

September 19, 2019

The regular board of directors meeting of Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District was held Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Senior Center at 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, California. The District is a political subdivision in the State of California.

1. **REGULAR SESSION:** Regular Session to Begin at 6:30 p.m. at David Head Center, Senior Center.

2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Members present Mrs. Villanueva, Mr. Jimenez, Mr. Horton, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Perez. Staff present: Legal Counsel; Mr. Hodges, Mr. Zamora, Mrs. Alcalá, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Gonzalez and Mr. Horton.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **APPROVE AGENDA AS TO FORM:**

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mr. Rodriguez second to approve the agenda as to form. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

a) Harold Gutierrez- Would like to have a fitness Expo on October 19, 2019 at the David Head Center. **Harold-** what we would like to do is have a fitness expo it will be a free event for the community we would have workshops different vendors and competitions to promote a healthy lifestyle with me is Logan and Victor they are the CEO from the top two fitness companies here in Bakersfield it was actually there idea to put this together and we are here because we would like for you guys to sponsor it, it is a free event for the community **Victor-** we believe in health and wellness for everyone me my self my I come from a very poor family and health and wellness is very important it's a lifestyle that we promote I feel that there is a need for this out here **Mr. Rodriguez-** how big is this event because our building doesn't hold that many people **Mr. Perez-** we have a event form and we will get you a copy and one of the questions that we have are vendors going to be charged and have those details on paper we like the idea but we would like it on paper

b) Jesus Alonzo- Letter of Support for air monitors in Lamont- **Jesus Alonzo-** I'm a lifelong community resident of Lamont I sit on the board LPUD I'm here representing Clean Water Action which is my organization what we are trying to do we've been in Kern County since 2016 working to improve air and water quality we have been focused on the Lost Hills community working to form a committee to get this community air grant and through this community air grant we were able to get air monitors that will be placed in the community and that is very similar to what we want to do here this monitors collect data of contaminants found near agriculture sources oil and gas sources heavily use roads and those contaminants are placed on websites that anyone can have access to

be able to look at any contaminants see how close it is and we are looking into placing monitors in Lamont, Hilltop and Weedpatch what we are asking from our community groups is a letter of support to show that is needed in the community **Mr. Rodriguez-** do you already have a spot were you want to put them or you haven't done that yet **Jesus Alonzo-** we haven't done that yet we have identified some locations with community input but we haven't finalized the amount that we are going to have or which areas we are going to use **Mrs. Villanueva-** I think we should support this is something good **Mr. Jimenez-** I think it's a good idea seeing that we live in a area with low air quality and do we have the letter requesting this **Jesus Alonzo-** yes I sent it to the District Manager **Mr. Hodges-** I reviewed the letter and I couldn't discern what group the letter was asking for support for it said Clean Water Fund and Clean Water Action wish group are you asking for support for **Jesus Alonzo-** Clean Water Fund I made that error on the letter because my organization has a 501C3 and that is the one that we are applying for **Mr. Hodges-** I also noticed on the letter that you are also involved in several law suits here in Kern County what law suits are you involved in **Jesus Alonzo-** we are not necessarily involved in a law suit but we support organizations that are going through that proses if we support the opposition **Mr. Hodges-** how are you involved in these law suit one way that have supported these law suits **Jesus Alonzo-** one way that we support them is being present at their hearing **Mr. Hodges-** what is the purpose of the data I know you said for people to look at the air quality is there another purpose of the website besides the air quality **Jesus Alonzo-** we also seek to work with community members and local state holders in how we can improve the air quality **Mr. Hodges-** who are the state holders **Jesus Alonzo-** that would include community members and community groups **Mr. Hodges-** so you are looking to place more regulations on these industries **Jesus Alonzo -** we will work with these industries to identify issues if it comes down to regulations and policy that is something that we will all work together **Mr. Hodges-** I'm asking these questions because I looked at Clean Water Funds website and it looks like there is a lot of political activity going on, om that website and that's why I'm asking these questions like in what way if the refinery don't come to the table and work with you is that a situation because you have these monitors another law suit will be filled I'm asking because we can't get involved as a district and support political activity one way or another and maybe a law suit is not political activity but your lobbying for more regulations or your lobbying for less regulations and that is getting into political activity that's why I'm asking what is the real main purpose behind this information you said so people can see but also so you can work with stake holders to try and change things so I'm trying to figure out what ways are you trying to change things where is this data going who are you giving this data too and what is there use of this data going to be **Jesus Alonzo-** this data like I mention is available to everyone on the website it could be the community members it can be the stake holders it could be governmental organizations this data we want to make it as available as possible so that everyone has access **Mr. Hodges-** where are the monitors going to be placed so we can understand what data is going to be used and whether that data is could be used to dispute in one way or another I'm just trying to figure out where this is going to be placed because if you place a monitor right next to a pump jack you're going to get different results than if you place that monitor 300 feet away from the pump jack so were the location is its really going to dictate the results of these tests so how are you going to determine ho that is going to be implemented is there

