

June 21, 2018

The regular board of directors meeting of Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District was held Thursday, May 17, 2018, 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. Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Board Members present Mrs. Villanueva, Mr. Castrejon, Mr. Perez, Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Horton, absent. Staff present: Lorena Cervantes; District Manager and Anthony Zamora. Legal Counsel; Mr. Hodges
3. **FLAG SALUTE**
4. **APPROVE AGENDA AS TO FORM:**

MOTION Mrs. Villanueva moved Mr. Castrejon second to approve the agenda as to form. Motion passed 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent.

5. **PRESENTATIONS: (Community Group and Members of the Public)**
a) Comite Progreso de Lamont- Lighting Project

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
Public- the community needs more recreational activities soccer volleyball something else other than just baseball because the community keeps growing and we don't have that many sports and we need more activities for the kids and also someone asked me for the net for the volleyball was approved last year and I did look at the website it does have picture now you guys are doing a good job we need to have a plan to have more people come to these meetings and get more involved we all have a goal is to better and provide activities for kids I know that sometimes we might not agree in different points but at least we should agree in our goals Mr. Rodriguez- Mrs. Cervantes can you have a update on the subject that he was talking about for the next meeting so he could come and so you could have some answers for him some of these things I could tell you right of the back there shouldn't be any reasons why the community should be coming to these meetings because Mrs. Villanueva had a idea to put out flyers at different stores and the public knows that were having these meetings and I believe it's in English and in Spanish it's out there why people don't come I can't answer that question, but at the next meeting she will have the answers for your questions Diana Mireles- from Comite Progreso de Lamont I just want to comment on what the gentleman have said that nothing is being done an I just want to invite them and bring the community to help on what they want done instead of just complaining lets offer what we have another thing you guys complain of the district manager a little brief experience I worked in the Family Resource

Center with Jennifer Wood as a receptionist a lot from her know me because I worked with Building Healthy Communities and I just have my GED and If you would ask Jennifer If she would hire me again I'm 100 percent sure she my point is that you don't need a degree from a university to do our job better that does not make us a better person with my GED I was able to move up right know you guys have difficulty with your budget and you think that someone with a university will charge you less you think you'll have enough money to pay him or her that is my comment Mr. Rodriguez- thank you I have something to say regarding her comment she's absolutely right she what they bring to the board that's the stuff that we need we have a board here that takes care of business and our GM gets everything on paper and gives it to the board so she's doing a good job on what she's doing we can't satisfy everybody in the public had their own opinion about the board and the staff but I could assure you right now that this board and the staff we have now has come a long way from the first day that I came here this lady right here has been coming to the meetings like she said you guys could do the same thing if you don't have a lot of money you guys could do the same thing you could talk to people and see how we could help out is never goods to come to the meeting with negative stuff we don't need that Miguel Sanchez- I just want to add to what she was stating and explaining to the board and to the community to what Mr. Jimenez had stated that what work you can do to bring people to these meetings I have been serving these community in different boards for 25 years 12 year in the Lamont School I served 14 years in the Lamont Water District 22 years in the Lamont Chamber of Commerce and I also served in these park and recreation many years ago I don't know if it's the culture or maybe the people in these community you practically have to drag them to the meetings we have a website and we announce the meetings and everything is going to be my last year these year and I can count with my fingers how many people show up in our meetings and everybody knows what day it is the same way you guys advertise the meetings here the same way the Lamont School does the Chamber does nobody wants to participate it seems like the commitment to give back to the community it's not there anymore but we place a lot of criticism from people that practically don't do much and sometimes do nothing but they expect to be paid for their opinions or for their requirements and that's not fair and I honestly believe that you guys are doing the best that you guys can with what you have I think you guy have a good management like we do at the LPUD I think we have a excellent manager now and we work together and we bring the resources together so we could help each other Jose Mireles- I just wanted to say if you get people together things get done we just got 150 thousand for the Lamont Park to do the basketball courts were going to do the playground, the people instead of complaining we should work together and things will get done it takes a while but they could get done Mr. Rodriguez- that why we have these meeting to talk about these things and move forward but sometimes people don't have enough patients Jose Mireles- It took us three years to get the money and this year in July they will start the sidewalk Mr. Rodriguez- Bear Mountain Recreation really liked everything you guys have done, our budget is not that big so we have to watch the way we spend the money or our GM those she's the one that knows how we could spend the money she don't want to go out there and start spending the money here and there and then were out of money for the fiscal year Jose Mireles- there's just so much that she could do that's why I say instead of complaining help out Mr. Rodriguez- that's right

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Cervantes- the Boys and Girls club give out food to the kids every day outside treason they are giving this letter to us is because the summer is coming and the days are very hot so they want to know if they could come in the building and serve the food in the building, is just for you guys to look at I know we can't take action on it because it wasn't on the agenda

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION Mr. Castrejon moved Mr. Horton second to approve the consent agenda from the meeting and the special meeting. Motion passed 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.

10. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION: None

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

General Manager Report:

- 11.1 Maintenance- Mr. Zamora- we have been draining the pools and getting the baseball field ready we have been having a lot of problems with kids just recently they cut a big hole in our fence and when they do that it cost money and takes our time so we get behind on other things which brings me that we got behind on our mowing this week in Weedpatch Park and we have had kids come into our hall got a fire extinguisher and started spraying it everywhere in the hall so we really need to get cameras so someone get be accountable for everything that is happening, were pretty much getting ready for the baseball season and for the pools to open were installing utility sinks for the snack bar staff so they have somewhere to wash there utensils and have hot water so we could be in complaint with the health department, I talked to the shop teacher at Arvin High School about helping us putting up a shade structure helping us putting it up with their academy and he sounded interested so sometime at the end of this year I'm going to come up with some plans and he wants to look them over see if they could help us Mr. Rodriguez- this is what the public doesn't realize that we have a lot of vandalism this is not going to stop this is going to continue were probably going to have to look into some kind of alarm system to put in the pool area that way if someone is in there this alarm will go off that s something that you guys have to look at Mr. Zamora- they make them but there really pricy Mr. Rodriguez- yes but look at the damage that is causing at that needs to stop if we have to spend money on something like this to protect the pools then that what we have to do that's all there is to it we could either have the alarm system go direct to the sheriff department so they could respond we have to come up with something a solution to try to prevent this stuff if you could look into that and report to us at the next board meeting
- 11.2 Recreation- Rosalva- we are getting ready for the Jr. Giants flyers were hand out to Vineland to Sunset to all the schools in Arvin and all the schools in Lamont so everyone got invited we had kids from ages 5-18 to come and register the years before we had it

from 5-13 years old so this year picking it up I made sure that Vineland received the flyers I took them to each teacher Sunset the same thing was done and the other schools I have friends that work for the schools they took them themselves this year we made sure the flyers were taken to each teacher, our numbers are up and the season hasn't even started Arvin has 119 kids that are registered to play Jr. Giants, Lamont has 184 kids registered to play Jr. Giants this year we are including softball so were opening it up to our girls who are intimidated with playing with other boys and were also opening up a senior division which is 14-18 that is something new, this year I am glad that we do have that extra help Mrs. Cervantes- I passed out a report from Larry for the pools for the board to look at it shows what were going to be having the staff that's returning if you guys want to look at it if you guys have any questions his going to try to come to the next board meeting to give a update how everything is going.

- 11.3 District Manager- Mrs. Cervantes I passed out a draft for the five year plan and the draft for the budget for the board members to look at take home if you guys have any questions let me know so it could get ready to get approve at the next board meeting.

12. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 12.1 Committee Meetings- Mrs. Cervantes- we had committee meetings I meet with five year committee and I meet with the finance committee and we went over the plan and we went over the budget and I also meet with Mr. Castrejon regarding the art policy.
- 12.2 Events- Schedule for David Head Center
- 12.3 Events- Senior Center

13. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

- 13.1 Discussion and Potential Action- List of items for the Power Point requested by Mrs. Villanueva translated by Javier Arreola.
- Mrs. Cervantes- in your packet there is a list that Mrs. Villanueva had done and it was translated by Mr. Arreola if you want to look it and have any questions Mr. Rodriguez- does it have to be approve tonight I haven't had a chance to review it Mr. Hodges- why don't we ask Petra if it's a proper translation of the list that you wanted to be presented Mr. Villanueva- yes Mr. Hodges- there's no modifications if what you originally requested Mrs. Villanueva- the translation is correct Mr. Castrejon- I want to move forward with this because I want to start meeting and discussing how we could present this in the best way and as we move along if we want to modify anything or move anything will do so and the time and how long is going to be Mr. Rodriguez- are you saying that she wants some answers on this tonight Mr. Castrejon- she just wants the potential action to approve because it wasn't understood what she wrote the other day Mr. Hodges- approve that document approve that list as the guidelines as the power point presentation to the community to show those points were the district was several years ago what has transpired from that until now also what you're doing currently for recreational activities and just kind of explain what the district is doing and were you've

come from the last five, ten years Mr. Rodriguez- were going to take action on this power point requested by Mrs. Villanueva I'm asking for a motion.

