



Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

July 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was convened by Chair Trina Hudson at 6:30 p.m. at the Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, CA.

1. **Opening Ceremonies:**

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Hudson, Torlakson, Hoagland, Garcia
Board Members Absent: Lopez-Garcia
Staff Present: Long, Hernandez
Audience Present: Approx. 25

2. **Pledge of Allegiance;** 

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Hudson.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

General Manager mentioned Closed Session item 11a was no longer needed to be discussed at this time.

Motion: Approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Hoagland

Action: Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Torlakson, Hudson, Hoagland **Noes:** none
Absent: Lopez-Garcia, Garcia **Abstentions:** none

4. **Consent Calendar:**

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion: Hoagland **Second:** Torlakson

Action: Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Torlakson, Hudson, Hoagland **Noes:** none
Absent: Lopez-Garcia, Garcia **Abstentions:** none

5. **Presentations/Introductions:**

None

6. **General Manager's Report:**

The General Manager, Doug Long gave brief reports on the following topics:

1. Pacific Site Management – Working with them to assess our trees park-wide. Trees are not covered under our contract; therefore it would be additional work. Pacific Site will be coming to us with their results.
2. Pacific Union – Pacific Union submitted a buyer's termination notice for the Clearland property. No action needed by the Board. Sandra Weck will be here for the August meeting to discuss marketing strategies to move forward.
3. ADA project – Project is getting ready to start and should be done by the end of this month.
4. Prop 68 – Park bond measure of 4.1 billion, was passed on June 5th. About 285 million has been set aside for local parks to be divided up by the state. Details are still being worked out with the state.

Director Hoagland wanted to thank the Teen Center/BPYA for their work on the playgrounds and all the labor they put in.

7. **Legal Counsel Report:**

None

8. **Public Communications:**

None

9. **Board Matters:**

a. Discuss East County Regional Group's Recommendation to Renovate the Lower Restroom at Ambrose Community Park. Brandon O'Laskey from East County Regional Group requested new bathrooms at parks fully funded by Ambrose Recreation and Park District. He stated the Ambrose Park bathrooms and park cleanliness were unacceptable for children and families. Changing tables, adequate lighting, and regular maintenance were a few things he suggested to bring Ambrose Park back to a safe and fun destination. He asked the Board to have staff create a proposal to fully fund the renovations of bathrooms at the park. Deborah Polk, member of the East County Regional Group, spoke about her fun childhood memories at Ambrose Park and surrounding parks. She believes the bathrooms now need a lot of work and are unacceptable. She would like the children in Bay Point to have similar memories as she does of Ambrose Park, and for that reason, she also requested the Board to create a proposal to fully fund the bathroom renovation. Nolan Mendoza stated that there are no water fountains in any of the parks and bathrooms are very dirty. He believes the people of Bay Point deserve water fountains and bathrooms at every park. Ken Scoles shared that he used to take his kids to Ambrose Park and that it never was in really good shape and agrees with the renovation requests. He brought up another issue regarding a right-of-way that was changed due to the Bart construction. Director Hudson recommended that it is an issue he should take to the Bay Point M.A.C. meeting. Mr. Long, then, let the Board members know that they were able to speak on the subject. Director Hoagland thanked the Mr. Long for taking them on the parks tour. He agreed that the bathrooms are the number one issue at the parks but that it is also expensive to replace. After the Clearland property sale fell through, he believes it will be tougher to get things done as quickly as the community wants. Water fountains are not as expensive but there are issues with vandalism in the parks, he mentioned. Fully funding is a lot harder than it sounds. Director Torlakson asked Mr. Long if this renovation is something that CDBG would consider funding. He stated that they can write a proposal for the request but it all depends on how many people are also requesting funds. CDBG can possibly grant \$50,000-\$75,000. Director Torlakson agrees with the bathroom issue and offered ideas on how to raise funds; for example, a possible fundraiser that the community can get involved in and also the Prop 68 monies that the district will be receiving. Director Garcia recommended the community to attend a Finance Meeting to get an idea of what our budget entails. Bathrooms are on the Boards radar, she said, but it will take time. Director Hudson, along with the other Board members, would rather completely build the bathroom from the ground up instead of renovating considering how old it is and to also make it ADA. For the first time in many years we have a cushion, she stated, but she does not feel comfortable spending that cushion, in case of an emergency situation. She wants everyone to band together as a community, in the meantime, to talk up the good aspects of our parks and to continue to come to the meetings.