a way to put into contest were this data was taken from so that people in the community are looking at this **Jesus Alonzo** – we are looking into putting these monitors were community member’s would like to see them **Mr. Rodriguez**- I think at this time there is a lot of grey areas I would like to table this and let our legal counsel look into this **Mr. Jimenez**- do we have a copy of the letter I think is a good idea to have a copy of the letter so we can review it **Mr. Perez**- is there a dead line for this letter **Jesus Alonzo**- we are trying to submit it by September 7th **Mr. Perez**- in order to get this grant what effect does a letter from a special district have is it one of the requirements from the grant **Jesus Alonzo**- is not a requirement for the grant to get a letter from a special district but to get letters of support that there is community interest

6. **PUBLI COMMENTS- None**
7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- None**
8. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- None**
9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mr. Rodriguez second to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

10. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

General Manager Report:

10.1 Maintenance- Mr. Zamora- I’m going to start with the Arvin Pool when we were doing the routine maintenance, I noticed that there was fresh water coming up from the pool deck so I called a leak detection company they came out and found were the leak was coming from and they gave me a estimate for the repair that estimate was 1,675 so that Monday I rented some equipment and repaired it myself I don’t know if it was from the earthquake that it put a little stress on the PVC pipes, so all together not including my time it was 193 dollars so we saved almost 1,500 we also rented a tractor for the sand for here and Weedpatch Park to till the sand and we also made the baseball diamond **Mr. Rodriguez**- you are doing a really good job your saving us a lot money doing things yourself and I think the board really appreciate the things that you are doing for this district **Mr. Jimenez**- I noticed one Sunday that the grass in the soccer field is really high and I’m being ask if the grass is not being cut and I found out that the grass is cut on Monday but I think is a good idea to cut it on Friday **Mr. Zamora**- ill see what I can do but cutting it on Friday is not good for us and I got a price from a company to come out and survey the soccer field out here and to do the work he gave me a price for 6,000 dollars and I think it would be really good so I’m going to try to get some kind of donation and if we get it done we would have to get it done sometime next year **Mrs. Villanueva**- I have a question regarding all the bottles that are left through the weekend are they from the people that rent the hall or from the people that come and play **Mr. Zamora**- I would not be able to answer that because I’m not here on weekends but my workers do find a lot of trash out there **Mrs. Villanueva**- this is a problem the people that live in the back have been complaining and this leaves more work for the crew **Mr.**

Jimenez- when we rent out the building someone comes and closes the building right does he walk around and check if there is any trash or beer that the people from the event throw **Mr. Zamora-** he cant go around in the night is dangerous we see it Monday morning **Mr. Perez-** I also want to thank you on saving us money on the repair that you did at the Arvin Pool

