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**FULTON-EL CAMINO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM: 4a - MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 20, 2024 • 6:30 P.M.  
Howe Park Board Room • 2201 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dias at 6:30pm, with a Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. 2. ROLL CALL**

Board Members:

Jessica Dias, Chair - Present  
Laura Lavallee, Vice Chair - Present  
Michael Seaman, Secretary - Present  
Teresa Higgins, Director – Absent, arrived @ 6:58pm  
Kathy Stricklin, Director - Present

Staff Members:

Emily Ballus - Present  
Mike Chahal – Present  
Beth Johnson – Via Zoom  
Ryan Harder – Present  
Jaden Delfer – Present  
Robin Romines – via Zoom

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Items not on the Agenda**

No public comment.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS** (Motion

- a. Approve the Minutes of the May 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Under separate cover)
- b. Summary Financial Statement of Activity YTD May 2024  
(May Financials at next month's board meeting)
- c. Receive the Program Revenue and Refund Report for May 2024
- d. Receive the Payroll Report for May 2024
- e. Receive Parks, Recreation, Facility Rentals, and Security Report May 2024

Vice Chair Lavallee made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Director Stricklin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0-1.

**5. ACTION ITEMS** (Approval Required)

**5.1 SUBJECT: Next Steps for Placing a General Obligation Bond on the November Ballot.**

*The Board will discuss placing a general obligation bond on the November 5, 2024, ballot. Jon Isom of Isom Advisors will lead the discussion.*

Staff Report

GM Ballus indicated the Board will need to determine if they want to place a general obligation bond (GOB) the November 2024 ballot. GM Ballus asked Secretary Seaman if he could provide an update on the Taxpayer Protection Act supported by the California Business Roundtable. Director Seaman stated that the most important date is June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, which is the date when the Secretary of State will decide whether to place the Business initiative on the November Ballot.

GM Ballus indicated the Board could decide tonight or in the July Board meeting to place a GOB in light of the Secretary of State decision on June 27 to keep or remove the Taxpayer Protection Act. The deadline to file for a ballot measure is August 9, 2024. When voting on the GOB, the board will need to decide to place the bond measure on the ballot and to determine the amount to request: \$12, \$19, \$24 or \$29.

Chair Dias mentioned that she is comfortable with the \$19 threshold and would not recommend going higher. A discussion followed with no threshold determination made.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Recommendation:

The Board recommends tabling the vote until after the June 27, 2024, court ruling on Initiative 1935. Vice Chair Lavalée made the motion to table the vote until June 27, 2024, and Chair Dias seconded the motion.

Jon Isom joined the meeting via Zoom prior to taking the vote. Director Seaman asked Mr. Isom to provide any updates and help prepare for next month's board vote. Jon summarized what the resolution would entail and summarized the 4 components, which are as follows:

1. Direct the County to conduct an election for us and make some covenants with the voters to do certain things.
2. To have a 75-word ballot language, which is the summary text of the ballot.
3. To have a full text of the measure includes details on the projects.
4. To have the tax rate statement, which is what is the highest and the average tax will be for the life of the program, and what the total debt service will be for bonds.

After lengthy discussions on the bond thresholds with Mr. Isom, the board proceeded to vote on the measure. The motion made earlier by Vice Chair Lavalée and Seconded by Chair Dias, the motion passed 5-0-0-0.

**5.2 SUBJECT: 2025 Slate of California Special District Association Board Officers**

The Board will consider authorizing the General Manger to vote for the CSDA 2025 Slate Of Board Officers by the deadline of July 26, 2024.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Recommendation:

Chair Dias asked for a motion to nominate a person to authorize the GM to vote for the CSDA 2025 Slate of Board Officers. Director Higgins made a motion to nominate Noelle

Mattock to the Board of CSDA and Director Stricklin seconded the motion. Without further discussion, the motion passes 5-0-0-0.

**5.3 SUBJECT: Declaring the Intention to Continue Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25**

The Board will consider adopting the assessments #1 and #2 resolutions.

