



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District
A Special District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 21, 2021
David Head Building
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, California 93241
(www.bearmntnprk.com)

MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION
2. CALL TO ORDER

The regular board of directors meeting of Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District was held Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 6:30 pm in the David Head Center at 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, California. The District is a political subdivision in the State of California.

Present: Chairman Perez, Director Horton, Director Villanueva, Director Rodriguez, and Director Jimenez,

Staff Present: District Counsel; Nathan Hodges, District Manager, Lorena Cervantes, Maintenance Supervisor, Anthony Zamora, Rosalva Gonzales and Joshlyn Horton. We also have our new elected board members.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Jesus Perez

4. **APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM**

Director Horton motioned for approval of agenda as to form. Seconded by Director Rodriguez. Approved 4 ayes, 1 noes and 0 absent.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. **Jorge Guillen-** I am a former board member **Mr. Hodges-** if you can be louder, we have the recorder up here **Jorge Guillen-** we have old board members going out and new ones coming in there's board members that hire managers within the district but that is not illegal hopefully all my words are heard in the past they haven't I will try to speak up, hopefully in the future I can work with you guys and I want to thank the past board members for everything that they have done **Mr. Perez-** thank you for your comments.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a. None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are considered routine, non-controversial and generally approved in a single motion. A board member may request to have an item removed from the consent calendar for discussion of to be deferred. (May include Minutes, Financials, Resolutions, and Policy & Procedure matters).

- 9.1 Minutes
- 9.2 Pre-signed Vouchers
- 9.3 List of Bills

Director Horton motioned for approval of consent agenda. Seconded by Director Rodriguez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

10. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

General Manager Report:

- 10.1 Maintenance -**Mr. Zamora-** we have been keeping up with the parks I want to thank our outgoing board members for everything that they have done and welcome our incoming board members **Mr. Rodriguez-** I want to thank our maintenance crew for keeping up the parks **Mrs. Villanueva-** thank you for everything **Mr. Perez-** I just want to make some comments from our neighbors that live back here that they have seen a lot of improvement in our parks that the parks are in a lot of better shape I know the neighbors are glad that we don't have graffiti up in roof maybe past board members overlooked that I know that the community is very thankful I also want to thank you for participating in the Lamont and Arvin Christmas caravan I got to ride with you in the Arvin one.
- 10.2 Recreation- **Mrs. Cervantes-** the only update is that we participated on the Christmas caravan Miss. Gonzalez did Lamont and Miss. Horton did Arvin **Miss. Gonzalez-** I just want to say thank you to the board members thank you for everything you did to help and for making a difference and to the new board members welcome we look forward to working with you **Mr. Jimenez-** can we add recreation on the main page to make it easier to find. **Mr. Rodriguez-** you guys been doing a good job keep up the good work **Mrs. Gonzalez-** thank you **Mr. Perez-** thank you guys.

10.3 District Manager- **Mrs. Cervantes**- we had some deadlines in submitting the CDBG agreement we were able to turn in the application December 4th and they said we should know something by June 2021 if our project got approve or not and we also submitted the expense report for the COVID Expenses CARES funds for the Special District that was submitted on the December 15th for expenses due to COVID so hopefully we get reimburse for all the items we purchased do to COVID. I also had a couple of meetings with the Health Department we are still not completely open there hasn't been any changes, I had a couple of meetings with the committee there still looking forward to working with us. I also want to say thank you to Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Horton for all your support for your guidance and your vision and helping us grow and I want to welcome the new board members **Mr. Perez**- one thing that I would like to add to the district managers report is that yesterday the office manager and I were on a call regarding AB617 is a 40,000 million grant that Arvin and Lamont are looking to get I wanted to make a note of that, that our office manager and I were on that call the call lasted around a hour there's been some delay in granting us those funds December 10th was when we were going to get a yes or no and now its going to be February will be representing Bear Mountain as far as that goes **Mr. Jimenez**- do we have a update on the Mini Pitch **Mrs. Cervantes**- we received a letter that the doner was considering to go somewhere else were waiting on them to let us know if they don't let us know by January, will submit the application to PER Capita on February or March of 2021 **Mr. Jimenez**- when is the due date for that application **Mrs. Cervantes**- December 2021 **Mr. Perez**- I wanted to add regarding the COVID funding the CARES act funds 88 districts were eligible in Kern County for this and were not only the first on the call were the first to be recorded and we were also the first to have the agreement, when it comes to that a kudos from the district manager the board our district counsel for calling a special meeting and really getting that done fast we were the first were talking about getting reimbursed 32,000 dollars.

11. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 11.1** Committee Meetings- **None**
- 11.2** Events-Schedule for David Head Center- all events have been cancelled.
- 11.3** Events-Senior Center- all events have been cancelled.

12. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

- 12.1** **Discussion**- 2021 Board Organizational Chart
Potential Action: Approve 2021 Organization Chart
Mr. Hodges- I have the results of the votes for chairman we have 4 votes for Mr. Perez to continue to be chairman and for vice chairman would be Mrs. Villanueva with 3 votes.