10.2 Recreation- Mr. Horton- I presented you guys with the pool report I did the graph in attendance you'll see there that in Arvin Pool there's 1,400 dollars and Lamont Pool around 1,200 dollars for swim lessons too Arvin Pool had a little more in Arvin we had around 18 swim lesson students and in Lamont around 16 we had 2 pool rentals in Arvin and none in Lamont but the Boys and Girls Club did visit us around 4 times this year I did appreciate that maintenance got us the mats it saves us from a lot of people falling so thank you and thank you for all the support during the summer on average per day Arvin had around 50 people and Lamont around 30, in staff we had 9 staff members including myself seven guards that we scheduled at different times and 2 concession stand and lobby attendance, swim lessons we did a little different this year we did them for 3 weeks instead of 2 and we charge 60 dollars instead of 40 dollars and the parents like that better because it gave the kids more time to practice with the instructors and we did 2 night swims one at each pool and found that it was very popular just because parents are off of work and they can come to the pool with their children **Mr. Rodriguez-** this is a great report **Mr. Perez-** how did you see our numbers in attendance from this year to last year **Mr. Horton-** this year I noticed that at both pools the numbers were up last year in Lamont we had to close a couple of times because the rule is if we don't have 10 people by 2 o'clock we have to close because we have all this staff here and not enough participants we had to only do this one time this year and that was in Arvin so Lamont numbers which its really good **Mr. Jimenez-** what could we do to improve attendance for next year **Mr. Horton-** we can do more night swims I think a lot of the reason we don't see so many numbers is because families can't come together I think that if we do more evening events we would get more families and I want to thank board member Rodriguez and Horton for visiting us at the pool and showing your support **Mr. Perez-** I know that we had a event out in the pool did we also have staff out there guard for them **Mr. Horton-** yes we had lifeguards working **Mr. Perez-** I think I can speak for the board we are very please with the report that you did for us and thank you for working with us and these two communities that we serve **Ms. Gonzalez-** for the Lamont Jr. Giants we had 185 youth participants this year we had 30 volunteers softball did not work for us here in Lamont we didn't have enough kids register but we will try again next year and I want to thank Nathan for donating the cleats for the kids because of Nathan we are able to give are kids cleats and also between the coaches and the parents we gather the pants that the kids are no longer using and give them to the kids so this year there was kids with the hole uniform and I want to thank Larry for the coaches appreciation day for helping us out and the reason that we did have jumpers is because we had kids that were not going to be able to go into the water and instead of telling them not to come and participate we had jumpers but that is the reason but we would love to have jumpers for the Easter Egg Hunt or other events that we have and we are going to be getting ready for our haunted house **Mr. Jimenez-** how were the numbers this year compared to next year **Ms. Gonzalez-** it varies with the temperature we had a total of 14 teams last year we had 4

t-ball teams and because they are little even though we have Alicante field and it has the solar panels but the heat and them having breathing problems they miss games it varies I cant say that it was better last year are numbers stayed the same but they were good **Mr. Perez-** the quality of there experience do you think it changed from last year do you see a progression I know that you said this year they were in full uniform **Ms. Gonzalez-** Anthony does a great job on the fields getting them ready for us **Ms. Horton-** this year our numbers were a little lower than last year but it did pick up more towards the end so we had the same numbers as last year Arvin does serve up to 18 years of age we did serve 117 children this year we do baseball and softball, baseball we had 3 t-ball teams, 2 minor teams, 2 major teams and for the seniors ages 14 to 18 we did have 6 players and they are all returning but with 6 players I cant make a team with that so we put them on a wait list and if anyone else wanted to come out through out the season we could place them on a team and have that but unfortunately that did not happen we are not giving up we are coming back next year with the seniors with softball we had 1 minors team and for major I had 2 teams and again I had 10 senior players and then again I could not a team and again put them on a wait list and we also had 30 volunteers **Mr. Rodriguez-** just keep working your get more teams out there **Mr. Jimenez-** what can we do better to get more kids involved especially the 14 to 18 year old **Ms. Horton-** I'm working with the baseball coach I'm now coaching varsity I'm going to be pushing my kids out there because of everything that's happen coming up to this season me working with the City of Arvin and with Arvin Little League we are kind of working together so we should be having our flyers by the end of Arvin Little League to pass out our flyers that is my goal to grow our program **Mr. Horton-** can you let us know what happened with the coaches barbecue **Ms. Horton-** this is what happened we have the same flyer we sent it out we propose it the same way to our parents and coaches none of her parents someone complained to my boss in San Francisco and I got a letter saying no give all the money back you could have them take food but we cant take money to buy food so we could not accept money so we could not have a barbecue but we did have the pool party and we had volleyball it was a good event besides not having to barbecue **Mr. Horton-** so you are not allowed to ask parents for money anymore so we have to about rewarding that and I had a amazing ambassador and she contacted Rusty's Pizza in Lamont and they donated 2 slices of pizza and a drink for every player every coach and every volunteer so thanks to Rusty's we were able to feed them **Mr. Horton-** we need to stay consistent with both communities so I think next year when this time comes again I think as board we should get what you need for your barbecue **Mr. Perez-** I would love to contribute **Ms. Gonzalez-** that would be really nice because a lot of our people that are out here even though that its hot they support us **Mr. Perez-** I would like to espress that I was sad that I wasn't asked to do anything with that I'm happy that you guys did it but the year before I got some cards for them and I like doing stuff like that **Ms. Gonzalez-** I feel bad because you do a lot for us the same as Nathan I feel bad I feel that we are taking advantage **Mr. Perez-** I think the pool was a fun location to have this event **Ms. Horton-** I think we have a better turn out

