

Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

September 8, 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, Kopitar (6:35)
Staff Present: Smith
Audience Present: Approx. 5

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Antioch City Councilmember Mary Rocha.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as presented

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

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

4. Swearing in Ceremony

The new Board Member, Terrillynn Kopitar, was sworn in by Antioch City Council member Mary Rocha. Mr. Maurice Del Mar presented Director Kopitar a certificate on behalf of Assemblymember Susan Bonilla's office.

5. Consent Calendar:

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented

Motion: Hoagland **Second:** Cendaña-Torlakson

Action: **Roll Call Vote:** 5 ayes/Motion Passed

6. Presentations:

a. Yard of the Month Awards for August and September were to be given out. None of the 10 winners were present to receive their award.

7. General Manager's Report:

a. Update on Aquatics Center Project

Mr. Smith stated that the construction plans, which are at 95%, are being plan checked and should be done for final corrections in about two weeks. He said we hope to be out to bid by November or December.

8. Public Communications:

Mr. Lloyd Mason stated that he had brought some issues to the Board last month regarding vandalism and safety on the playground behind the center. He stated that there were still safety issues that still had not been addressed. He also stated that he had requested to talk to the General Manager and he had refused to see him. Mr. Smith said that was not true. Debra Mason stated that she had some issues to address on the ARPD FAQ's that is posted in the hall and on the website. She stated that BACR took over management not Mt. Diablo School District and it did not mention that the extensive public comment was in favor of continuing the After School contract. She said there were over 115 people at the meeting and 33 spoke in favor of the contract and no one supported ending it. She said that Director Garcia's response was that she represented everyone in the community which apparently didn't include the 100 plus people at that meeting. Mrs. Mason said it should be noted that at the May meeting 4 people showed up with a request regarding the weight room and the Board did represent them. She stated that there was no interruption in program but only because it

was summer and now that school is back in session it appears the numbers in program are down, possibly due to the community being unhappy with Ambrose's decision. She said that once again, the management did not go to MDUSD and Ambrose never paid any funds but in fact gave up \$30,000 admin fees that they could use for anything such as car allowance for the General Manager. She said she didn't know where the 60% of all Workers' Comp came from but the Mt Diablo School District contract paid all costs associated with Workers' Comp and in the last 5 years that they talk about, there were 100 employees that went through here that she supervised and of those 100 there were only 2 workers' comp claims. Mrs. Mason said that of the 13 employees the park district had there were 5 claims which would be 38% compared to 2% for After School claims. She stated that as far as the liability issues that are listed one was the car; which all costs were paid by the After School Program and none by the park district. Mrs. Mason also referred to the Errors and Admissions insurance which the only case she knows of is the park district paying the legal fees for Judy Dawson for a Fair Political Practices complaint. She stated that there has been no litigation for any After School employees but there has been for Ambrose employees. Mrs. Mason said that it states the savings would be \$12,000 around liability but in the General Manager's report in June he is quoted as saying "After School is paying more than their actual share", which is true so you are actually paying more now instead of less. She stated that she thinks it is pretty clear that getting rid of the After School Program was a personal agenda by this board and it doesn't make any sense. She said in the three years that the General Manager was here with the After School Program, they could never get him to come to an Executive Committee meeting and they could never get him to come to an event when he was invited and now all of a sudden he's willing to work with them; it doesn't make any sense. She stated there were 78 employees here at the time the program stopped, not 65 and only 40%, not 90% of them were hired back and many of them were assigned to Concord sites and no longer work in their community. Mrs. Mason also said that it says that no new people were hired but several people have been hired and placed in Bay Point and all pay scales and job descriptions are not the same, which it says in this report, and that can be checked. She stated that the fact of the matter is that Ambrose never really did support the After School Program and in fact every year since this General Manager has been here he has approached Mt. Diablo School District asking why we have the program and what the relevance for parks and recreation is. She said she thinks it's good to put our information on the web page but it's also smart to make sure we get the facts correct before it's posted.

9. Legal Counsel Report:

None

10. Board Matters:

a. Consider appointing an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to work with the Bay Point Historical Society on Pacifica High School Display (Smith) Mr. Smith stated that he was approached by the Bay Point Historical Society about putting display cases in the hallways with materials from Pacifica High School and possibly other materials. He said that it is his request, so that we do this justice and make sure everyone is on the same page, that the Chair appoints an ad hoc subcommittee to work with the Historical Society and any of the Pacifica High School people to come together and bring a plan to the board. The Chair asked for volunteers and after a few comments it was decided that Directors Garcia and Kopitar be appointed to the committee.

Motion: Move to appoint Directors Garcia and Kopitar to an ad hoc subcommittee to work with the Bay Point Historical Society to plan displays for Pacifica High School.

Motion: Hoagland **Second:** Cendaña-Torlakson

Action: Voice Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

b. Consider a request by the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council to use the Clearland Property on October 22, 2011 for a community clean-up (Smith) Mr. Smith stated that he received the request from Director Garcia, who would have to recuse herself from the vote, on behalf of the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council to use the Clearland property to host the community cleanup on October 22nd from 8-12.

Motion: Move to approve use of the Clearland property to the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council to host a community cleanup on October 22nd.

Motion: Cendaña-Torlakson **Second:** Hoagland

Action: Voice Vote: 3 ayes/2 recused themselves (Garcia, Kopitar)/Motion Passed

c. Consider a request by the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce for a no fee use of the Ambrose Center Dining Room on October 5, 2011 for a joint mixer (Smith) Mr. Smith stated that he had a letter from Julie Nelson representing the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce requesting to hold a multi-city mixer in our dining room free of charge. He said that it would include Antioch, Pittsburg and Bay Point and looked at it as an opportunity to get those cities involved in our community and get to know Ambrose so people know we are here. He said staff recommends that they approve the request for this event.

Motion: Approve the request from the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce for no fee use of the Ambrose Center Dining Room on October 5, 2011 for a joint mixer.

Motion: Garcia **Second:** Kopitar

Action: Voice Vote: 4 ayes/Cendaña-Torlakson recused herself/Motion Passed

11. **Public Hearing:**

None

12. **Closed Session:**

None

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

Director Cendaña-Torlakson said she would like to report that there will be a waterfront cleanup next Saturday sponsored by the East Bay Regional Park District and even though she may not be able to attend she has the information if anyone else is interested. Director Garcia thanked Lorraine Harms for her work with the Bay Point Pride. Director Garcia said she wanted to remind everyone that the Bay Point Historical Society was having a luncheon on September 17th. She also wanted to remind everyone about the Blood Drive next Saturday from 12-5 and stated it was a wonderful cause. Director Cendaña-Torlakson stated that she is being honored as one of the top 100 most influential Filipinos in the United States on October 14th in San Francisco. She said that the night of our next Board meeting, October 13th they are having rehearsal so she probably wouldn't be able to make the Board meeting. All congratulated her. Director Dawson thanked Mary Rocha for taking time out to be here and thanked Director Kopitar for being here.

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

1. Update from Mr. Kerr on the Community Garden requested by Director Dawson.
2. Director Cendaña-Torlakson requested a report on the After School Program from the school district and Mr. Smith said we could put it on the November agenda since she won't be able to attend the October meeting.

15. **Closing Ceremonies:**

- a. Adjournment.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Cendaña-Torlakson **Second:** Hoagland

Action: Voice Vote: 5 ayes/Motion Passed

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____.

Signature of Board Member