- a. Resolution 2023/24-20, Declaring the Intention to Continue Assessments for Fiscal 2024-25, Preliminarily Approving the Engineer's Reports, and Providing for Notice of Hearings on July 18, 2024, for the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Improvement Assessment Districts. (Assessment #1)
- b. Resolution 2034/24-21, Declaring the Intention to Continue Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25, Preliminarily Approving the Engineer's Reports, and Providing for Notice of Hearings on July 18, 2024, for the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Improvement Assessment Districts (Assessment #2).

Staff Report

GM Ballus indicated that Assessment #1 will generate up to \$468k and for Assessment #2 will generate \$265k. GM Ballus stated that the District does not always receive the maximum projected for the assessments. The engineer's report suggests we can receive up to 3 percent increase year over year. The District routinely receives a 1.8 percent increase year over year.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Recommendation:

Vice Chair Lavallee made the motion to approve resolutions to continue Assessments #1 and #2 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the motion was seconded by Director Stricklin. The motion passes 5-0-0-0.

**5.4 SUBJECT: Preliminary Budget, Fiscal Year 2024/25**

The Board will review 2024/25 Fiscal year Preliminary Budget.

- a. Resolution 2023/24-22, Approving the General Fund Preliminary Budget for 2024-25
- b. Resolution 2023/24-23, Approving the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Improvement District (Assessment #1) Preliminary Budget for 2024-25
- c. Resolution 2023/24-24, Approving the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Improvement District (Assessment #2), Preliminary Budget for 2024-25

Staff Report

Staff Chahal provided a summary of a Preliminary Budget which is presented on Page 125 of the June 20, 2024 Board Packet.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Recommendation:

Vice Chair Lavallee made the motion to Approve preliminary budgets for the General Fund (342A), Assessment #1 (396A), and Assessment #2 (396B) and the motion was seconded by Chair Dias; the motion passes 5-0-0-0.

**5.5 SUBJECT: Agency Designated Representative for Closed Session Labor Negotiations for the General Manager**

Staff Report

Staff Chahal stated that we polled other districts and how they conduct their evaluation of our GM, and this process we propose is consistent with other park districts on their GM evaluation. We are asking the board to appoint the Board Chairperson to act as the Agency Designated Representative for a closed session negotiations with respect to the GM review and contract.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Recommendation:

Vice Chair Lavallee moves to appoint the Board Chair Dias as the Board's to act as the Agency Designated Representative, and Director Stricklin seconded the motion; the motion passes 5-0-0-0.

**6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION (No Action Required)**

**6.1 General Manager's Report**

GM Ballus recognized Supervisor Desmond for his award to the District for \$75k from the American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

Staff Harder provided park updates. Parks have had trash and household items dumped, vandalism in the restrooms. and vandalism of water foundations.

The GM Ballus's monthly report is included on Page 145 on the Board Packet.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Standing Committees:**

- a). Personnel and Finance – Chair, Director Lavallee  
Committee did not meet.
- b). Programs, Facilities and Projects – Chair, Director Seaman  
Secretary Seaman gave an update on the meeting held.
- c). Security and Community Relations – Chair, Director Stricklin  
Committee did not meet.
- d). Park Advisory – Directors assigned to each park.  
Committee did not meet.

**8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Higgins thanked the staff for their hard work on the Board Retreat and like that that the focus was on 1 item, in this case the Budget and that time was well spent.

Secretary Seaman gave an update on the CARPD conference he attended in Santa Rosa.

Director Stricklin asked if there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> of July party.

Vice Chair Lavallee requested that security cameras and security related items be included in the bond measure.

Chair Dias wants to thank in advance the Eagle Scout candidate for helping us with the Howe Park and wants to thank Rich Desmond for his continued support and including us in the \$75k award.

- 9. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS (No Action Required)**
- A. Workplace Violence Prevention Fact Sheet
  - B. Flyer: FEC Community 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Cottage Park Pool, July 4, 2pm-6pm
  - C. FEC Board Retreat Pamphlet
  - D. CAL Matters: California Supreme Court weighs two cases that could limit the ballot initiative process
  - E. CSDA Supreme Court Considers Removing "Taxpayer Deception Act" from Fall Ballot

- 10. ADJOURNMENT**
- With no further business, Chair Dias adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

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