10.3 District Manager- None

11. CALENDAR OF EVENT

11.1 Committee Meetings- None

11.2 Events-Schedule for David Head Center

11.3 Events- Senior Center

12. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

12.1 Committee Meetings

Discussion: Agenda and scheduling of upcoming Committee Meeting.

Budget/Salary/Finance- August 29, 2019 @ 12:30 p.m.

Grants- August 29, 2019 @ 1:30 p.m.

Five Year Plan/Steering- September 5, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.

Presentation Ad Hoc Committee- September 12, 2019 @ 12:30 p.m.

Potential Action: Approval of upcoming Committee Meetings and Agenda.

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mr. Rodriguez second to approve item 12.1 Committee Meetings. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

12.2 Bear Mountain Recreation Health Fair

Discussion: Possible Health Fair

Potential Action: Approve Health Fair

Mrs. Villanueva- I didn't ask to put this on the agenda because you had asked us to bring more information about the program I meet with three of the people that were going to attend and they are going to wait for the form to turn that in and change the date with Rosalva, Joshlyn and Lorena because they are the ones working with us what I do want to say is that its costing me a lot of work finding people to come and talk about a specific sport **Mr. Perez-** I have a comment maybe the date of the fitness expo would be a good date to do the health fair maybe combine them **Mrs. Villanueva-** what they want to know because they are going to bring an expert to talk about a specific sport and that they are going to have a audience **Mr. Perez-** the ones that we can invite are the people that are customers maybe we can count with about 25 percent of our participants and that is a good number of students I think that is the base of we can contact because here in Lamont and Arvin we don't have a newspaper outlet **Ms. Horton-** we have a report of every players email address I have that from last year and from this year and we could send a massive email out to everyone I could talk to channel 17 and a couple of radio stations that do the calendars they want the events at least 2 months before the event **Ms. Gonzalez-** and I work for the Vineland School District and I could see if they can do a robo-call and my question is would it be a training or sports information **Mrs. Villanueva-** I think its information what they would bring **Mr. Horton-** I have connections at Arvin High and Joshlyn has them as well she's the varsity softball coach we defiantly have a lot of potential to get people in **Mr. Perez-** just hearing from Mrs. Villanueva that it wasn't intended to be in the calendar we were able to discuss it so we can table this for the next board meeting

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mr. Jimenez second to table item 12.2 Bear Mountain Recreation Health Fair. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

12.3 Sponsor Facility for Fitness Expo

Discussion: Harold Gutierrez would like the District to sponsor the use of the David Head Building for a Fitness Expo on October 19, 2019.

