

## ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA – 1 A

### FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2020 – 6:30 PM MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

Directors present via Zoom or in person

Jessica Dias

Teresa Higgins

Laura Lavallee

Michael Seaman

Kathleen Stricklin

Staff Members in attendance via Zoom or in person

Emily Ballus, Linda Montijo, Becky McDaniel, Jaden Delfer, Robin Romines, James Joseph

#### **VISITORS**

Lindsay Liebig – LAFCO

Mike Grace

#### **VISITOR COMMENTS**

Lindsay Liebig from LAFCO spoke to the Board to inform them of the availability of several voluntary positions within LAFCO board to represent Special Districts.

#### **1. CONSENT AGENDA**

BOARD ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

**Moved by Seaman, seconded by Higgins – The Board voted to approve Consent Matters.**

The motion passed 5-0-0-0 with Dias, Higgins, Lavallee, Seaman, and Stricklin voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions.

#### **2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **2.1 Property Tax Assessments for 2021-2022**

The General Manager informed the Board that the County is only projecting a 1% increase in property taxes for the 2021-2022 year. Secretary Seaman suggested that once the economy improves we be prepared to go out for an assessment in the neighborhood of \$500,000. The key to passing that will be gathering a group of core volunteers. Director Higgins suggested calendaring the topic so it can be discussed in the coming year.

##### **2.2 Water Rate Increase in 2021-2022**

A recent water audit in Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) has resulted in a proposed increase in our water rates next year. The General Manager is looking for direction from the Board to make changes to the parks to reduce the amount of water used. Vice Chair Stricklin suggested increasing the parking area in Howe Park to alleviate the shortage of parking spaces. Secretary Seaman suggested asking SSWD to perhaps hold off on the rate increase until the economy recovers.

##### **2.3 Sacramento Suburban Water District Well, Santa Anita Park**

The General Manager updated the Board on the additional costs that the District would incur to enable the transfer of part of the Seely property and the reservation of the Edison property for the Santa Anita well. Secretary Seaman asked for consideration of less than fee simple agreement. Secretary Seaman to work with the General Manager in this process since he has had experience

with Land and Water Conservation Fund grants.

### **3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager Ballus covered the highlights of her report. The Holiday parade this year will be a virtual event. The Halloween Spooktacular was a spectacular success. The Edison property failed the inspection by the county and will be re-inspected in February.

### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Personnel and Finance Committee met. Higgins reported that they continue to monitor the financial situation

### **6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Dias – Congratulated the Incumbents (Higgins, Lavallee and Stricklin) on their re-elections. She really enjoys the flow of the new agenda.

Stricklin – No Comments.

Seaman – Congratulated the Incumbents on their re-elections. Cottage Park School has been working on getting their own water supply line and their construction project has restricted access to Cottage Park from the north side at the same time that the County's project has restricted access from the south side. We could use Jennifer Harris event as a catalyst to get an arts council together for us. There is an online Board members roundtable with CARPD on December 10 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.

Higgins – Echoed what Secretary Seaman said about the arts council. Jennifer Harris is leading this drive and has put a lot of work into it.

Lavallee – The trees are beautiful this time of year and our parks show them off beautifully. Kudos to James Joseph and the crew for their work in the parks.

### **7. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Legislative Report
- B. Breakfast with Santa – No event this year
- C. Festival of Lights Parade & Tree Lighting – Virtual Event, December 5, 5:30pm -7:00 pm
- D. Google Maps Leads Voters to Wrong Polling Place

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted by, Linda Montijo Superintendent of Administration

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Jessica Dias, Chair  
Board of Directors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Seaman, Secretary  
Board of Directors