

Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

August 4, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was convened by Chair Judy Dawson 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: Garcia, Dawson, Cendaña-Torlakson, Hoagland
Staff Present: Smith, Rodrigues
Audience Present: Approx. 25

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chair Dawson

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as presented

Motion: Hoagland **Second:** Garcia

Action: **Voice Vote:** 4 ayes/Motion Passed

4. Consent Calendar:

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Cendaña-Torlakson

Action: **Roll Call Vote:** 4 ayes/Motion Passed

5. Presentations:

a. Yard of the Month Awards: None of the 5 winners were present to receive their award.

6. General Manager's Report:

None

7. Public Communications:

Lloyd Mason stated that the General Manager made a comment at the last meeting about continuing partnerships , providing services; you basically just rent the building, you don't provide services anymore; and to pursue grants. You gave up an award-winning program and it's strange you would make a comment like that when you recommended they vote for it. He said that when Mr. Hoagland made his comments to answer the recall he gave the statement and must have the impression that we paid the After School Program \$30,000. Mr. Mason stated that the board it totally still confused because we received \$30,000. He said, "Mr. Hoagland, please just tell the truth because you did not pay \$30,000 for that program. Mr. Mason then said that he had comments in his statement on the condition of the parks. He stated that the parks should be checked because there is graffiti, foul language and nails coming out of boards. Mr. Mason said he had his grandkids back there a week ago and it is unsafe. Debra Mason said she also wanted to comment on a comment that was made on the recall. She said Mr. Hoagland states that he is an active listener and in her experience of being an active listener you look at people. She stated that we had 115 people here at a meeting, 33 of them spoke and you looked at none of them. She said when actively listening you should at least look at the person. Mrs. Mason said that the General Manager has the same bad habit of never looking at the people that are speaking and you guys are here to represent the public. Mrs. Mason stated that you guys seem to be very confused and one of her concerns is that you don't follow the open meeting rules and don't seem to understand the open meeting rules. She said the way you handled the item being pulled from the consent agenda last meeting was incorrect. Mrs. Mason stated that the General Manager claims to have 35 years of experience in this field and she doesn't understand why he doesn't understand open meeting laws and every time something comes up he has to call an attorney which the taxpayers have to pay for. She said

she knows you go to conferences but apparently, you're not comprehending the information on open meeting laws. She said Mr. Hoagland also stated that Mt. Diablo was going to hire all these people from the After School Program and again, maybe because he wasn't listening but Mt. Diablo didn't hire anybody; the contract was with BACR. She said everybody was not hired and that to date there's about 30 people that don't have jobs and that just included the people that wanted to work this summer. She stated that other people that think they are coming back in the fall won't have a job so your information on that was completely wrong or you were duped by Mt. Diablo School District. Mrs. Mason said that Mr. Hoagland also made a comment in the newspaper that they didn't just give the park over to Pittsburg that we still oversee it. She said that you gave the WW funds over to Pittsburg and you aren't overseeing the project yourself so I don't know what you think you're doing that is still involved with the park. She said her concern is with all the people that have come to the last meetings, they're finally starting to see what we have representing us and if we take you at your word, you're either not very bright, unable to comprehend information or you are intentionally misleading the public and in either case that is not what this community needs for leadership. Roberto Murillo started to speak about a candidate for the open seat and was informed that he could speak about that under the agenda item. He asked if he could speak on something else and was told yes, if it is not on the agenda. Mr. Murillo stated that he was a former Ambrose employee and is now a current employee of BACR. He said that working for them is basically hell because they are trying to clean house and just as Debra said, they got rid of 30 employees. He stated that his first week of work he had to lay off 5 employees. He said that one staff member call and said he would be 5 minutes late and they said see you later. Mr. Murillo stated that it is things like that that shows what Ambrose was to the people that worked here. He stated that the people from BACR don't care about us, they get rid of us like a fly and the way the whole culture is now is that they just don't care. Mr. Murillo said what we had here is a community, a family, something that works and he doesn't know why you guys gave it up. He stated that Mae asked Stephanie Roberts the specific question of will these people have a job and Stephanie Roberts said sure they will and you said okay and just by her saying they are going to have a job you feel okay. He said just to let you know 30 people have lost their jobs and they continue to lose their jobs. He stated that he just wanted you guys to realize what you did.

