

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
April 21, 2021**

Call to Order

Chairperson Becky McDaniel called the meeting to order on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:30pm in memory of Emmie Makishima a longtime resident and volunteer in Rio Linda.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was conducted by Zoom videoconference. Vice Chairperson Stacey Bastian and Directors Jerry Huffhines, Charlea Moore and Lisa Morris were on the videoconference. Staff members on the call included District Administrator Mike Heller, Administrative Analyst Deann Cater, Parks Supervisor Tim Marble, and Recreation Supervisor Erik Hernandez.

Public Comments

Rio Linda Resident Bob Reisig inquired about the audio for the upcoming Special Meeting on April 26, 2021 as the last time the Board conducted an in-person meeting, there were challenges with the audio on the Zoom link. District Administrator Heller responded by saying that the number of audio spots would be reduced to one for the entire Board allowing for clarifying audio at the Special Meeting.

Presentations

There were no presentations this month.

Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence this month.

Consent Calendar

Director Moore requested to pull Items #2 (Minutes of March 17, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting) and #4 (Finance Report: March 31, 2021) from the Consent Calendar.

Director Moore pointed out that on the cover sheet of the Monthly Agenda that it stated under Public Comments for people to contact at least 24 hours in advance for accommodation, but there wasn't a listing of whom to contact. District Administrator Heller said that this will be cleaned up moving forward.

Director Moore inquired about indoor gatherings from the Public Comments from last month's Minutes, given that Sacramento County is in the Red Tier for the pandemic. She wanted to know how the District would be able to start indoor classes in person moving forward. District Administrator Heller responded and advised that both the State and County lessened the restrictions effective April 15th allowing for an increase of people for all gatherings and provided guidelines and restrictions with the new numbers.

Director Moore asked about the financial report, specifically the miscellaneous revenue line on the last page of the report. The line item is over \$8,000.00 and she would like to know what it is. Administrative Analyst Cater responded by stating that it is annual fund for items that come in

mostly Administrative Services as they do not have a specific GL account. At the end of the Fiscal Year, the dollars are assigned to a GL and disbursed.

Motion No. 1

It was moved by Director Moore and Vice Chairperson Bastian seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: Received and filed: (1) Park Police Report (March 2021); Approve; (2) Minutes of March 17, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements, March 31, 2021; (4) Finance Report, March 31, 2021; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, March 2021; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, March 2021; (7) Administrator's Report, March 2021; (8) Adoption of Resolution #'s 2021-07 – Public Complaints Policy #1030; 2021-08 – Policy Complaints Policy #1060; and 2021-09 – Americans with Disabilities Act Policy #3025; (9) Adoption of Resolution #2021-10 – approving the addition of Policy #3005 – Other Power Driven Mobility Devices; (10) Adoption of Resolution #2021-11 – approving the use of deferred maintenance contingency funds for the Security Camera Upgrade for the Community Center and Depot Parks; (11) Adoption of Resolution #2021-12 – approving a change in the fee schedule for Outdoor Facilities. Motion carried: Ayes; (5) Bastian, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).

General Business

Agenda Item No. 12: Discussion of letter from TRUSD Trustee Bastian regarding the Vineland Elementary School Property.

District Administrator Heller introduced this item and provided a recap of the TRUSD property, Vineland elementary School that was approved for Surplus by the TRUSD 7-11 Committee. This land, located at 20th Street and I Street is available for \$1,520,000. School Trustee Bastian sent the Park District a letter highlighting the venue and a request for the District to consider the purchase of the property for future programing.

Vice Chairperson Bastian recused herself from this item due to sitting on both the Park District Board and the TRUSD 7-11 Committee.

Director Moore concurs with the Planning Committee recommendation about not taking on an older facility that will possibly need a lot of repairs and maintenance. However, there is a stage, kitchens, and bathrooms and this would be ideal for the Rio Linda Theatre Company for their permanent home. If there is a possibility for this then it would be a great acquisition as a community asset for the Community Theatre. The 1.5 million dollar price tag is way too much for the Park District at this time.

Director Morris agreed with Director Moore's comments. It is a great site for the Performing Arts Center, but it is very expensive.

Director Huffhines also agrees that the price is high. Any new facilities would be great, but this is a high cost.

Chairperson McDaniel recalls that with the new Development coming in, an area for Theatre with a stage has been set aside.

District Administrator Heller confirmed that this was the plan with the Elverta Villages plan, but that plan will probably not happen as the Developers cannot obtain the land needed. The Grandpark project Community Center has not been planned out yet, but this is certainly a priority and should be included with the planning of that Center.

Director Moore realizes that any new stage with the Park District Development will belong to the Park District. She is hoping for a theatre stage for the Community Theatre. If there is any desire on the Park District Board, would we be interested in assisting with this? Possibly with a letter of support or a partnership with the Theatre Company to the TRUSD Board.

Kris McCandless, the President of the Rio Linda Theatre Company, and a Rio Linda resident spoke. She is not sure how to contribute to the conversation. She realizes that the price tag is very high, and it is sad that it can't be purchased without serious help and grant dollars. She agreed with Director Moore that they need their own home and would love to create a partnership.

Director Huffhines asked how much land there was. District Administrator Heller responded that there was 9.05 acres of land.

Director Morris mentioned that the entire land may not be available as she believes that TRUSD may want to keep some of the buildings for their active pre-school. The stage and cafeteria are available as part of the surplus.

Director Huffhines asked if TRUSD wanted to sell the parcel for 1.5 million and retain some of the buildings? Chairperson McDaniel said yes, that is the understanding.