b. Consider Revising Section 526 of the Personnel Policy Manual Specific to Retiree Medical Reimbursement. Mr. Long worked with legal counsel in drafting a revised policy. The revised policy eliminates the medical benefits for retirees effective July 1, 2018. It would not affect any current employees. Director Hoagland said it will help us in the future without changing the current employee's benefits. Director Hudson then asked how many employees fit the category of being able to retire in 10 years and was employed before this date. Mr. Long answered with five but two of them would possibly be eligible for Medicare after ten years, therefore the cost would be less.

Motion: Move to adopt the Board of Directors revised of Section 526 of the Personnel Policy Manual Specific to Retiree Medical Reimbursement

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Torlakson

Action: Roll Call Vote: **Ayes:** Torlakson, Hudson, Garcia, Hoagland **Noes:** None

Absent: Lopez-Garcia **Abstentions:** None

10. **Public Hearing:**

a. Public comments on the 2018-2019 Engineer's Report as presented by Community Economic Solutions. Chuck Crandall from Community Economic Solutions, stated that they have been assessing the district since 1997. It has been done for 21 years because it is very important for this district to have these funds in order to do what needs to be done, he said. Director Hoagland wanted to point out that the amount we receive has not changed since 1997, while our expenses have increased. He stated that they will have to come up with some other ways of bringing in some money to further assist in expenses.

11. Closed Session

- a. Real property negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding the sale of approximately 1.99 acres of land located at the southeast corner of Willow Pass Road and Clearland Drive, Bay Point, CA (APN 067-081-027)
District Negotiator: Sandra Weck
Potential Buyer: Guggenheim Retail Real Estate Partners, Inc.
- b. One matter of anticipated litigation under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) The Chair adjourned to the Closed Session. The Chair stated that there was no action taken.

12. Committee Reports and Board Comments and Items for Next Agenda:

Director Hoagland thanked Mr. Long for the tour of the parks. He wanted him to look into making Lynbrook into a dog park and asked if maybe a dog related organization that would consider giving us a grant to do so. Director Hudson mentioned Bissell as a possible organization. Director Hoagland wants Mr. Long to contact ACME Cranes and ask them if they would possibly donate services to have a few concrete picnic tables moved to another park and in return, Director Torlakson mentioned that they can give them a presentation. Director Garcia apologized for missing the tour. Director Torlakson enjoyed the park tour and has been getting a lot of good feedback from her pictures she has posted on her Facebook page. She will be sending the pictures over to be posted on the Ambrose Recreation and Parks District Facebook page. She requested that they do these tours at least three times a year as a group. Director Hoagland would like help from possibly the Teen Center kids to go to a few homes surrounding each park to get their feedback about the parks. Director Torlakson thanked the Teen Center kids for all they do and the Coordinator for sharing pictures of all their events and participation. She also wanted to thank receptionist Debra, for keeping them updated on the Centers use and rentals. Director Hudson, then wanted to confirm on having a meeting in August and understands that it will be reduced a bit due to staff being out. Mr. Long understood that and mentioned that Sandra Weck will be here than to discuss moving forward with the Clearland property.

14. Closing Ceremonies:

Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

Action: Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hudson, Torlakson, Garcia, Hoagland **Noes:** none

Absent: Lopez-Garcia **Abstentions:** none

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Signature of Board Member