



Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

April 9, 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, Dawson, Cendaña-Torlakson, Hudson, Mason
Staff Present: Long, Rodrigues
Audience Present: Approx. 35

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mt. Diablo School District Board Member Debra Mason.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Approve the Agenda as presented
Motion: Dawson **Second:** Cendaña-Torlakson
Action: Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes/1 absent (Garcia)/Motion Passed

At this point, Director Garcia arrived (6:35).

4. **Consent Calendar:**

Director Mason requested items **a**, **b** & **d** be pulled for discussion. Director Hudson requested item **e** be pulled for discussion.

Motion: Move to approve consent calendar item **c** as presented.
Motion: Hudson **Second:** Dawson
Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

On item **a** (minutes), Director Mason had clarifying questions on Mr. Long's General Manager's Report regarding the RFP and doing it in-house and Ambrose Park being open 24/7 and the homeless, and Mr. Long answered all his questions.

Motion: Move to approve Consent Calendar item **a**.
Motion: Mason **Second:** Garcia
Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

On item **b** (warrants), Director Mason questioned two warrants for the same amount and Mrs. Rodrigues explained that one had already been cancelled.

Motion: Move to approve Consent Calendar item **b**.
Motion: Mason **Second:** Garcia
Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

On item **d** (staff reports) Mr. Mason asked about the Kaiser Grant and the plans for the community garden and Mr. Long explained.

Motion: Move to approve Consent Calendar item **d**.
Motion: Mason **Second:** Garcia
Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

On item **e** (contract approval and assessment resolution) Director Hudson noted that the contract was under the General Manager's approval limit and she had talked to Mr. Long about why it was there. Mrs. Rodrigues also stated that the Resolution had to be approved by the Board.

Motion: Move to approve Consent Calendar item e.

Motion: Hudson **Second:** Dawson

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

5. **Presentations:**

None

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

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

1. Auditorium floor replacement – going ahead, has to be done by June 30th..
2. CDBG Grant – \$73,000 for front restrooms; \$23,000 is our share; will know soon if approved
3. Rec. Coordinator – Mr. Mora got a full time job and has resigned; replacement should start soon
4. Board Training – Free training in Fremont on April 25th.
5. Hallway doors – Set of doors in the west hallway were replaced; new hardware; ADA compliant.
6. Senate Bill 317 – Park bond; on the ballot in 2016
7. All-in-One Picnic – Annual picnic will be held April 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the Center
8. Seniors Spring Celebration – April 22nd and consider attending
9. Work party at Community Garden – Will be getting volunteers for another work party

There were a couple of questions by Board members.

At this point Chair Cendaña-Torlakson read her thought of the month from Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, "The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations where words of thanks will not be heard".

7. **Public Communications:**

22 residents made public comments on problems with the safety and maintenance of Ambrose Park, including the tennis courts, field behind the tennis courts and a homeless encampment. Many comments were made on wanting the swimming pool re-opened and how many years it's been since it was closed. Pittsburg Mayor Pete Longmire, addressed some of their concerns. All Board members thanked them for attending the meeting.

8. **Legal Counsel Report:**

None

9. **Public Hearing:**

None

10. **Board Matters:**

a. Discussion regarding teleconferencing Board meetings. Debra Mason spoke in favor of teleconferencing. Chair Cendaña-Torlakson read a written public comment speaking against teleconferencing by Steve Hoagland. Luz Wasserman said she thought it should be the exception and not a regular practice. All agreed that it should be an exception and not a common practice. No action was taken.

b. Consider a policy on priority registration for recreation classes for participants residing within the District boundaries. Mr. Long stated that residents residing in District boundaries will be able to register for classes and programs a week earlier than non-residents. He was asked if there is a discount for residents and he state that he would look into it.

Motion: Move to approve a policy to give priority for registration of recreation classes to participants residing within the District boundaries.

Motion: Hudson **Second:** Garcia

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion passed

c. Consider a scholarship policy for participants residing within the District boundaries. Mr. Long stated that just as with priority registration, residents of the District will be given first consideration for any scholarships offered.

Motion: Move to approve the policy to give first consideration for scholarships to participants residing within the District boundaries.

Motion: Mason **Second:** Garcia

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

d. Consider amending Policy Manual/By-Laws Rule IV-3C: Contact with District Legal Counsel. Mr. Kidder, District legal counsel, explained that the change would give the Board leeway to contact legal counsel for any issue with the General Manager's position and not just his contract.

Motion: Move to approve the amendment to the Policy Manual/By-Laws Rule IV-3C: Contact with District Legal Counsel as presented.

Motion: Hudson **Second:** Dawson

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

e. Consider designating a representative to serve as labor negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. Director Mason stated that the negotiator should be someone unbiased such as Legal Counsel.

Motion: Move to appoint Legal Counsel or a person recommended by him as labor negotiator

Motion: Mason **Second:** Hudson

Action: Roll Call Vote: 2 ayes (Mason, Hudson)/3 noes (Cendaña-Torlakson, Garcia, Dawson)/Motion Failed

Director Garcia stated that she thought Director Cendaña-Torlakson did a good job last time and suggested she do it again.

Motion: Move to appoint Director Cendaña-Torlakson as labor negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Dawson

Action: Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes (Cendaña-Torlakson, Garcia, Dawson)/2 noes (Mason, Hudson)/Motion Passed

11. Closed Session

The Chair adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session on:

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(c): Clearland Property

b. Conference with labor negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (General Manager)

The meeting was reconvened and the Chair reported out that they approved to go ahead with litigation on the Clearland property and the labor negotiator had received direction from the Board.

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

Director Mason stated he would like a discussion on administrative leave on the next agenda. Director Hudson suggested we set a date for the strategic, goal-setting meeting mentioned as the next step at the Visioning Workshop. She also said the Budget Committee has set a date to meet and they will report at the next meeting. The Chair allowed Debra Mason, who submitted a speaker form, to speak. Mrs. Mason stated that Director Cendaña-Torlakson had been appointed and served as the labor negotiator in the past and asked why she said she hadn't. She answered that it was a moot point because there was no contract.

13. Closing Ceremonies:

a. Adjournment.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Hudson **Second:** Garcia

Action: Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Signature of Board Member