

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**July 19, 2023**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Wayne Del Nero called the meeting to order on July 19, 2023, at 6:30pm. Present were Vice Chairperson Becky McDaniel and Directors Robert Bastian, Charlea Moore, and Lisa Morris. Staff members present included General Manager Mike Heller, Administrative Services Supervisor Annette Hernandez, Parks Supervisor Don Davidson, and Recreation Supervisor Alissia DeSalles. The meeting was also broadcast on Zoom Communications.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Roger Mitchell, a resident of Elverta and the restoration crew leader for Engine #2 and the Firehouse project spoke about the annual fundraising dinner to take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm. He asked the Board if they could assist by selling five (5) tickets each. He is also looking for a speaker for the event and will work with the District's General Manager to finalize this. Mr. Mitchell also presented the 100 year plaque for the Sac Metro Fire Truck "Old Betsy" which was the first fire truck in the Rio Linda Fire Department. Finally, he provided a quick update on current work being completed on Engine #2.

Ms. Stacey Bastian, Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD) Trustee, informed the Board of Directors that there will be a ribbon cutting on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am for the new Baseball/Softball complex at Rio Linda High School. She also provided an update of events that will be taking place at the Rio Linda Elementary School, including National Night Out on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm, and the Grange hosting their annual zucchini races on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. TRUSD is also working on the irrigation system on the lawn area at the elementary school. Additionally, they will be hosting two (2) preschools in the fall. Finally, it was reported that there will be new principals at the Rio Linda High School, Westside, and Orchard.

**Introduction of Guests**

There were no guests to introduce.

**Presentations and Announcements**

General Manager Heller informed the Board of Directors that July is Parks and Recreation Month. He provided some facts on Park usage in the nation and presented a resolution proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation month.

**Written Correspondence**

There was no written correspondence this month.

**Consent Calendar**

Items #4 and #9 were pulled for discussion.

Item #9: Director Morris asked why rentals were showing a loss in the District Budget. She supports the proposed increase of fees but is curious as to why we are showing a loss. Staff

explained that the District budgeted for staffing hours more than they had budgeted for actual rentals. This is an oversight that will be corrected in the Final Budget document.

Irem #4: Director Moore inquired as to why the District was showing a deficit of \$531,822.05 on the monthly financial report. Staff explained that this was a profit and not a loss. It is in parenthesis as it is over the final budget and revenues exceeded the budget number.

#### **Motion No. 1**

**It was moved by Director Moore and Director Morris seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as follows: Received and filed: (1) Park Police Report (June 2023); Approve; (2) Minutes of June 21, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting; (3) Cash Disbursements, June 30, 2023; (4) Finance Report, June 30, 2023; (5) Park Maintenance Monthly Report, June 2023; (6) Recreation Monthly Report, June 2023; (7) General Manager's Report, June 2023; (8) Adoption of Resolution #2023-015 amending the District's Policy and Procedure Manual – Policy #2010 – Hours of Work and Overtime; (9) Adoption of Resolution #2023-016 amending the District's Policy and Procedure Manual – Policy #6070 – Indoor Facility Use Schedule. Motion carried: Ayes; (5) Bastian, Del Nero, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).**

#### **General Business**

##### **Agenda Item #10: Draft of Final 2023-2024 Budget**

Chairperson Del Nero recognized Kris McCandless, a resident of Elverta, and invited her to speak on the final budget draft.

- Ms. McCandless provided opinion about the undervalue of “blue collar” workers in the Park District. She requested that the Board of Directors do their due diligence and look at the park workers' pay as she feels that they are undervalued and underpaid. She stated that there is a discrepancy in pay as well as health hazards between blue collar and white collar employees. She also feels that the SAFCA contract is over and above the normal Park Maintenance job duties. Therefore, it should be considered differently within the realm of the budget. She feels that any revenues generated from the SAFCA contract should not be allocated back to the Park District general fund as SAFCA is not normal Recreation and park District activities. Instead, perhaps the revenues should be paid to the employees working on the contract as it would be more in line with a Sacramento County employee for doing the same work. She stated that by not doing this we are telling our Park Maintenance staff that we undervalue their labor; their skill set; and their long term health, but we are applying a value with no qualms over to the office (general fund).
- Director Moore responded that she appreciates the points made by Ms. McCandless and she would like to point out that on the Parks and Recreation Month Resolution that was just signed by the Board of Directors that it says that nearly 3 in 4 adults agree that equity should be an extremely or very important goal for their local park and recreation agency. The Board just signed a resolution agreeing to that and she believes that for the term equity, employees should be paid for the job that they are doing.

Vice Chairperson McDaniel asked if there were many changes from the preliminary to the final draft versions of the budget. Administrative Services Supervisor Hernandez responded that the only major changes were the carryover and the fact that we had an additional \$15,000.00 in property tax from Sacramento County.

**Motion No. 2**

**It was moved by Director Moore and seconded by Chairperson Del Nero to approve the fiscal year 2023-2024 final draft budget as presented. Motion carried: Ayes; (5) Bastian, Del Nero, McDaniel, Moore, and Morris; Noes; (0), Abstain; (0), Absent; (0).**

**Board of Director Committee Minutes**

Administration and Finance Committee – Met on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The only item not discussed at the General Board Meeting was Staff's release of an RFP for the Babe Best parking lot.

Park Planning Committee – Did not meet.

Safety and Security Committee – Did not meet.

Firehouse Committee – Did not meet.

Dry Creek Committee – Did not meet.

LAFCo Committee – The LAFCo Commission will meet on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the SDAC will meet on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Board of Director Comments**

Director Morris thanked the staff and commented that a good job was being done by all.

Vice Chairperson McDaniel thanked the General Manager and Board Chairperson for all of their hard work with the Little League this year. She congratulated the teams that advanced through the District tournaments. She thanked Staff for their continued hard work.

Chairperson Del Nero thanked the Board for their comments. He has not been as involved due to his Little League Commitments, but he is looking forward to spending more time with the Board.

Director Bastian thanked the Public for attending the meeting. He also thanked the Staff for all of their hard work, especially with the heat. He recognized the Parks Division for the removal of the boat in Dry Creek.

Director Moore thanked the District for repair of the HVAC in the Linda room at the Community Center. She appreciates all of the hard work being done on the Westside Project. As well as turning the watering down at Depot Park. She thanked the Recreation Division for the success of the summer camp and the swim program. Overall, the District looks good.

**General Manger Comments**

Recommended a ribbon cutting date of Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the morning at Westside Park, based on the responses from the Board of Directors. Invitations will be sent out to California State Parks as well as out County and State elected officials.

**Future Agenda Items:**

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Del Nero adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.


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

**ATTEST:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

  
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Wayne Del Nero  
Chairperson, Board of Directors

  
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Lisa L. Morris  
Secretary, Board of Directors