Potential Action: Approve sponsoring the David Head Building for a Fitness Expo on October 19, 2019.

Mr. Gutierrez- I was given a step by step guide and step one was to right a proposal but I was under the believe that this step by step guide was for the use of the park and that the facility was a separate proses because when we had our last even here we didn't have to fill this out this was for larger events like when we were going to do the festival but I did get a chance to do at least step one that is part of the proposal certain things I can't answer because it ask how many vendors and I don't know we can't contact companies till we have the venue for sure **Mr. Horton-** are you guys going to profit from this event because if you guys are going to profit legally we can't do that **Mr. Gutierrez-** we are going to break even most likely were are going to use are money as well **Mr. Perez-** one thing that is unique that you're bringing is that this things haven't been done before nobody has ever done it in the last ten years one thing that I suggest is getting on the phone with our general manager I meet with her on Tuesday and we went over this she was excited about it but she just didn't have all the information set an appointment with her you guys can answer these questions I think that is something that we would like to see move forward and without saying no I think that we need to work together to see this through your event is October 19 so you do have more time **Mr. Hodges-** you could form ad-hoc committee that the public could attend **Mr. Jimenez-** I want to thank you for bringing these types of events **Mr. Perez-** one recommendation from our legal counsel is to create an ad- hoc committee to see this through **Mr. Horton-** I think it's a great event

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mr. Jimenez second to table item 12.3 Sponsor Facility for Fitness Expo. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

12.4 Letter of Support- Jesus Alonzo

Discussion: Letter of Support for air monitors in Lamont

Potential Action: Approve giving a letter of support to Jesus Alonzo for air monitors in Lamont.

MOTION Mr. Jimenez moved Mr. Rodriguez second to table item 12.4 Letter of Support. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

12.5 South Valley Neighborhood Partnership

Discussion: Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District as partner of South Neighborhood would like to host collaborative meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.

Potential Action: Approve hosting the collaborative meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Perez- I spoke to the general manager on Tuesday and she informed me of our partnership with South Valley Neighborhood Partnership such organizations include the Family Resource Center here in Lamont and Building Healthy Communities they are organizations that benefit our community essentially their role in having this partnership is to share the mission of each organization in the communities that we serve here in Lamont, Weedpatch and Arvin what they do is that each partner takes turn hosting a meeting so they ask us to host a meeting in August which it was to short notice the general manager told them that November would work better that way she can run it by the board I'm not sure but I think this is something that we can approve she just wanted to run it through the board and make sure that we are aware of our partnership with South Valley and that they want us to host a meeting so they can share the services that they offer to one another that way they can better service the community the recommendation from the staff is that we move forward with it she was confident that she could approve this herself but she did want to run it through us make sure that we knew what the South Valley Neighborhood was

Mrs. Villanueva- would it be all the time or just this meeting

Mr. Perez- just this specific meeting this month they have it somewhere else next month I think they have it across the street on Burgundy they take turns that way they get familiar where each organization is located and what services each organization offer to the community

Mrs. Villanueva- here are organizations that get money to pay for the place that they are going to be that's why I'm asking if it's just going to be for this time I will vote yes but if they think that they are going to be getting it all the time it's not a good idea because they have money to pay

Mr. Perez- yes is for this one time they might ask us to host another one next year but to my knowledge is the first time that they have asked to host it

Mrs. Villanueva- are these organization were you have the meeting with Gustavo

Mr. Perez- the meeting with Committee de Lamont it has always been at the Boys and Girls Club or at somebodies house and it is under my impression that she has the authority to approve this but she decided to take it to the board

Mr. Hodges- this is a group that we have been partners with for a while and since it's a partner of the district already they could have hosted it but the district manager contact me and said I want to put it in front of the board so they know what is going so they don't think I'm going around them

Mrs. Villanueva- I just want to make it clear that we have the recommendation from the Grand Jury to treat everyone the same I want to now exactly what that organization does and by who it's from by

