



Special Meeting

Minutes

April 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was convened by Chair Hudson at 6:30p.m. via Zoom 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: 10

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Move to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

At this moment, Director Lopez-Garcia joined the meeting.

3. **Consent Calendar:**

Motion: Move to approve items b & c of the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Torlakson

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

Director Torlakson wanted the March minutes to reflect that the reason of not switching over to a contract with Zoom was because of the possibility of returning to in-person meetings in June.

Motion: Move to approve item a of the Consent Calendar.

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. Community Center Grounds Restroom – restroom renovation is now complete; needed attention due to vandalism and being worn out; all done in-house; staff did an outstanding job
2. Grounds Irrigation – well at community center failed and was replaced; while working on well, they noticed other issues with the lines; irrigation will resume for the garden and community center grounds very soon
3. Community Center Parking Lot - gates were installed at parking lot entrance to help with homeless problem; worked with County and sheriff to move homeless out of the area
Director Garcia is happy with the improvements made with moving the homeless out of the parking lot. Director Torres appreciates the General Manager's updates, and provided his thoughts on the unsheltered population. Director Hudson thanked the General Manager for all the good work he has done and is proud of the District for following County rules in regards to the unsheltered.

6. **Legal Counsel Report:**

None

7. **Public Communications:**

Residents of Bay Point appreciate the change of platforms and hope we continue using Zoom. Residents also made comments on the unsheltered population and the resources available to them.

8. **Board Matters:**

a. **Consider Allocating an Additional \$55,788 for the Ambrose Restroom Replacement Project and Executing a Contract with Saboo Inc. in the Amount of \$513,658 for Demolition, ADA Improvements, and Storm Drain Replacement.** Mr. Long stated that this is a request for additional funds to cover the costs of bids, which is fairly reasonable. The amount may change but it is the most accurate at this time. Project will start in May and go through July. Porta-Potty's be available during project for those at the park. Director Torres thanked the General Manager for his work.

Motion: Move to allocate an additional \$55,788 for the Ambrose restroom replacement project and execute a contract with Saboo Inc. in the amount of \$513,658 for demolition, ADA improvements, and storm drain replacement.

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

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

Absent: None **Abstentions:** None

b. **Consider Options for Operating the Gloria Magleby Community Garden and Provide Staff with Direction.** Jasmine Cisneros spoke about the community partnership with the garden. The garden has held events and has been able to donate food. She is aware that the original plan for the garden was to provide a recreational space but believes it can be more than that. Jasmine said it is beautiful to have been able to have the garden available to the community considering the pandemic. Bay Point residents spoke in support of the garden. They value the garden for its learning environment and community building atmosphere. Mr. Long stated that the garden was originally volunteer based however currently the District budgets funds for repairs and maintenance. District is now working on the next fiscal year's budget and needs the Board's direction for allocating funds for the garden. He asked the Board discuss if the mission of the garden is falling outside of the mission of the District. The Board appreciates everything Jasmine has done. They are willing and ready to work with Jasmine to either create an MOU with the District or possibly an MOU with the Garden Club. Discussion on this item will resume once Jasmine and the Garden Club go over options.

9. **Public Hearing:**

None

10. **Closed Session**

None

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

Director Torlakson shared that a former recreational teacher, Renee Day-Roa, has passed away. She was very dedicated to children. Director Torlakson requested to adjourn the meeting in her memory. Director Torres apologized to the community for length of time it took to switch over to Zoom and wants to keep Zoom as the platform for future meetings. Director Garcia commented on the homeless issue. She spoke about the safety of the seniors who pick up food, the children that attend Head Start, and the Career Center's clientele. Director Lopez-Garcia agreed with Director Garcia's concerns. Director Hudson stated that the District has done exactly what they have been mandated to do in regards to the unsheltered population. She said there have been many complaints from residents that have said not enough has been done. She thanked the General Manager and staff for doing a great job and being sensitive to the unsheltered population. She directed residents to speak with County in providing resources to the homeless. She then discussed the switch to Zoom, which was due to technical issues with the previous platform.

12. **Closing Ceremonies:**

Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting in memory of Renee Day-Roa, teacher and CEO of East County Kids N Motion.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

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

Absent: None **Abstentions:** None