updated budget will show more property tax coming in but approximately a ½ percent less than what was received in 2020-21.

Board of Director Committee Minutes

Administration and Finance Committee – Minutes are included from the July 13th meeting. When reviewing the proposed budget there was a line item in Office Supplies for moving the District's Server to a cloud based system requiring double authentication for security and would have daily back-ups. Director Moore is in favor of this, but she asked if the District could also have a failsafe back-up totally offline onto a hard drive stored at the District and backed up regularly. Staff said that they could accommodate this request at a minimal cost.

Planning Committee – Met on July 12th. The proposed Elverta Sports Park was mentioned, and Chairperson McDaniel informed the Board that the project was in its infancy stage at this time.

Safety and Security Committee – Did not meet.

Firehouse Committee – Did not meet.

Dry Creek Committee – Did not meet.

LAFCo Committee – The SDAC met on June 29th. They spoke about the difficulties that Special Districts have been experiencing since the COVID pandemic ended. A lot of the Districts are working on planning a comeback with their constituents. It was also discussed on how Special Districts are in their own battle as they have been dismissed by the State and Federal

Governments. Finally, there was a discussion of the land use battle taking place between the Cordova Parks and Recreation District and the City of Rancho Cordova who is attempting to gain control of the District Parks.

Board of Director Comments

Vice Chairperson Bastian commented on the recent CARPD conference that she attended with Chairperson McDaniel and District Administrator Heller. It was good to see people and be able to network with them. There were some great sessions, notable the Board Member Round Table; the outdoor learning and partnerships highlighting Park and School Districts; and the Homelessness Session led by San Francisco attorney Kimberly Chin. Ms. Chin provided a clear state of the law on homelessness with what we can and cannot do. She mentioned that it would be great to have Ms. Chin speak at a community outreach event.

Director Huffhines had no comments.

Chairperson McDaniel concurred with Vice Chairperson Bastian about bringing Kimberly Chin up to speak and possibly have the Water District, the Chamber and some other public groups get involved. She also mentioned that Special Districts and unincorporated areas have a little more leverage than cities do as most of the parks have signage with hours so people can be moved along – CAREFULLY. She also mentioned not to feed /cloth the homeless as that is encouragement to keep them in the area. She also spoke about the Liability session and how people are using google earth as a tool to file claims against Districts.

Director Morris asked if a dedication is being scheduled for Gibson Crossing. District Administrator Heller responded that signage for the park is still being worked on and that a dedication date would likely occur in the autumn months. She also thanked the Staff for their continued work in the District.

Director Moore mentioned that the City of Winters does not have a homeless issue, partly due to the fact that the City doesn't provide any services which provides zero incentive for the homeless to hang around. She asked about pricing for having Kimberly Chin speak to the Community and District Administrator Heller said that he would reach out. She thanked Chairperson McDaniel and Vice Chairperson Bastian for the information from the CARPD conference and mentioned that she is looking forward to attending the CSDA Conference in August.

Director Huffhines had to leave the meeting at 7:25pm

Closed Session

At 7:29pm Chairperson McDaniel suspended the meeting and moved to the Closed Session.

The general meeting readjoined at 7:37pm from the Closed Session with no action to report.


Adjournment

Chairperson McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm

APPROVED: Bastian, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, Morris

ATTEST:

ABSENT:



Becky L. McDaniel
Chairperson, Board of Directors



Charlea R. Moore
Secretary, Board of Directors