8. Legal Counsel Report:

None

9. Board Matters:

a. Consider a request by Khurran Shaw to have Ambrose Recreation & Park District co-sponsor a Blood Drive Event in early September at the Ambrose Community Center (Smith) Mr. Shaw was not present at the time and Mr. Smith stated we should go on to the next item. Mr. Shaw arrived later; see #13 below.

b. Interviews and selection of a candidate to fill Board vacancy (Smith) Mr. Smith stated that a subcommittee was assigned to look into the process of filling the seat vacated by Gloria Magleby. He said there was an ad placed in the newspaper, put on our website and facebook and posted in the building. He stated there were 6 applications but he saw two of the candidates were not present. The chair called on Mr. Roberto Murillo. Mr. Murillo stated that he hoped the board picked Lloyd Mason as someone from the community who cares. He said he didn't know what they did now; the After School Program is gone, the pool is gone, the Teen Center is gone, the garden is gone. Mr. Murillo stated that he knew that Mr. Mason was very passionate about the program and saving the pool. He said that with someone like him on the board things can change for the better for people in Bay Point. The candidates present were asked to step out into the hall except for Mr. Mason. All candidates were asked the same four questions. Mr. Mason was the first candidate interviewed and stated that he had worked for Ambrose as Park Foreman and he knew the district and had a special interest in the community. He listed several positions, seats held and community programs and events he was involved in. He said he would bring common sense, integrity, honesty, transparency and represent and help the community. Ms. Marcia Ravizza was the second candidate interviewed. She stated that she serves on the Filbeck Scholarship Committee that gives out scholarships for graduating seniors in Bay Point and is head of the Port Chicago Reunion and the fundraising for the event. She stated that she felt that how you get involved in your community is what you put into it. Ms. Ravizza stated that she believed she had listening skills and would like to listen to the people and hear what they want. She said that you're not always going to make the right decisions but you have to let the people know why you are making the decision. Terrilynn Kopitar was the third candidate and said she is a long time resident and went to grade school in this building. She stated she has been involved in the Bay Point Partnership for Public Health, the Bay Point Residents Association and the Bay Point Garden Club and have helped coordinate community events for all those groups. She said she loves the community and wants to help make it a better place for children and residents of all ages and is looking forward to the redesign of the park. Ms. Kopitar stated that she has never been a park board member but believes she can bring fresh new ideas. She promised to keep

her word that she would serve to the best of her ability. She said she is a positive person and thinks she would be an asset by bringing fresh, new ideas for activities for the community. The fourth and final candidate was Greg Enholm who stated he was elected and served on the Board for four years from 2002-2006. He stated he was appointed by the Concord City Council as a member of the Concord Naval Weapons station Reuse Planning Committee which gave him a chance to network with a lot of people in the entire county. He said Federal Glove appointed him four times to the County Library Commission and thought it would be good for the District to have a confidante of Supervisor Glover's but more important is the fact that he knows all of the County Supervisors and have worked with most of them. Mr. Enholm stated that he completely agrees with the Board's position regarding the Keller Canyon Funds. He believes that he can help the people of Bay Point by taking advantage of all he has built up over the years by being appointed to the Concord Naval Weapons Planning Committee. He said he hopes to bring a willingness to look at things from an experienced perspective having been a previous board member. He said in the last few years the District has had a major reduction in revenues and would like to be able to contact potential grantors to obtain more funding. Mr. Enholm stated that he would like to see the vision the Board has been drafting continue and he would like to bring his ability to raise money that we will clearly need if we go into another recession. He also said that he teaches night classes so is available during the day for meetings, etc, that other board members may not be able to attend. He said when he ran in 2002 he campaigned and listened to what the people wanted and that Board accomplished many of those things. He stated that he would like to have some public meetings and continue working on the Master Plan.

There were no other comments or questions.

Motion: Move to appoint Terrillynn Kopitar to fill the Board position vacated by the resignation of Gloria Magleby.

Motion: Hoagland **Second:** Garcia

Action: Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes/1 nay (Cendaña-Torlakson)/Motion Passed

10. **Public Hearing:**

None

11. **Closed Session:**

None

12. **Committee Reports and Board Comments:**

There were no reports or comments.

13. **Items for Next Regular Meeting Agenda:**

1. Swearing in of Terrillynn Kopitar as newly appointed Board Member

At this point, Mr. Shaw arrived and Item 9a was addressed.

9a. Consider a request by Khurran Shaw to have Ambrose Recreation & Park District co-sponsor a Blood Drive Event in early September at the Ambrose Community Center (Smith) Mr. Shaw apologized for getting the time wrong and introduced himself as a member of Muslims for Life. He stated that they would like to hold a Blood Drive in commemoration of 9/11 and get 1,000 pints of blood donated during one week. He said he was here to ask Ambrose to endorse, publicize and donate about 1,800 square feet of space. Some dates were discussed and Mr. Smith said he would be in contact with him to finalize the dates.

Motion: Move to co-sponsor a Blood Drive in September with the Muslims for Life group.

Motion: Cendaña-Torlakson **Second:** Dawson

Action: Voice Vote: 4 ayes/Motion Passed

14. **Closing Ceremonies:**

a. Adjournment.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Cendaña-Torlakson **Second:** Dawson

Action: Voice Vote: 4 ayes/Motion Passed

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____.

Signature of Board Member

