

**ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA – 5 A**

**FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 19, 2022 – 6:30 PM  
MINUTES  
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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT held May 19, 2022.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Higgins at 6:42 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members present

Kathleen Stricklin – Chair - Absent

Teresa Higgins – Vice Chair - Present

Jessica Dias, Secretary – Absent

Laura Lavallee – Director - Present

Michael Seaman – Director – Present

**Staff Members present**

Emily Ballus

Linda Montijo

Dan Williams

**Staff members Present Via Zoom**

Chief Brown

Jaden Delfer

Dounia Beshara

**Visitors**

Bill Temple – Sac Area Creeks Council – Via Zoom

William Dunphy – Via Zoom

Jennifer Harris – Present

Richard Thompson – Present

Jamie Cameron-Harley – Via Zoom

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

None

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

BOARD ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by Seaman, seconded by Lavallee the board approved the consent agenda. The vote was Ayes – 3, Noes – 0, Absent – 2, Abstained - 0

**5.1 Consider Approving Resolution 2021/22-25 for the Engineer Consultant Agreement for the Howe Park Bridges replacement**

Director Lavallee made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021/22 - 25 Authorizing the Engineer Consultant Agreement for the Howe Park Bridges Replacement,

Director Seaman seconded the motion, Resolutions adopted by a vote of Ayes – 3, Noes – 0, Absent – 2, Abstained – 0.

**5.2 Sacramento County Notification of Rezoning Considerations**

The General Manager informed the board that the County will be rezoning the Edison Avenue Property from 20 to 30 units per acre. Director Seaman asked if the other properties are also

being rezoned and not just our Edison Property. If the latter is true, then that would be considered spot zoning which is not allowed. General Manager Ballus will clarify with the County of Sacramento. Vice Chair Higgins thinks the timing is suspect since our plans for the Edison Property are now public knowledge. The General Manager Ballus to investigate and report back to board at next meeting

### **6.1 Master Plan Status**

General Manager Ballus gave an overview of the Master Plan. We started Fiscal year 2020-21 with low reserves and then Covid-19 hit. We were hoping Covid-19 would end by December 2020 which we all know it didn't. Staff is routinely charged with generating 40% of the budget. The staff know the challenges that we have to face the last two years but doesn't think that knowledge is publicly known. Director Seaman suggested we simplify the information and put it on the website, so the public is aware of what we have done and plan on doing. Director Lavallee stated we are making progress on the Master Plan, just not necessarily in the way we had planned, but we are making progress. The suggestion was made to bring back the park Advisory Committee meetings back. They have not happened since before Covid struck. Vice Chair Higgins suggested that a summary be placed on the website of what has happened.

### **6.2 Creekside Nature Area**

Vice Chair Higgins read a letter from the Sacramento Area Creeks Council. Bill Templin with the Sacramento Area Creeks Council visited the Creekside School site and noticed a lot of locals using the site to walk. The area is important to the local residents. The park district does not have an easement with the school district which is a problem. The San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) is in discussions with us to look at several different options. They will be meeting with us in the near future to discuss it further. Director Seaman stated that the current site plan is proposing a small footpath along the creek in the flood plain. which will be a problem when it gets wet or marshy, not mention that no police, emergency or maintenance vehicles could get through it. Director Lavallee stated that the way the original owner had ceded the park makes it so the district can't claim access to this property. Our legal ground is shaky, and we shouldn't go with an adversarial approach on this topic. Director Seaman stated his concern regarding the wildfire danger to the Blue Oak Forest and the adjacent homes in this area. A win-win-win situation for all parties needs to be created. He believes we need to be doing the best for the public not for one agency.

### **6.2 General Manager's Report**

General Manager reported that all the general managers met with SJUSD and discussed shared opportunities for grants and possibly joint grant writers.

### **7. Committee Reports**

None

### **8. Director's Comments**

Dias – Absent

Higgins – People in her neighborhood are talking about the July3rd event again. She met a band that she was happy with and was affordable. We need to discuss all options.

Lavallee – Asked if there was an update as to monies coming in from the new apartments being built west of Arden Fair. There was no update. Glad to see the General Manager still pursuing the ERAF situation.

Stricklin – Absent

Seaman – Toured Bohemian Park with Assemblyman Kevin McCarty's legislative staff regarding what we hope to accomplish there. Toured St. John's for Real Change housing and it was very enlightening. The initiative we opposed last month did not qualify for the 2022 ballot. They are targeting the 2024 ballot. In discussion with the McCarty staff, the state will be in the same boat as last year budget-wise with a possible budget surplus. Assembly Members Cooley and McCarty are both interested in Empowerment Park and could help the project get some money.

## **8. Information/Correspondence/Announcements**

A. CARPD Conference, May 18 - May 21, 2021

- B. Funding Your Future – Special Districts
- C. CARPD Legislative State Report, Selected Items

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Montijo Superintendent of Administration

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Stricklin, Chair  
Board of Directors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Dias, Secretary  
Board of Directors