



Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

December 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was convened by Chair Mae Cendaña-Torlakson 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 (6:34), Dawson, Cendaña-Torlakson, Hudson, Mason
Staff Present: Long, Rodrigues
Audience Present: Approx. 6

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Cendaña-Torlakson.

At this point Chair Cendaña-Torlakson gave her thought of the month "The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore." by Vincent Van Gogh.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion: Hudson **Second:** Dawson

Action: Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes/1 absent (Garcia)/Motion Passed

4. **Consent Calendar:**

Director Mason requested Item a, the minutes, be held for discussion.

Motion: Move to approve Items b,c & d as presented.

Motion: Hudson **Second:** Mason

Action: Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes/1 absent (Garcia)/Motion Passed

Director Garcia arrived.

Director Mason said that on items b, c, d & e the motions for those items were "move to consider" which means that they are not approving the item but approving consideration of the item which means none of the items were approved. He suggested finding another way to state action items on the agenda. There was a discussion after which Mr. Long said the audio minutes would be reviewed.

Motion: Move to approve the minutes (Item a) without Board Matters b, c, d & e.

Motion: Hudson **Second:** Garcia

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

5. **Presentations/Introductions:**

None

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

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

1. Ambrose Pool Project – bid opening next week
2. Holiday Events – Thanksgiving, Christmas Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa were great successes with a good time had by everyone
3. CDBG Grant – bid deadline for front restroom renovations is Monday, December 14th

7. **Legal Counsel Report:**

None

8. **Public Communications:**

Marcia Lessley mentioned getting the authorize/consider agenda items figured out and asked where the Christmas Tree Lighting was advertised. Annette Ramirez congratulated the District on the improvements at

Ambrose Park. She stated she was part of a group of women who meet there for exercise while their children play and the women loved the park. She said the garbage was picked up and the baseball field looked great. She also stated that our maintenance worker Alfredo greeted them, made them feel safe and took great care of the park. Ms. Ramirez said that she realized he was a temporary worker and hoped that the District could hire him full time.

9. **Public Hearing:**

None

10. **Board Matters:**

a. Consider authorizing the General Manager to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to replace the Ambrose Community Center acoustical tile ceiling and paint the auditorium. Mr. Long explained that we continue to improve our popular facility which is a major part of the District's income and that the ceiling acoustical tiles and paint were past their useful life. There was a short discussion.

Motion: Move to authorize the General Manager to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to replace the Ambrose Community Center acoustical tile ceiling and paint the auditorium.

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Hudson

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

b. Consider reviewing, refining and adopting a Vision and Mission Statement. Mr. Long explained that this was a continuation from the strategic planning meeting we held and it was time to finalize the wording and approve the statements. After some discussion and suggestions, the Board agreed to adopt the following:

Mission Statement: "The Ambrose Recreation and Park District is committed to enriching the quality of life for all residents by providing park facilities, programs and activities for all ages and serving the diverse recreational needs of individuals and families."

Vision Statement: "Ambrose Recreation and Park District enhances lives and is the primary source of leisure activity in the community."

Motion: Move to adopt the Mission Statement as amended and the Vision Statement as presented.

Motion: Hudson **Second:** Garcia

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

c. Consider selecting a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016-2018. Mr. Long stated that per the District By-Laws it was time to appoint a new Chair and Vice-Chair to serve for the next two years.

Director Hudson nominated Director Dawson for Chair and Director Cendaña-Torlakson seconded the nomination. Director Dawson accepted the nomination and the vote was 5 ayes to elect Director Dawson as Chair.

Director Cendaña-Torlakson nominated Director Garcia for Vice-Chair and Director Hudson seconded the nomination. Director Garcia accepted the nomination and the vote was 5 ayes to elect Director Garcia as Vice-Chair.

11. **Closed Session**

None

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

Director Hudson requested that the Sheriff's Dept. come to update us on the homeless problems in our parks and reported issues she found at Lynbrook Park and Alves Lane Mini-Park. Director Garcia stated she had heard good comments on our maintenance worker, Alfredo, too; the well-organized spaghetti dinner and Breakfast with Santa and read one of the letters to Santa left by a child there. Director Dawson reported on the fence going up next to our Clearland property and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Director Cendaña-Torlakson thanked staff and Board for their help and work during her tenure as Chair and thought we had gotten a lot done this year. Remarks were made on the Sheriff's Christmas Dinner and Toy Giveaway, the photos taken at the Breakfast with Santa, the West Pac plan not happening and public safety concerns in light of the San Bernardino shootings.

13. **Closing Ceremonies:**

Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Dawson

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Signature of Board Member