MOTION Mr. Castrejon moved Mrs. Villanueva second to approve the translation that has been given. Motion passed 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent

13.2 Discussion: Amending Public Arts Policy

Mrs. Cervantes- this is an item that I meet with Mr. Castrejon there is some wording in the art policy that he considers it should be change Mr. Castrejon- I met with the general manager and we discussed possibly changing, making some amendments in regards to the artist I think that vandalism for example given them seven days to fix any vandalism I think it's not a reasonable time what if there from out of town or out of state that will not give them enough time to come and fix any vandalism so I want to be a little more flexible with the time frame that is one of the points that I wanted the board to think about and also the cost and the people that are allowed maybe change the wording on it Mrs. Cervantes- so you think maybe have another artist come and fix the problem if they are not available maybe they could suggest another name of a artist Mr. Castrejon- I think those are little things to do have the board look at it and bring it to the attention to the board, I wanted to bring to the attention that I spoke to two artist that want to do the Lamont Pool and possibly the Arvin Pool, and with your guys approval I would like to meet with the general manager and with another board member and possibly the person, George or I don't know who to see how we could still be in compliance with the district and with the policy I propose to the general manager if Mrs. Villanueva can be in the committee I don't know if the board approves of it I don't know if Bob has a interest in serving I know that Mrs. Villanueva had asked before, first I would like to know if the board agrees to amendment the policy Mr. Hodges- you don't have to approve anything tonight because you're a committee you could just make suggestions within the committee comes back to the board present them and you could then take action you could amendment the policy whenever you want Mr. Rodriguez- whenever you guys decide to make any changes is better to have the other board members present, you guys could get together with the GM and bring up some of these things you brought up and then bring a draft to the board and will look at it and let the attorney review and make sure were in compliance with everything and then we could move forward with that.

13.3 Discussion and Potential: Action Arts Culture committee

Mrs. Cervantes- we just approved that.

13.4 Discussion and Potential Action: Graffiti reward policy/Graffiti Ordinance

Mr. Hodges- I provided you guys with a ordinance, the Kern County Ordinance you could chose to adopt that as a government code section that allows you to adopt it just by citation to their ordinance or go to the processes to in acting your own in doing research were within Kern County, I don't see much of a benefit of you acting your own ordinance because the graffiti abatement program that Kern County already has it only applies to residence and businesses so it's not going to apply to us anyways so I don't see a benefit coming from it other than more record keeping that's required here within the district you need to create a ordinance book and that ordinance book is outside of what you already

have I'm not aware that the district has one of those currently you would need to create that and keep it available for the public, there's already a ordinance that does this so it's really up to you guys Mr. Rodriguez- do you guys want to table this till the whole board is here so they could all vote on it Mr. Castrejon- I'm fine with table in it Mr. Rodriguez- lets table it till the other board members are here to vote on it and you could also have us a update on the art policy Mr. Hodges- can I get some direction are you looking into in act the ordinance that currently exist or do you want to modify draft for you guys to review specific to the district Mr. Castrejon- if you could have it modified so they could look at to see how it's going to look Mr. Rodriguez- I think that's the whole reason to table this you could bring us that one and if we want to modify it and have him do it a different way and have him approve it I don't know if we could do it that night or we have to wait till the next meeting Mr. Hodges- you can't adopt it that night you would have to post it to the public and you have to have a public hearing Mr. Rodriguez- lets go ahead and table item 13.4 Graffiti reward policy/Graffiti Ordinance for the next board meeting.

13.5 Discussion and Potential Action: Large Event Policy

Mr. Hodges- this was presented to the board at the last regular meeting you guys tabled it because you guys wanted to review the policy it was prim alary Jesus that requested this Mr. Castrejon- you want to table it also I have a question though when you guys had the carnival here how did you guys handled that Mrs. Cervantes- I don't know I was young I used to come to the events I didn't work here, I don't know how they used to do it in the past Mr. Castrejon- you guys had the circus Mrs. Cervantes- with the circus we had a problem they destroyed our parking lot because they would put there stakes in the cement and they destroyed our parking lot so we had to stop them from coming and then they wanted to do it on the field but then they would destroy the sprinkler system so that's why we stopped doing the circus that I could tell you about the other events we used to have carnivals back in the days that I'm not really sure Mr. Rodriguez- lets go ahead and table this item 13.5 Large Event Policy Mr. Hodges- I'm going to address Freddie's question first currently under your policy right now you have to treat a large event exactly the same as you treat a team playing soccer out there renting the field for ten dollars a hour because the grand jury report says that you have to treat everyone exactly the same unless there's another policy and that's why Jesus brought this up because he didn't want to rent the entire field for ten dollars a hour to a group of five thousand people.

