

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

MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 11, 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 September 18th regular meeting.
 - There were no questions or comments on the Minutes.

Motion by Officer Moore and Vice President Morris seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from September 18th. 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 \$75,603.55.
 - Officer Del Nero inquired as to where the funding comes from for Youth Programs. Staff responded that the dollars were raised through various donations from the Community for all of the individual special events that take place during the year.
 - Director Moore asked if the Breakfast with Santa made money. Staff replied that the final numbers were not in yet, but it appeared that it would make some money.
 - There were no further questions, and the Board approved the RLE Foundation for the Future Financials.
3. Discussion – Permanent move of December meeting to the 2nd Monday
 - President McDaniel recommended moving forward with this proposal and made a motion to that effect.
 - There were no other comments or questions on this item.

Motion by President McDaniel and seconded by Officer Moore to make the December meeting of the RLE Foundation for the Future move permanently to the second Monday of December. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Discussion – Dog Park Amenities
 - Executive Director Heller introduced this item and provided an update on the progress of the Westside Park dog park amenities. Staff received a SMUD grant from the Sacramento Tree Foundation and received six Chinese Pistache trees for shade. Two park benches are also on order. Staff will put down a concrete slab. This is being budgeted through the Park District fiscal year.
 - If the trees and benches are not destroyed, Staff will recommend looking into more amenities for the park.
 - Officer Moore asked for a cost on the benches. Staff responded that they were approximately \$1,500.00 per bench.

- President McDaniel mentioned that the bench on the small dog park side has been tagged pretty severely. She requested that the Park District send somebody over to address this issue.

At this time three members of the community joined the meeting. Gail, Donna, and Pam sat in for the remainder of the Foundation meeting.

5. 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. This was highlighted by the fundraising dinner which netted approximately \$5,700.00. A date has been suggested for the 2024 dinner.
- A few days after the dinner, there was a community meeting at the Good Life Construction office. They presented drawings and a cost estimate for the conversion and rehabilitation of the Firehouse for the future fire history museum. This meeting was attended by representatives from Supervisor Frost, Sac Metro Fire, the Public Safety Foundation, and the RLE Foundation for the Future. The cost estimate was approximately 1.1 Million for the work to be done to the building. Good Life suggested that we raise 50% of the funds and then with the project moving along, raise the other 50%.
- Officer Del Nero asked if the drawings presented were the final drawings. Staff responded that the drawings were the recommendation, but they were not the final plans. Drawings will not be finalized until the project is closer to construction. Officer Del Nero recalled that it was discussed that the rooms be opened up more.
- Officer Moore agreed with Officer Del Nero that the rooms need to be big enough to host community meetings and be more accessible to the public.
- Executive Director Heller did remind the Board that the building was still the property of Sac Metro Fire and that there would be ADA and environmental mitigation steps taken. The building will not be turned over to the Park District until after the work was completed. Executive Director Heller did say that the concerns from the Foundation Board will be brought up to Sac Metro Fire and Good Life Construction regarding the functionality of the rooms in the firehouse.
- One of the Community members asked if there was more than one estimate. Staff responded that there was only one estimate, but the project had not been bid yet. She also asked if anybody had been applying for State Grants. Staff from both Foundations are collaborating on grant applications.

6. Discussion – Update on Foundation Programs

- Executive Director Heller introduced this item and informed the Board that the Foundation has had its most active year. The AquaKnights, Fire Engine #2, and the youth programs had the most movement. The AquaKnights are becoming more involved in the community and their recruitment. They also hosted the Haunted House during Halloween. The Park District Special Events hit highs in participation. Senior programs are being planned for 2024. It was also mentioned that the District van is scheduled to be painted in late December.
- Officer Moore would like to congratulate the District Staff for all of the successful events. She also asked if Senior trips were being planned. Staff said that they are.
- President McDaniel suggested that the Foundation and Staff work on a “Socktober” fundraiser asking members of the public to donate new socks as this

is the one item that is always lacking during clothing drives for children and those less fortunate.

- Officer Moore agreed with this idea.

Items not on the Agenda

Adjournment

President McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm. The next meeting of the RLE Foundation for the Future Board will take place on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00pm