Director Horton motioned to approve item 12.1 Organization Chart with the continuation of Mr. Perez as the chairman and Mrs. Villanueva as the vice chairwoman. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

12.2 Recognition of Service of Robert Rodriguez and Donny Horton as Vice Chairman, and Board Members.

Comments by outgoing Board Members.

Mr. Rodriguez- It has been a pleasure working with the district I want to thank our legal counsel for keeping us in line and Mrs. Cervantes for doing a good job and all the employees are doing a good job there's not enough words to thank you our legal has done a great job with all the legal stuff.

Mr. Horton- I want to thank all the staff you guys are all doing an amazing job when I first came to the district our finances were not the way they should have been now we have not been taking loans from the county I made some good friends through the years I want to wish the new board members good luck.

Mr. Perez- thank you both for the service to the district I know that Director Rodriguez and myself we were both heavily influence by Freddy and Jorge on the onset of our 4 years and we came in with this negative picture that was in here Director Horton and myself there was time that we just yelled at each other because he seem anti what we were brought in and Director Villanueva she was with the same influences when we were brought in and we don't know if that is still going on and we still have a hint that this people are still in the community bad mouthing this district but through service at this district when you open up the books the numbers don't lie and Mr. Horton and I will have heated arguments and it ended with the facts and we were able to developed a great friendship at the end because we had one thing in mind was bettering the district and improving services to the kids in the community and to the seniors in the community and everybody in between.

Mrs. Villanueva- I just want to say that regardless that we had a lot of differences within the district we had discussions and we would get mad but all the time with the purpose for this district to grow and I might not have a friendship with you, but I wish you the best.

Mr. Jimenez- thank you Director Rodriguez and Director Horton for everything that you have done for the district.

Mr. Perez- Director Rodriguez, Director Villanueva, and I we were appointed by those people that were mentioned earlier prior to our first elections so it was four years and plus.

12.3 Administer of Oath of Office and Seating of Newly Elected Officials. Secretary Clerk).
Comments by incoming board members

Mr. Alonso- I have been a resident of Lamont my entire life I know that everybody thinks that Lamont is at the very bottom and I want to give back to the community and my family.

Mr. Pimentel- I grew up in this community as well I have been an athletic my whole life, I grew up in these parks I coach youth soccer teams I have used these fields I have used the Weedpatch soccer fields I have had 3 soccer teams and instead of expecting change I can be part of the change that's what made me decide to run for this position.

- 12.4 Discussion:** 2021 Holiday Schedule
Potential Action: Approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule

Director Jimenez motioned to approve item the 2021 Holiday Schedule. Seconded by Director Villanueva Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

- 12.4 Discussion:** 2021 Board Committees
Mrs. Cervantes- the board members can take this home and bring it back and let us know what committees you would like to be in, and we can decide in January.

- 12.5 Discussion:** Policy on wages/safety during power outage
Mrs. Cervantes- Mr. Jimenez wanted me to contact CSDA and CARPD to see if they had any policies regarding power outages there was a couple and they basically say the same thing, the district will pay the employee one half of his or her regular schedule will pay up to 4 hours if no work is available, but then it says the district will not pay employees reporting under the following circumstances interruptions of work cause of failure of all public utilities, interruption of work from natural causes that's beyond the district power, we can do it like this or amend it this is the only sample that they had.

13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- 13.1** Review of District's Financial Accounts- Action
13.2 QuickBooks Reports- Aged payable, balance sheet, profit, and loss

Director Villanueva motioned for approval of Financial Reports items 13.1 and 13.2. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

14. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION:

- 14.1** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to 54956.9(b): One Case

Director Jimenez motioned to enter closed session at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

Mr. Perez- we are now out of closed session the time is 9:54 p.m. **Mr. Hodges-** during closed session, the board discussed the potential litigation of one case no action was taken no further report is necessary and this matter can be removed from the next meeting.

15. DIRECTORS TIME:

Fernando Pimentel- I want to thank everybody and I look forward to working with everybody.

Yovani Jimenez- I want to thank our maintenance manager for all the work he does I think this is one of the most productive years the district has had in a long time and our legal counsel for guiding us in the right direction and congratulations to Mrs. Villanueva and welcome to the new board members.

Fernando Alonso- happy to be here and the coming of this new year and working with everybody to improve and keep improving and happy holidays to everybody.

Petra Villanueva- good night to everyone and thank you for being with us all this year and hopefully the parks will open next year and have different programs for the community and take care of yourselves.

Jesus Perez- I want to thank all the staff and the old directors and I want to welcome to the family our new directors and as resident from Lamont, Arvin and Weedpatch were all the same people I really hope that we approach these coming years with community there's a lot of hearts in the right places in this room I'm really happy and proud that each and every one of you and us being bilingual it does give us a chance to talk to our neighbors

Mrs. Cervantes- everybody needs to take an ethics class **Mr. Hodges-** we already scheduled it and happy holidays

16. ADJOURNMENT

Director Jimenez motioned to adjourn the meeting in honor of Director Rodriguez and Director Horton at 10:05 p.m. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.