13.6 Discussion: LAFCO SOI District Map Boundaries

Mrs. Cervantes- this is something that when I meet with Mr. Castrejon, I put a map in the board packet that he wanted us to go over, he wanted to bring it up because it doesn't match with the other map Mr. Castrejon- when we went last year to the special district legislative days we were longing to have the special district be included in LAFCO currently it is included in special districts so with that in mind with trying to get involved with LAFCO so I attended an meeting and I talked to the senior advisor which used to work for the city of Taft so I talked to them about what the chairmen was talking about Tejon Ranch and I told him how can we expand our district and built there and he said wait a minute you're not part of that and I said yes we are because of the maps so I asked

him to show me the map so he showed me the map so if we would want to take over the tejon and residential area we would have to do a SOI which is to propose a new SOI so right now we don't even have Lebec the elections office has a different map I wanted to bring it to the board so we could have clarification in regards in what is our interest if we want to expand or cut back in the future, I don't know if our legal counsel could give us some type of clarification on the map issue Mr. Rodriguez- sure he could look into it and find out for us Mr. Hodges- I defiantly need to talk to the elections department because the map that we presented to you is the map that they gave us also because this brings up the Tejon Ranch, I talked with a lady name Brandy Cantu down there she's the administrative assistant to the head of construction the plan development for the residential plan down there is ten years out they said I'm just saying that because it gives you some time to develop this if that's what you want to do I also explained to her that I represent this district and that you would like to be interested to try to work with them to bring some parks down there and she said that, that is something that they would be very interested in as well once they get to that stage the dialog has opened up for you guys you're just going to have to follow through with that I have all of her information Mr. Rodriguez- the first thing that we have to do is that our legal counsel has to find out which is the correct map and give our legal counsel direction to look into were our boundaries are and come to the board this are our boundaries or not Mr. Castrejon- Bud Rice from LAFCO is very interested to work with us.

14. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

14.1 Review if District's Financial Accounts-

14.2 QuickBooks Reports- Aged payables, balance sheet, profit and loss

Mrs. Cervantes- under the County Treasure we have 281,648.25, Bank of America we have 17,119.47, Self Help Credit Union we have 15,459 this has to this has to last us through the end of June because we cannot get another loan until after June 30th so we have to be careful that we have enough to pay all of our bills and I included last month's reports for QuickBooks because I had forgotten to put them in there so you have March and April in there for your review Mr. Rodriguez- I have a question on these two items here once we get them approve by the board and everything it becomes public information is that correct Mr. Hodges- yes Mr. Rodriguez- so what I like to see maybe Mrs. Cervantes could put in on our bulletin board outside so people that were here earlier asked these questions and they left they could read our finance account and that way they could see were our money is and that way they don't come out here and ask questions that they don't know what they are talking about this is just another item that we could put out here for the public Mrs. Cervantes- we could added in the binder that way if they are here they could look at it Mr. Rodriguez- yes that will be fine

MOTION Mr. Castrejon moved Mrs. Villanueva second to approve item 14.1 Review if District's Financial Accounts and 14.2 QuickBooks Reports. Motion passed 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent

15. DIRECTORS TIME:

Mrs. Villanueva- I want to thank you for being here and I hope that we could bring more people a month and half ago we put flyers at different stores inviting people to this meeting but unfortunately what I was able to notice is that there is a lot of activities in different places and right now people are concentrated on the elections and there is a big event in Bakersfield and a lot of people are there and hopefully we could do a even similar like the one in Bakersfield here and maybe we could come to a agreement with the schools so we could have events at the schools but thank you for being here were a few but were very hard working thank you.

Mr. Castrejon- hopefully we could get new ideas coming and keep up the good work and that's all I have to say.

Mr. Rodriguez- first of all I want to thank the people for their donations for the lights and everything that there doing for the district and we like to see stuff like that not like this person that brought a letter he could have invited that person out to our meeting and give us the public comment of what he was talking about, it seems that we have a few people that always come with negative stuff and we don't need that our staff is doing everything that they can to make this district run smooth and that's why we have committee meetings she updates us on everything we really on her and she's doing a very good job and if she has any question she has our authority to talk to our legal counsel and put her in the right direction that way the district is never in a liability case like I said earlier our budget is not really big we have to really on her to spend the money right in the committee meeting we have had were really concentrating on the Weedpatch Park trying to come out with some good things for that park I want to thank everyone for coming I wish that the people that were here hadn't left, thank you guys. Mr. Hodges- I just want to put on the record on the start of the meeting the computer malfunction for approximately fifteen minutes so the minutes will be recorded based on the notes of the district secretary rather than based on the actual recording Mr. Rodriguez- you will make that notation on the minutes.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Castrejon moved Mrs. Villanueva second to adjourn meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion passed 3 ayes, 0 noes and 2 absent