

ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA – 4 A

**FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2023 – 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 JUNE 15, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was reconvened by Chair Higgins at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Teresa Higgin, Chair - Present

Jessica Dias, Vice Chair - Present

Laura Lavallee, Secretary – Present

Michael Seaman, Director - Present

Kathy Stricklin, Director – Present

Staff Members present

Emily Ballus

Linda Montijo

Mike Chahal

Beth Johnson

Jaden Delfer

Ryan Harder

Isaiah Patterson

Staff Present Via Zoom

Becky McDaniel

Dounia Beshara

Robin Romines

Guest Present

Jennifer Harris

Paul Heglin

Diane Hansen

VISITOR COMMENTS

Jennifer Harris informed the Board that she is concerned about the dead trees in the nature area. It is a lot of fuel for a fire. How can she help?

Paul Heglin – He previously shared his concerns regarding Seely Park with Emily but added a few more issues to the list he gave her. He loves the park but as with anything that is used it needs maintenance. He reviewed the list of issues he handed out.

Diane Hansen has lived near Seely Park for 48 years and has seen changes. She feels the park is a disaster and people don't feel safe. The basketball court is in need of repair and it should be moved away from the splash pad so young children are not exposed to the language. The park is drawing undesirable people.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Minutes of the June 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Total Payroll, Supplies, and Revenue Summary Graph Year to Date
- c. Program Revenue and Refund Report for June 2023
- d. Payroll Report for June 2023
- e. Claims for June 2023
- f. Revolving Fund Report for June 2023
- g. Services and Supplies Summary Report as of June 2023
- h. Monthly Department Breakdown for June 2023
- i. Parks, Recreation, Facility Rentals, and Security Report June 2023

Director Seaman made a motion to accept the Consent Items, Director Stricklin seconded the motion. Motioned passed on a 5-0-0-0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Presentation of Resolution for Service to retired Chief of Police James R. Brown

Presentation was table until the August Meeting since Chief Brown is ill.

5.2 Bond Measure Survey Results

John Isom with Isom Advisors, presented the survey results. He explained to the Board the background on General Obligation Bonds (GOB) and their limitations. The way to fund major improvements is through GOB's. This is the second survey the District has done, the prior one was before Covid. They contacted 405 voters and researched their attitudes towards a GOB. The first question they ask is without any education of the consumer. They ask if they would be willing to support the bond measure. The results show a 72.3% approval rate which is higher than the prior survey done. Once they educated the consumers, they again asked them the same question. The approval rate increase from 72.3% to 76.5%. The survey shows that the greatest level of approval is for the \$19/month per \$100,000 of assessed value. John recommends that the District continue the GOB assessment process. The survey is just the first part of the process, the second part is the education of the community to increase support and put the bond measure on the ballot in 2024. Director Seaman asked if the assessment is the same between commercial and residential assess value and when would be a good time to put it on the ballot. Mr. Isom stated the assessment is the same between the two types of properties and that he suggests putting on the November Ballot because that has the biggest turnout of voters.

5.3 Park Capital Improvement Projects

General Manager Ballus read the update letter from Jack Scroggs, KASL Engineers for the Howe Park bridges replacements. Mr. Scroggs explained the delays were due to a myriad of reasons which have delayed the work until September – October of 2023.

Michael Sanes, reported on Seely Park Splash Pad Repairs, they removed both pumps and were able to repair them. Once they installed them the float valve went out and was repaired. They had to modify the relay system since the old system is very old. Once that was done, they discovered a leak in the concrete and get that repaired. Everything was corrected and once they turned it on they discovered the nozzles are plugged up. Once these are repaired and the chlorine and acid are reconnected, then the county can come out and re-inspect. Director Seaman feels the county is the problem and asked the General Manager to bring it up to Supervisor Desmond to have him make sure it is a priority with the County. Director Lavalley felt that was a good idea if the county is unresponsive, she feels we need to wait to see how the county responds.

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

6.1 Public Hearing, and Approval of Resolutions Approving the Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessment Ordering Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Improvement Assessment Districts

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:25 p.m. The Public was invited to make any comments they wish to make on the Assessments. There were no public comments. Director Lavalley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023/24-1 and 2023/24-2, Confirming Diagram and Assessment and Levy of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for the Fulton-El Camino Parks Maintenance and Recreation and Improvement Districts (Assessment #1 and Assessment #2). Director Higgins seconded the motion. Director Seaman stated he hopes that one of these days we won't have to have a zone A & B. Resolutions were adopted by a vote of 5-0-0-0. Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

6.2 Consider Adopting Ordinance 2023-01 informal Bidding Procedures in Compliance with the Uniform PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT (Section 22000, et seq. of the Public Contract Code

