



Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

March 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was convened by Chair Hudson at 6:30p.m. by telephone pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b)

1. **Opening Ceremonies:**

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Torlakson, Garcia, Torres, Hudson
Board Member Absent: Lopez-Garcia
Staff Present: Long, Villa, Chalifoux
Audience Present: 2

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Move to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

3. **Consent Calendar:**

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Torlakson

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

4. **Presentations/Introductions:**

None

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

The General Manager gave brief reports on the following topics:

1. Community Center Park – renovating restrooms in anticipation of usage; replaced sheetrock, replaced toilets, and painted; restrooms were damaged due to homeless breaking in
2. Eucalyptus Trees – staff determined that the eucalyptus trees are the District's responsibility; fallen tree has been removed
3. Homeless – staff continues to work with County and Sheriff's Department to ensure a safe and clean environment; due to COVID-19, officials unable to move homeless out of the area without having another place to move them to
4. Clearland Property – District has an interested buyer; will keep the Board informed as the process continues

Director Garcia asked if the District has had any complaints from neighbors regarding the homeless. Ms. Chalifoux said yes, the sheriff was called and spoke to the resident. Director Torres notified Mr. Long that there was a comment made at the MAC meeting that the District was allowing the homeless to stay at the community center's park area. He asked if the new lieutenant was aware of the situation. Mr. Long stated that Ms. Chalifoux has been working very closely with the sheriff department's new personnel. Ms. Chalifoux stated she has had numerous meetings with their new personnel, who have told her that unless they are interfering with business, they are unable to move them at this time.

6. **Legal Counsel Report:**

None

7. **Public Communications:**

Jasmine Cisneros, spoke about the importance of the community garden and access to fresh food. She would like more support from the District to help with expenses.

8. **Board Matters:**

a. **Consider Adopting Resolutions 20/21-03, 20/21-04, & 20/21-05 to Apply for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds (Prop 68) for Community Center Park, Lynbrook Park and Anuta Park.** Mr. Long reminded the Board that this will be the second time applying for the grant. The Anuta Park project is about \$270k, the Lynbrook Park project is about \$1.4m, and the Ambrose Community Center Park project is about \$6.1m. No match is required.

Motion: Move to adopt Resolutions 20/21-03, 20/21-04, & 20/21-05 to apply for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds (Prop 68) for Community Center Park, Lynbrook Park and Anuta Park.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

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

9. **Public Hearing:**

None

10. **Closed Session**

None

11. **Committee Reports and Board Comments and Items for Next Agenda:**

The Board thanked Jasmine Cisneros for all of her work. Director Torres and Director Torlakson spoke about their day at the Community Garden Clean-up event. Director Torres is pleased to see fresh food access in the community. He also requested to have a discussion item placed on the next agenda regarding using Zoom as a format for board meetings. Director Torlakson mentioned that the General Manager looked into the cost for a Zoom account, which also requires a one-year contract. Director Torres' request did not receive support from a majority of the Board to be placed on the agenda. Director Torlakson, then, requested to have a discussion regarding the garden be placed on the next agenda. The request received support from the majority of the Board.

12. **Closing Ceremonies:**

Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Signature of Board Member