Motion No. 2

It was moved by Director Moore and Chairperson McDaniel seconded the motion that the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District does not purchase this property because of the price. The RLERPD will consider working with the Rio Linda Theatre Company to obtain the property at a reduced price with no financial responsibility coming from the RLERPD. Motion passed: Ayes; (4) Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0); Recuse; (1) Bastian; Absent; (0).

Director Morris wanted to thank School Trustee Bob Bastian for letting our Board know about this opportunity.

Agenda Item No. 12: Approval of a Request for Proposals for the Westside Park Site Improvements.

District Administrator Heller introduced this item and provided an update on available funding (Prop 68 Per Capita and Park Impact Fee dollars) for a potential large gazebo, barbeques, picnic tables, benches, updated restrooms, and possible a small concession stand for Westside Park. The gazebo would be located over the former beach valley pits. This item has been with Park Planning for discussion.

Director Moore asked for clarification on the size of the gazebo. District Administrator Heller inadvertently spoke about a 90'x105' gazebo. The 90'x110' dimensions in the RFP are the correct amount. Director Moore likes the amenity and thinks it is a splendid idea.

Director Morris likes the idea.

Vice Chairperson Bastian agrees that this is a good idea.

Chairperson McDaniel believes that the Westside Community will benefit greatly from this new amenity.

Motion No. 3

It was moved by Director Moore and Director Morris seconded the motion that the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District proceed with the Request for Proposals for Westside Park. Motion passed: Ayes; (5) Bastian, Huffhines, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0); Abstain; (0); Absent; (0).

Board of Director Committee Minutes

Administration and Finance Committee – Minutes are included. Met on April 13. There was a lively discussion with a lot of Policy and Procedure amendments. The Security cameras and the Zoom Contract were also briefly discussed. The next meeting is May 11.

Planning Committee – Met on April 7. The large item was the RFP at Westside Park.

Safety and Security Committee – Met on March 26. It was pointed out that the District Administrator is working with the County on reduced dump fees as well as a dedicated lane at the dump. It also looks like the number of encampments and illegal dumping of waste is decreasing. Finally, the port-a-potties that were burnt down will not be replaced.

Firehouse Committee – Did not meet. They are waiting until the conclusion of the Big Day of Giving on May 6th before scheduling a meeting. District Administrator Heller reminded the Board about activating the Board's link for the BDOG to solicit donors to fund the project.

Dry Creek Committee – Did not meet.

LAFCo Committee – Vice Chairperson Bastian informed the Board that the Special District Advisory Committee (SDAC) spoke about the COVID effects with each agency. There was conversation on what other Districts are doing virtually for their residents.

Director Moore informed the Board that she is now the Chair of the SDAC which is done by an automatic rotation. She also spoke on the COVID impacts and said that all Districts are impacted, and no funding is expected from either the Federal or State Government. Finally, the LAFCo Commission met on April 7 with discussion about COVID. They also approved a harvest water project (the use of recycled water for irrigation and habitat only).

Board of Director Comments

Director Huffhines thanked the Staff for their continued good work. The Parks look good. He is hoping that we will get back to in person meetings soon.

Director Morris thanked the Lions Club for their recent work at Troy Park. She also recognized Administrator Heller for his presentation with the Board of Supervisors on April 6th. She also thanked the Recreation Division with the Eggstravaganza event. Parks look great and thank you to the Staff for continuing to do a great job.

Director Moore also agreed that the Eggstravaganza was a great event. She also thanked District Administrator Heller and the other speakers did a great job with their presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Regarding the automatic rotation of Board Members to the Chair, she mentioned that this was done by many County Agencies and wanted to bring it to the attention of our Board of Directors. She suggested that we discuss this at a future meeting and possibly have the Park District move to an automatic rotation. She stated that she was sad about the vandalism that the District has suffered recently. She thanked the Recreation Division for the Eggstravaganza and to the Parks Division for the condition of the Park.

Vice Chairperson Bastian thanked the Recreation Division for the Eggstravaganza. She also thanked the Parks Division for the good condition of the parks. She also thanked the District Administrator as well as Liz Bellas from the County Regional Parks and the Rangers for working on the removal of the encampment on 6th Street. She thanked the FEC Police for the recent arrest with the tagging at Babe Best. A big shout out to the Rio Linda Little League for their upcoming season. Finally, a recognition to the TRUSD Police for heir patrols at Rio Linda Elementary arrest. She thanked the Board and reminded everybody to stay healthy.

Chairperson McDaniel thanked the three presenters for their speaking points at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 6th. We represented very well. Vandalism is up everywhere, she cautioned the Parks Division to be careful. She believes that we will get some help from Sacramento County refuse regarding access. She was sorry for missing the Eggstravaganza it was the same weekend as her daughter's engagement. Not being recognized as a government entity is frustrating and is hopeful that the Board of Supervisors will include us with their allotment of America Rescue Act funding. She thanked the Board for their work and is looking forward to meeting in person again. She suggested the release of a monthly report/blog to the community on our Social Media platforms.

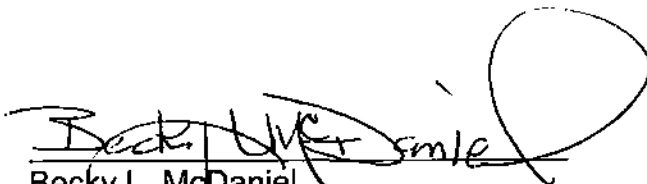
Adjournment

Chairperson McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm

APPROVED: Bastian, McDaniel, Moore, Morris

ATTEST:

ABSENT: Huffhines


Becky L. McDaniel
Chairperson, Board of Directors


Charlea R. Moore
Secretary, Board of Directors