



**FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**ITEM NO. 4.A - MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 21, 2023, 6:30 P.M.**

**2201 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825**

**1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was convened by Vice Chair Jessica Dias at 6:30pm, with a Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

Teresa Higgins, Chair - *via Zoom & signed off at 6:42pm*

Jessica Dias, Vice Chair - *Present*

Laura Lavallee, Secretary - *Present*

Michael Seaman, Director - *Present*

Kathy Stricklin, Director - *Present*

Staff Members:

Emily Ballus - *Present*

Mike Chahal - *Present*

Ryan Harder - *Present*

Robin Romines - *via Zoom*

Becky McDaniel - *via Zoom*

Jayden Delfer - *Present*

Beth Johnson - *via Zoom*

**3. PUBLIC AND VISITOR COMMENTS**

It is a violation of state law for the Board to discuss or take action on non-agenda items. Board members may only ask brief clarifying questions or refer the matter to staff.

*Note this agenda item was deferred and discussed under agenda item 6.2 and documentation of the public and visitor comments are made here.*

*Public comment: Amy Seagraves commented on the importance of protecting Creekside Nature Area. She indicated she was concerned about dumping occurring from the SJUSD construction site into the slough; access for the fire department to Creekside once the school is operational, and her inability to get action by various state departments regarding her ongoing concerns about the construction project.*

**4. CONSENT ITEMS (Motion)**

- a. Minutes of the November 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Total Payroll, Supplies, and Revenue Summary Graph Year to Date
- c. Program Revenue and Refund Report for November 2023
- d. Payroll Report for November 2023
- e. Claims for November 2023
- f. Revolving Fund Report for November 2023
- g. Services and Supplies Summary Report as of November 2023

- h. Monthly Department Breakdown for November 2023
- i. Parks, Recreation, Facility Rentals, and Security Report November 2023

*Director Seaman made the motion to approve the Consent items and Director Stricklin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0-0*

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1 Resolution for Recognition of Service for Superintendent of Recreation Becky Lopey-McDaniel**

The park district presented Superintendent of Recreation Becky Lopey-McDaniel with a Resolution for Recognition of Service upon her upcoming retirement.

*GM Ballus indicated that the District had a Resolution recognizing Superintendent of Recreation Becky Lopey-McDaniel for her 20-plus years of service. Director Lavallee made the motion to adopt the Resolution and Director Stricklin seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0-0.*

*GM Ballus and Staff Delfer and Harder presented a Most Valuable Player bat celebrating Superintendent McDaniel.*

## **6. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ITEMS (Motion or Approval Required)**

### **6.1 California Employment Laws Effective 2024**

Staff will provide the board with updates on laws coming into effect beginning January 1, 2024.

*GM Ballus reported on employment law changes that goes into effect at the start of the new calendar year which may have financial impacts for the District financially.*

### **6.2 SJUSD Katherine Johnson Middle School and Creekside Nature Area Update**

Staff provided the Board with an update on the Creekside Nature Area and the Katherine Johnson Middle School construction.

*Comments and concerns made by our guests are noted under agenda item 3.*

*GM Ballus gave an update on the project. The public will not have access to the Nature Area from Belport, as originally planned, during the construction period. Director Seaman wants the FECRPD Facilities Committee to work with the School District and the County to make sure all areas of concerns are addressed.*

*Director Lavallee noted that GM Ballus has been engaging other parties to work towards a solution. GM Ballus indicated that SJUSD has been approached to consider holding a collective meeting with FEC and SJUSD's Facilities Committees to work on the issues.*

*GM Ballus indicated concerned public members are encouraged to attend SJUSD's board meetings to provide their input.*

*GM Ballus was charged with getting an access easement from SJUSD which she has presented at a previous board meeting.*

### **6.3 Review General Obligation Bond Measure FAQs**

The Board reviewed FAQs provided by Isom Advisors and begin to consider what tax rate the bond measure will support.

*GM Ballus presented recommended talking points on the general obligation bond provided by John Isom and requested Board input.*

*Director Seaman indicated that the District cannot campaign for the Bond measure but can inform the public. This process should begin three or four months prior to election day.*

## **7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required)**

### **7.1 General Manager's Report**

*GM Ballus monthly update is documented on Pages 52 and 53 in the Board Package provided.*

*GM Ballus indicated that she will have a draft MOU at the next board meeting for review.*

*GM Ballus indicated that Director Seaman is on the LAFCO ballot but that the voting has been extended until February 2, 2024.*

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Standing Committees:**

- a). Personnel and Finance – Chair, Director Teresa Higgins *No updates*
- b). Programs, Facilities and Projects – Chair, Director Seaman *No updates*
- c). Security and Community Relations – Chair, Director Dias *No updates*
- d). Ad Hoc Committee: Bohemian Park Project – Chair, Director Seaman *No updates*
- e). Park Advisory – Directors assigned to each park

Board members will provide reports on any committee meeting they may have attended.

## **9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Board members reported on items of interest to the Board.

*Director Dias requested the board move to agenda item 11 -Board Officers Election to accommodate that Director Lavallee had to leave the meeting early.*

*Director Stricklin made the motion for the following candidate slate: Director Dias-Chair, Director Lavallee-Vice-Chair, and Director Seaman-Secretary of the Board. The motion was seconded by Director Seaman. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0-1-0. Director Dias abstained.*

*Director Lavallee exited the meeting at 7:30pm, following the vote.*

*Director Dias indicated that as the new Chair she wanted the Board to know that she valued the board's fine job of discussing the issues at hand and challenges facing our district. And suggested that in the coming year that the board be comfortable with debating issues at hand and being comfortable with not always reaching a consensus.*

## **10. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS (No Action Required)**

- A. CARPD Annual Conference Save the Date, May 22-25, 2024, Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country
- B. Message from Your (CSDA) Feld Coordinator: includes 2023 Year-End Legislative Report and AB 557 Advocacy and passage (FEC is a supporter listed)
- C. National Recreation and Park Association Blog: Favorite Park and Recreation Activities

According to the Data  
D. National Recreation and Park Association Blog: What Keeps People from Visiting their  
Local Parks

**11. BOARD OFFICERS ELECTION** (Motion)

Moved and voted for under item no. 9 Directors' Comments

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

*With no further business, Vice Chair Dias adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.*

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 Directors