Motion by Director Dias and seconded by Director Lavallee to adopt Ordinance 2023-01. Ordinance 2023-01 adopted by a vote of 5-0-0-0.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS (No Action Required)

7.1 Initiation of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Building Workshop

The General Manager reported that as a result of Covid-19, the district was not eligible for any extra government funding and lost \$735,000. We finally received \$535,000 in covid relief funds. To help we started to apply for grants and brought in over \$10M in grants. Funding only covers 60% of expenses, we have to cover the other 40%. ERAF takes off 33% of out tax money right off the top and gives it to the schools. Since its inception we have lost \$13M. The CALpers unfunded liability keeps hitting us hard. We have 11,000 less in staff hours than pre-Covid. The General Manager will ask the Board for an unexpected expense line in the budget for next year.

7.2 Seely Park Status Report

The General Manager stated that all parks have suffered some level of unexpected disruptions this year, which require re-deployment of staff and disruption of planned work. She responded to the comments that Paul Heglin had sent to her:

1. Dead Trees – Suffered a backflow valve issue which caused Sacramento Suburban Water District to cut off water to park. A water truck was brought in to provide water. An arborist was consulted regarding the trees. Smud removed a portion of the redwood trees and we are working with them to remove the rest of the topped trees.
2. Back park fence – As resources are available the fence will be replaced
3. Water Fountains rusted out – As resources are available, the water fountains will be replaced.
4. Benches in poor shape – Staff has begun to replace these.
5. Underground pump that drains rain needs to be repaired so lakes don't form during the rains. – Staff has not been able to locate any storm drains and is asking the County for help.
6. Playground equipment in poor condition – Equipment has been ordered, expected to arrive in September.
7. Sand areas have weeds in them – the new landscape crews has been advised, district will continue to monitor to make sure it does not remove them.
8. Sand Box with two metal pieces sticking out – Staff repeatedly places cones on the pieces and they were stolen several times. Staff removed the metal pieces. New equipment is at corporate yard following a 30-week order delay.
9. Water Park not working – Splash repair in progress and was discussed in item 5.3.
10. Bathrooms disgusting – Cosmetically, the restrooms need to be upgraded. It is on our projects list. They are being cleaned twice a day. Staff continues to brainstorm on how to mitigate the restroom issues at Seely.
11. The Pump shed is rotting along the bottom – As resources become available the shed will be addressed.
12. The front gates are all rusted and ugly – They will be re-painted next week.
13. The lights at the back entrance is sometimes off for days – Staff is working SMUD to see who owns the light.

14. Basketball court is cracked, too close to splash pad for children's ears, needs to be removed – there are not plans to remove the basketball court.

7.3 General Manager's Report

The General Manager reported that she is applying for a Shine Grant along with Sac Metro Air Quality for a resilience center. She recently received a draft MOU regarding Babcock Park and is having it reviewed by our legal group.

Supervisor Harder and Delfer reported having the biggest group yet for the Fourth of July celebrations.

7. Committee Reports

Standing Committees:

- a) Personnel and Finance – Chair, Director Higgins – Did not meet.
- b) Programs, Facilities and Projects – Chair, Director Seaman – Met and was covered prior
- c) Security and Community Relations – Chair. Director Dias – Did not meet.
- d) Ad Hoc Committee: Bohemian Park Project – Chair, Director Seaman – Did not meet.
- e) Park Advisory – Did not meet.

8. Director's Comments

Director Dias – No Comments.

Director Higgins – The \$10M grant is to be used specifically at Bohemian Park, where we will be building a gym for the first time ever.

Director Lavallee – No Comments.

Director Stricklin – No Comments.

Director Seaman –Reported Officer Mohamed will be getting a medal from a statewide agency on 07/31 at 11:00 am in Point Reyes. He thanked Jennifer Harris for the remarks on the trees in the nature area and agrees with her. Regarding Cottage park, the homeless population has explode from two to about eight. He is concerned about the kids at the Cottage Park Center. Attended the CARPD legislative meeting and also attended last night's Greater Arden Chamber of Commerce event, was an excellent event.

10. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. CARPD Legislative Report – June 2023 – Director Seaman happy to report life and property are safe at the moment since the legislators are out of session. Key issues have been taken care of but the trailer bills will be rolling into the next session.

B. CARPD Board Elections

C. CSDA Annual Conference, Monterey, CA August 28-31, 2023

D. AB 1086: Joint Exercise of Powers Act: Sacramento County Partnership on Homelessness.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Montijo Superintendent of Administration

APPROVED: _____

Teresa Higgins, Chair
Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____

Laura Lavallee, Secretary
Board of Directors