

ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA – 1 A

FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING September 16, 2021 – 6:31 PM MINUTES www.fecrpd.com

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT was held September 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Seaman.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Seaman at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Michael Seaman – Chair
Kathleen Stricklin – Vice Chair-Via Zoom
Laura Lavallee, Secretary
Jessica Dias – Director
Teresa Higgins – Director – Arrived at 6:31pm

Staff Members in attendance

Emily Ballus, Becky Lopey-McDaniel, Linda Montijo, Jaden Delfer
Via Zoom: Ryan Harder, Robin Romines

VISITORS

Visitors present
Leroy Munsch (Resident)
Ted Costa

3. VISITOR COMMENTS

Ted Costa addressed the Board and informed them that he is running for LAFco. He left his phone number in case anyone has any questions for him.

Resident LeRoy Munsch addressed the Board to let them know he was pleased with the new hire the district made at Cottage Park. Park is looking significantly better now that irrigation has started. BBQ replacement and tree stump removal continue to be needed. The district has to begin to deal with something on the ballot to deal with the needs of the district.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

BOARD ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by Dias, seconded by Higgins the board approved the consent agenda:

Ayes – 5 Noes – 0 Absent - 0:

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION

5.1 Resident Concerns Regarding Cottage Park.

General Manager Ballus reported to the Board that Covid/Staffing Issues have interfered with maintenance items at Cottage Park. The BBQ grills were not installed until the state opened for business as we did not want people congregating. There seemed to be some confusion with double grills vs single grills. The district purchased single grills so the double grilled was repaired. Chair Seaman stated the Board understands the current situation the district is in. It looks better than it did three weeks ago. It is not the same park it used to be. It is being used in a different way than it was traditionally. The gates need to be open when school is not in session. The north parking lot is a problem when it is not locked during the night. We still have work to do. We are going to have to go out and ask the public for financial help.

Secretary Lavallee disagreed with the position as to what the school district does with the gate. It is their property. Vice-Chair Stricklin agrees with the Chair that we need to have an agreement with the school district. General Manager Ballus informed the board that she has reached out to the school principal and he does not want to open the gates due to covid and homelessness and

vandalism risk. Chair Seaman suggested asking the principal to attend a board meeting to express his thoughts to the board and establish a dialogue with them. Director Higgins suggested we remove the fence issue and discuss the cottage park issue with the principal.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS – No comments

6.1 General Manager's Report

General Manager informed the Board she spoke at the CSDA Conference in Monterey regarding homelessness. She also reported that Kimberley Chan would be speaking on homeless rights, etc on the 24th of September. FEC and Rio Linda RPD are co-sponsoring the event. She is also starting conversations on getting funding for Edison and Bohemian from the state or the county. Kaiser is starting work on paving the gravel lot correctly. Superintendent McDaniel put together a pictorial of the recent vandalism in the parks. The General Manager is currently in talks with security companies, fencing companies and the park police to see what can be done to mitigate the vandalism. Secretary Lavallee suggested a caretaker on site. Chair Seaman spoke of the upcoming training to apply for relief funding from the Department of Finance. Potential disbursement in the third quarter of the year.

7. Committee Reports – Admin/Finance met and Director Higgins reported that the committee is working with staff to review the vandalism and how that is affecting the budget of the district.

8. Director's Comments

Lavallee – She sprinkled her comments throughout the evening.

Stricklin – Nothing to offer this evening.

Higgins – That is awesome that CSDA asked Emily to speak in her first year. Kudos to Emily. The Afghan community could not be more interested, we can make a difference. A friend of hers is very active with that community helping with reception and acclimation of new refugees, perhaps they could come in speak to the Board.

Seaman – Attended the CSDA conference and received his ethic training. Attended the CARPD Legislative Committee and Board meeting. The plan is to do the conference in Lake Tahoe next year in May. Was happy to see Supervisor Desmond at the Ami Bera new conference regarding the Afghan refugees. He is concerned regarding the increased vandalism in our parks.

Dias – Excited to be going along on a ride-along next Friday. Listening to the vandalism list and what has to be dealt with on a daily basis makes her appreciate everyone.

9. Information/Correspondence/Announcements

A. Letter supporting Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Proposal. (No comments)

B. CSDA Newsletter: Budget update – Special District Relief Funding

C. CSDA: Changes to SSSA – Streamline agreement

D. CSDA: Upcoming Training Opportunities, including CSDA Annual Conference August 30 – September 2, Monterey, Ca. – Chair Seaman asked if anyone other than the General Manager was going to attend. Mr. Seaman stated that he will go down for 1 day to support the General

Manger's session on Homelessness.

E. Announcement by Sacramento County Public Health on Covid-19 Indoor Mask Mandate

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Montijo Superintendent of Administration

APPROVED: _____

Michael Seaman, Chair
Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____

Laura Lavallee, Secretary
Board of Directors