



Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

January 14, 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, Lopez-Garcia, Hudson
Board Member Absent: 0
Staff Present: Long, Villa
Audience Present: 7

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Move to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

3. **Consent Calendar:**

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

4. **Presentations/Introductions:**

None

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

The General Manager gave brief reports on the following topics:

1. Homeless – District continues to have issues with homeless at the community center and Alves Lane Park; homeless have damaged doors and have started fires; it has been an ongoing battle since closure and is creating a maintenance liability; difficult for police to interfere without having a place to move them to; we have rented equipment to pick-up trash, which runs at about \$400-\$500; recommends buying part for Bobcat
2. Clearland Property – received a call from Sandra Weck; will go over strategies to sell the Clearland property

6. **Legal Counsel Report:**

None

7. **Public Communications:**

Residents and members of ECRG requested to hold meetings via Zoom. Christine Clark, from ECRG, appreciates the presentation of the audit. She also requested to have a budget community meeting. Jasmine Cisneros, spoke on the importance of fresh food access in Bay Point and wanted to make residents aware of the community garden at Ambrose.

8. Board Matters:

a. Consider Accepting the Final Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as Presented by Harshwal & Company, LLC. Mr. Long presented Harshwal & Company, LLC. Garima thanked the District and thanked Mrs. Villa for being very helpful and sending documents in a timely manner. She said the District is in good shape with decreased liability. It was a clean audit. Director Torres when the last audit was done and if it was typical to have a townhall meeting for the audit. Mr. Long said the audit is done every year and no, it is not typical to have a townhall meeting for the audit. Director Torres asked the auditors if there were any prior findings, to which Sanwar responded there were no prior findings.

Motion: Move to accept the final audit report for fiscal year 2019-2020 as presented by Harshwal & Company, LLC.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

Absent: None **Abstentions:** None

b. Consider Adopting Resolution #20/21-02 Declaring that Governing Body Members and Volunteers shall be Deemed to be Employees of the District for the Purpose of Providing Worker's Compensation Coverage for Said Certain Individuals While Providing their Services to the District.

Jasmine Cisneros asked if volunteers would need to submit paperwork or will they be notified. Mr. Long said there will be a release form and identification form to sign. He explained to the Board that this will encourage volunteers and also help mitigate any costs to the District. Director Torlakson is happy to hear that CAPRI came up with this idea and would like to see the release forms, when possible. The Board is supportive and agrees that it is a great idea.

Motion: Move to adopt Resolution #20/21-02 declaring that governing body members and volunteers shall be deemed to be employees of the District for the purpose of providing workers' compensation coverage for said certain individuals while providing their services to the District.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

Absent: None **Abstentions:** None

9. Public Hearing:

None

10. Closed Session

None

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

Director Torlakson explained that even with technical difficulties, she is glad to be able to have meetings, but would like to use Zoom or put it on the agenda for discussion. She also mentioned that she recently made a visit to Ambrose Park and Ambrose Center Park and noticed the homeless were gone. She said it looked very clean. A couple concerns she had shared were people playing baseball at Ambrose Center Park and a broken gate at Alves Lane Park. Director Garcia expressed concerns about the homeless using the faucet behind the community center building. Director Torres shared information about Envision Contra Costa 2040, which is a community meeting to voice opinions and concerns. He also shared information about Jasmine Cisneros' event, hosting a film screening through Zoom. Director Hudson thanked Mrs. Villa and the auditors for their great work. She said the audit and budget have always been very transparent, as she believes keeping the community informed is very important. In regards to meeting platforms, although difficult at times, she believes this is the most accessible for our residents until we are able to meet in person. Director Torres requested to have a discussion item placed on the next agenda regarding using Zoom as a format for board meetings. The request did not receive support from a majority of the Board to be placed on the agenda.

12. Closing Ceremonies:

Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Lopez-Garcia

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

Absent: None **Abstentions:** None

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Signature of Board Member