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**FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: Minutes 4a

**Thursday, November 21, 2024 • 6:00 P.M.
Howe Park Board Room • 2201 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825**

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Special meeting was called to order by Chair Dias at 6:00pm, with a Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Jessica Dias, Chair - Present
Laura Lavallee, Vice Chair - Present
Michael Seaman, Secretary - Present
Teresa Higgins, Board Director - Present
Kathy Stricklin, Board Director – Present

Staff Members:

Emily Ballus	Dounia Beshara - via Zoom
Mike Chahal	Robin Romines - via Zoom
Beth Johnson	Steve Clark - via Zoom
Ryan Harder	I. Patterson - via Zoom
Jaden Delfer	

Public Attendees:

ABC10 - via Zoom
Anne Fischer - via Zoom
Christine (no last name) - via Zoom
Citizen (no name) - via Zoom
D (no first or last name) - via Zoom
David's iPhone (no last name) - via Zoom
Diana's iPhone (no last name) - via Zoom
D. Weaver - via Zoom
James (no last name) - via Zoom
Kate (no last name) - via Zoom
KCRA TV - via Zoom
Lomba - via Zoom
Mark Aho, FORPD - via Zoom
Sean V - via Zoom
Steve (no last name) - via Zoom

3. Presentation of Resolution Recognizing Retiring Ranger John Mohamed for Distinguished Service to the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District

Vice Chair Lavallee made a motion to present John Mohamed for a Distinguished Service to the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District. The motion was seconded by Director Higgins, and the motion was passed by a vote of 5-0-0.

GM Ballus introduced Chief Johnson, and she presented the award of Distinguished Service to Ranger Mohamed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Consent Calendar items are those expected to be routine and noncontroversial. They will be acted upon by the Board of Directors after providing an opportunity for public comment.

Public Comment:

Director Seaman indicated he was not sure if there was adequate time for noticing the special meetings per the Brown Act.

Attorney Jeni Buckham indicated that the meeting agenda was noticed 24 hours before the special meeting in compliance with the Brown Act.

Mike Heller, GM for Rio Linda Elverta RPD, indicated he did not believe the special meeting was noticed in the appropriate time as he did not receive personal notice of the meeting until November 21, 2024. GM Ballus indicated that the notice was posted at 2:30 pm on November 20, 2024, in compliance with the Brown Act.

Charlea R. More, Vice Chair of Rio Linda Elverta RPD, indicated she was concerned about the timing notice for today's special meeting and was appalled FEC did not notify Rio Linda personally regarding the meeting until November 21, 2024.

5. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ITEMS (Motion or Approval Required)

5.1 Approve the Termination of the Police Services Contracts with Area Recreation and Park Districts

The Board will consider approving the termination of the police services contracts with Arden Manor RPD, Carmichael RPD, Fair Oaks RPD, Orangevale RPD, and Rio Linda Elverta RPD

Public Comment:

Mike Heller, GM Rio Linda Elverta RPD, indicated there was a lack of notice regarding the time of the special meeting and a lack of transparency regarding the knowledge of the meeting. Heller indicated that this is more than a partnership between FEC and the contracting districts and that the park police not only work with its district's staff but help eliminate fears within the community. He advocated for not terminating police services with the area park districts.

Heller also indicated that at the last special meeting, Director Stricklin made a comment regarding establishing a Joint Powers of Attorney (JPA) with contracting districts for Police Services. This idea was presented over two years ago by GM Ballus at the meeting with contracting districts GM's and no further information or discussions around the subject was mentioned.

Recommendations:

GM Ballus provided an update on the discussions with the Sheriff's Office (SO) regarding the two invoices that are due. The SO stated they will terminate dispatch services on December 31, 2024. FEC contracts with area RPD's state that any termination must provide a 45-day notice. GM Ballus also referred to JPA services, stating that she did present the idea at the GM's meeting, but FEC is not obligated to move forward with the JPA as it would be a separate entity from FEC. And any other District interested in creating a JPA can move forward with that work separate from FEC.

GM Ballus indicated that FEC had several professional assessments completed by qualified law enforcement specialists and organizations as FEC does not have the expertise to evaluate a police department. The assessment reports by former Sacramento Police Department Chief Hann and Meliora Public Safety Consulting recommend that FEC not continue as a police department due to a variety of department deficiencies that cannot be overcome without a significant financial investment.

GM Ballus stated that she received verbal notice from the SO on Wednesday November 20, 2024, that they will not provide dispatch services and equipment leases beyond December 31, 2024. Without the lease and dispatch services, FEC cannot provide police patrols. The SO followed up with written notice of the termination, which is included in the board package.

GM Ballus advised the board that without equipment leases and dispatch services, FEC no longer has the ability to function as a police department. And as a result, FEC would need to terminate police services contracts with Arden Manor RPD, Carmichael RPD, Fair Oaks RPD, Orangevale RPD, and Rio Linda Elverta RPD.

The discussion continued at the regular board meeting, which commenced at the conclusion of the special meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dias, with the recommendation from our attorney Jennifer Buchman, adjourned the special meeting at 6:29pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Chahal, Director of Finance and Administration / Clerk of the Board.

APPROVED: _____
Jessica Dias, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Michael Seaman, Secretary, Board of Director