

ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA – 1 A

FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING JULY 15, 2021 – 6:30 PM MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Seaman at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Michael Seaman – Chair Laura Lavallee - Secretary
Jessica Dias – Director Teresa Higgins – Director
Kathleen Stricklin – Vice Chair (Absent)

Staff Members in attendance

Emily Ballus, Jaden Delfer, Becky Lopey-McDaniel

Via Zoom: Ryan Harder

VISITORS

Visitors present

Brandon Vanleuven (SCI Engineers)

Leroy Munsch (Resident)

John Kaylen (Resident)

3. VISITOR COMMENTS

Resident LeRoy Munsch addressed the Board and stated that although he realizes staff is short he voiced his concerns about the tree stumps that remain in the southeast corner of Cottage Park. He went on to state that the district does not have sufficient funds to operate the District and that it is up to the Board to solve. Mr. Munch then read the Districts' Mission Statement to the Board and said that the District is going in the wrong direction. He went on to thank the district for installing the barbecues but inquired as to why the large barbecue has a temporary fix. He stated that Rotary had given money to the district and them not being done is an ethics issue. He then asked the Board if there was any word from the state regarding funding. Chair Seaman explained that the District has not heard anything and that the district may not hear anything until October/November of this year. He further stated that it appears as if the money is going to trailer bills.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

BOARD ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Item A was pulled on a motion by Lavallee, seconded by Dias, Ayes – 4 Noes - 0:

General Manager Ballas reported that the deadline for the oversight committee nomination was due July 16 if any of the Directors is interested. Director Lavallee stated that she was interested but wanted clarification on the experience required. Chair Seaman said that she was a good candidate and General Manager Ballus informed her that the only requirement is public finance. Director Lavallee agreed to being nominated. On a motion by Higgins, seconded by Seaman, the Board nominated Director Lavallee for the committee. The motion passed Ayes – 4 Noes - 0
Moved by Dias, seconded by Higgins – The Board voted to approve Consent agenda items b-i. The motion passed Ayes - 4 Noes - 0

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION

5.1 Public Hearing, Assessment Districts 1 & 2; 6:46 p.m.

General Manager Ballus introduced Brandon Vanleuven representing SCI to discuss the district's assessments 1 & 2 as well as the resolution for approval regarding the acceptance of the funds from Sacramento Redevelopment Agency for the new picnic shelter in Santa Anita Park. He presented a power point outlining the four part process SCI goes through each year as a continuation of the park districts' assessments. Director Dias asked how many calls SCI receives regarding the district's assessments. Mr. Vanleuven informed she and the Board that very few calls are received. Director Higgins asked if the new numbers reflected an additional tax rate to residents or whether it was the same. Mr. Vanleuven stated that it did go up a bit due to the CPI

(Consumer Price Index).

Resident John Kaylen asked the Board of Directors if the assessments are new or a yearly update. He also asked what “Zones” mean. Chair Seaman informed Mr. Kaylen that two zones exist for the assessments. Zone B, the smaller of the two is located near Watt Avenue and Edison and that 80% of residents fall within the “Zone” A of the assessments. He informed Mr. Kaylen that the District does reassess annually based on the requirements set forth by proposition 218. On a motion by Director Higgins seconded by Director Lavallee the Board voted to approve the following two resolutions: Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes - 0

- a. Resolution 2021/22-1, Approving Engineers report, Parks Maintenance and Recreation Improvement Assessment District (Assessment #1)
- b. Resolution 2021/22-2, Approving the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Improvement District (Assessment # 2)

5.2 Resolution: Acceptance of Grant Funds from Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency Grant

General Manager Ballus informed the Board that the District is receiving just over \$60,000 for a new gazebo that will be installed in Santa Anita Park near the Bell Street entrance. Chair Seaman asked that staff contact the residents around the park to obtain input as to the where the gazebo should be placed.

On a motion by Director Dias, seconded by Director Higgins the Board voted to approve resolution #2021/22-3. Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes - 0

6. INFORMATION ITEMS – No comments

6.1 General Manager’s Report

General Manager informed the Board that she attended the CARPD conference and was pleased to announce that the district received a safety award from CARPD. She also informed the Board that she has also attended the General Manager’s Summit the end of June. General Manager Ballus went on to tell the Board that she dropped by the July 4th event at Cottage pool that was co-sponsored by Fulton Avenue. Chair Seaman commented that in light of school district’s need for social distancing in the classroom due to covid-19, his After Learning program that he presented on at the CARPD conference might work well in our community.

General Manager Ballus addressed Mr. Munch’s earlier comments to clarify the Board as to what occurred. She went on to state that the agreement with Rotary was that the funds they donated were for the clean-up event and that the district could use the funds anyway necessary. She went on to inform the Board that the clean-up event at Cottage Park was over double the cost of the donation. She further stated that Mr. Munsch is entitled to his opinion about the barbecues and that she has discussed the matter with Mr. Munsch.

7.0 Committee Reports – Admin/Finance met and Director Higgins reported that the committee is working with staff to finalize things for the new fiscal year budget that will be presented at the August meeting.

8. Director’s Comments

Higgins – The fact that we are no longer doing the after-school program with San Juan USD is it possible to increase the size of our after school program. Superintendent McDaniel informed the Board that our after-school program is actually bouncing back from covid-19 and that the numbers for the 2021 school year are looking good. She went on to remind the Board that although we are no longer involved with the free San Juan program that it will continue at our school sites staffed by the school district. Parents still have the choice to make on sending their children to the free Bridges program or the district’s fee-based program. Superintendent McDaniel assured the Board that staff is doing a good job with the number of children in the program meeting the covid-19 protocol numbers. General Manager Ballus stated that it very difficult to hire staff for the program.

Dias – No comments

Lavallee – No comments

Seaman – Commented that he too attended the CARPD conference and that he was pleased to see that they are working with the state legislators. Chair Seaman went on to say that he attended the San Juan USD redistricting meeting where it is being deciding between five trustees or seven.

Chair Seaman stated the importance of west Arden-Arcade receiving representation. He encouraged the other directors to view the proposals. Chair Seaman also attended a meeting at Dyer Kelly Elementary School. He informed the Board that he had a discussion with the Principal and Librarian who told him that the schools are safe but the parks are not. Chair Seaman then stated that there is a perception, even without bias in fact to deal with that perception that the district needs to address and work on.

9. Information/Correspondence/Announcements

- A. Letter to Governor Newsom, Senator Atkins and Assemblymember Rendon regarding COVID-19 relief and American Rescue Plan Act funding request. (No comments)
- B. Letter to Sacramento County Supervisors Frost, Nottoli, Kennedy, Serna & Desmond regarding COVID-19 relief and American Rescue Plan Act funding request. (No comments)
- C. Flyer for the Malko Performing Arts Academy Performance at Howe Theater July 16 & 17.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Becky L. McDaniel Superintendent of Recreation

APPROVED: _____
Michael Seaman, Chair
Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Laura Lavallee, Secretary
Board of Directors