

RIO LINDA ELVERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE
810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, California 95673

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 18, 2023

Call to Order

President Becky McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Vice President Lisa Morris and Officer's Robert Bastian, Wayne Del Nero, and Charlea Moore were present. Staff Members present included Executive Director Mike Heller. This meeting was also conducted on Zoom Communication.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments for this meeting.

General Business

1. Approve Minutes from the June 12th regular meeting.
 - There were no questions or comments on the Minutes.

Motion by Officer Moore and Officer Del Nero seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from June 12th. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Review Financials of 2023 Year to Date
 - The item was introduced by Executive Director Heller who explained that there were 9 total pages. An overview page with eight additional pages for each arm of the Foundation. The current to date balance is \$69,294.28.
 - President McDaniel thanked Staff for the report and stated that she was pleased with the account funding in the Foundation.
 - There were no further questions, and the Board approved the RLE Foundation for the Future Financials.
3. Discussion – Dog Park Amenities
 - Executive Director Heller introduced this item and provided a recommendation for the dog park at Westside Park. The Board was reminded that they had put aside \$1,000.00 for dog park amenities from the Winn Foundation donation. Staff has recommended Chinese Pistache trees and concrete benches for the dog park.
 - President McDaniel asked if the Sacramento Tree Foundation has Chinese Pistache's that could be donated. The Executive Director will look into tree donations from the Tree Foundation as well as types of trees that they may have.
 - Officer Bastian inquired about the irrigation on site. He was told that there was irrigation on site and that the trees would be irrigated properly.
 - Officer Del Nero asked for a full Staff recommendation. Staff are looking at a total of 6 trees and 2-3 concrete benches for the site.
 - President McDaniel asked if a shade canopy over the benches could be looked into. Staff concurred and said they would investigate.
 - Vice President Mooris agreed that the trees and benches are a good start.
 - Executive Director stated that the complete budget would be not to exceed \$5,000.00 between the Park District and the RLE Foundation.
 - Officer Moore inquired about a pond or water feature for the park. Staff said that they would investigate. She also mentioned that Western Sycamore trees also had a wide canopy and were native to the area. Staff will look into pricing on the trees.

Motion by Officer Moore and Officer Del Nero seconded the motion to approve the Dog Park amenities and not to exceed \$5,000.00 of expenses. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Discussion – Fire Engine/Firehouse Update

- The item was introduced by Executive Director Heller who provided an update on the progress of the Fire Engine and Fire House Museum. Supervisor Frost has provided a \$1,500.00 donation to support the fundraising dinner, which will take place on Saturday, October 21st at the Community Center. Good Life Construction has requested a follow up meeting for the Firehouse renovation. They sent an estimator over to look at the firehouse on September 9th. Both Engine #2 and #8 were on display with 'Old Betsy' for the RLE Country Faire last weekend. Currently there is just over \$11,000.00 in the account for Engine #2 and just over \$9,000.00 for the Firehouse.
- Officer Moore commented on the appearance of the Engines during the Country Faire. She was pleased with the foot traffic at the Firehouse and stated that the trucks looked good.

5. Discussion – Update on Foundation Programs

- Executive Director Heller introduced this item and informed the Board that the Foundation continues to be very active this year. The AquaKnights had the most movement and experienced a website snafu on their team site. Staff and Parent volunteers have been working together to fix the issue. The swim team is planning a Super Bowl party for the swimmers as a kick-off and are encouraged to bring friends to increase numbers. Updates were provided for the other arms of the Foundation and a reminder was sent for the Firehouse Fundraising Dinner on October 21st.
- President McDaniel suggested that Staff reach out to the Water District and have our Board of Directors challenge their Board of Directors in the sale of tickets for the Firehouse Dinner. The Executive Director has said that he will reach out.

Items not on the Agenda

- Executive Director asked the Board if they would like to move the December Foundation meeting to December 11th (rather than the 18th) due to the closeness of the holidays. Officer Moore asked if this could be made to a permanent move. This will need to be placed on the agenda for a permanent move and will be done at the December meeting.

Motion by Officer Moore and Officer Bastian seconded the motion to move the December meeting to December 11, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

President McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 6:29pm. The next meeting of the RLE Foundation for the Future Board will take place on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00pm