Mr. Horton- we are part of the group were are basically giving it to our self-

Mr. Hodges- I believe the Grand Jury recommendation was that you have to treat all entities the same which it means you have to treat entities with the same classes the same so you have to treat nonprofit all the same you have to treat profit corporations or LLC the same you have to treat individuals the same it doesn't mean that you have to treat an individual person the same as you treat a nonprofit just the entities person within a group the same so you could treat one corporation who's trying to rent this because you like what they are doing and tell them you could have it for 100 dollar but another corporation wants to rent it and you say I don't like what you're doing we are going to charge you 800 dollars that's what the Grand Jury was saying that you treat everybody the same within their own class

Mrs. Villanueva- I understand what you are saying but I want you to know Gustavo Aguirre is in Progreso de Lamont, Gustavo Aguirre in Arvin and he keeps being Gustavo Aguirre but his involved in different organizations with different names for me I want to have

clarification that who are the people that are involved in this **Mr. Horton-** is benefiting us hosting this meeting it's a collaborate meeting is all organizations coming together to benefit the community **Mrs. Villanueva-** I hope that is the case

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mr. Jimenez second to approve item 12.5 hosting the collaborative meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

12.6 Board Training- Yovani Jimenez

Discussion: Approve Mr. Jimenez to take the following training.

Special District 101: What Are Special Districts?

Brown Act- Principles, Traps, and avoiding unintentional Violations.

Potential Action: Approve Yovani Jimenez to take the board training discussed.

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mr. Rodriguez second to approve item 12.6 Yovani Jimenez to take the board training discussed. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Perez- in our County Treasure ending July 31, 2019 we have 115,172.82 and our general manager was pleased to report that we have not have to ask for an advance from the county she was very positive in relating that information in the Bank of America ending July 31, 2019 we have a ending balance of 15,026.19 and in the Self Help Credit Union (Community Trust Bank) ending in July 31, 2019 ending balance was 15,207.23 something that the district manager want to tell us that there was a fraud alert and the bank communicated that to our staff they contacted Mrs. Cervantes and said we have had some unusual activity with a outside person trying to make small charges to your account we caught it with other accounts they are doing it with yours please come in were going to cancel your credit card and we are going to issue you and Mrs. Alcala new cards to prevent this exposure so we were somehow expose to it the bank caught on to it and prevented any money from being lost they contacted our staff our staff when in replaced the cards it cost us approximately 90 dollars 45 dollars per card and a card was issued to Mrs. Alcala and Mrs. Cervantes

MOTION Mr. Jimenez moved Mr. Horton second to approve financial reports. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

14. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION: None

15. DIRECTORS TIME:

Mrs. Villanueva- good night to everyone and that you have a good meeting next month because I'm not going to be here

Mr. Rodriguez-nothing at this time

Mr. Jimenez- good night to everyone and when someone comes to make a presentation, we should work more closely with public to bring proper information

Mr. Horton- thank you everyone for coming and staying and thank you to Anthony on your maintenance report and saving us a tone of money and thank you to Lucia for coming out and stepping in, thank you Nathan for all the work that you do for us

Mr. Perez- I want to thank our recreation staff for their wonderful individual reports and I hope that next year we can expand the budget for recreation I also want to give thank you to Anthony for being proactive with the district showing that you really care about this district saving us money hopefully we can put the money that you save to good use thank you for your leadership and thank you Mrs. Alcalá for being here I hope the meeting went well and I would like to here some tapes to see what we can improve the moving of chairs **Mrs. Alcalá-** yes the chairs if someone gets up I don't here anything that was said **Mr. Perez-** now she's been here she seen what's going on and hopefully she understands and tonight in one of our presentation in regards to Harold Gutierrez I really want to find out how we can work with him I was just notified that they are going to have a nonprofit to rent the facility for them and with that information no ad-hoc committee needs to be form one thing that I do want to bring to the attention of the board is something that Harold did say that there was no form for this type of things inside of our building I will bring that to the attention of the general manager but overall I think it was a very good meeting

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mrs. Villanueva second to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.