



Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

October 9, 2014

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, Mason
Board Members Absent: Hoagland
Staff Present: Long, Rodrigues
Audience Present: Approx. 15

At this point Chair Cendaña-Torlakson read her thought of the month from Vince Lombardi, "The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have".

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Yard of the Month winner Larry Wirick.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion:: Approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion: Mason **Second:** Dawson

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

4. Consent Calendar:

Director Mason made a motion to approve items A&C and pull items B&D for discussion.

Motion: Move to approve consent calendar items A&C as presented.

Motion: Mason **Second:** Dawson

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

Director Mason stated that there was \$960 paid to Vega Consultants for the phone system which makes several thousand in the last few months. Mr. Long said that the phones were bought by the previous General Manager and we have invested a lot of money in them, they should be okay now and are trying to salvage what we paid for them. Director Mason said that at some point you should cut your losses and get new ones. Director Mason also thanked Mr. Long for including the maintenance report he requested. There was a discussion on the Ambrose Park restrooms always being opened, men's door pulled off, garbage dumped in the parking lot, gates not locked and the sewer system. Director Cendaña-Torlakson said she had visited some of the parks and a gentleman she met said to thank the Board for cleaning up Lynbrook Park. She also said that she had notice garbage dumped at the Clearland property and Mr. Long said it had already been taken care of.

Motion: Move to approve consent calendar item B&D as presented.

Motion: Mason **Second:** Garcia

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

5. Presentations:

a. Yard of the Month Awards

One of the winners, Larry Wirick, was present to receive his award at this time and made some comments about the drought. Later in the meeting another winner, Carol Grandbois, arrived and made comments about the west entry Welcome to Bay Point landscaping looking very bad and the high price of

water in Bay Point, Director Garcia also said her pick was on Marina and was not a pretty yard but was decorated for Halloween and it was awesome.

At this time Trina Hudson said she had brought it up at the last meeting and got no response and asked again, is this an award from the Park District or the Garden Club. Director Mason stated that he had asked the last General Manager why it was on our agenda when they have their own meetings, website and free space on our website. He said he didn't believe it was ethical for Board Members who are on our Board and another Board to get special treatment. Ms. Hudson thanked Director Mason for answering and agreed that it didn't look good. Director Cendaña-Torlakson gave a history of the Yard of the Month award and said the Garden Club partners with the District and the award brings people to the meetings which is a good venue for this to let people know good things are happening in Bay Point. Debra Mason stated that she had been on many non-profits and takes her annual ethics training and had learned that some things might not be illegal but they are not ethical. She said there is a section on perks for Board members that they should know. She gave a history of Ambrose co-sponsoring groups. Lupe Garcia, treasurer of the Bay Point Garden Club, said that they do pay for the parade and it was the first time Mr. Long was in it. Director Mason stated that the Garden Club has their own meetings and we can't invite non-profits to co-sponsor without opening a Pandora's box. Director Dawson stated that she was concerned with the condition of how Bay Point looks and driving down the streets she is ashamed to live here. She said we are doing a service with the Yard of the Month helping clean up and beautify Bay Point. She stated that maybe the MAC can take it back and Trina Hudson and Debra Mason, both from the MAC, said they would be glad to take it back.

b. Biddy Sports overview – Julie Mason

Ms. Mason ran a slide show and gave the history of the program stating that we had received a Kaiser Grant for three years bringing more sports to the youth (3-6 yrs.) of Bay Point. Ms. Mason said they only problems they had encountered were the condition of the fields and the restrooms but they had been addressed. She stated that this year they were able to add "Get Fit Bay Point" which added an elementary school fitness component. She said that we are partnering with Mt. Diablo CARES program at Shore Acres Elementary School. Trina Hudson stated that it was a good program and brought people to the District but did the District receive any income. Mrs. Rodrigues said we receive \$25 registration fee for each child and Ms. Mason said it was \$2,800 last year.

6. General Manager's Report:

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

1. Community Garden Work Party – invited other agencies and they gave it a facelift and did a great job, showed photos of the event, said 13 to 14 teen center kids came and worked hard, some were there and were introduced.
2. Pool Project restroom addition – Director Mason had asked for a price, said it would be a separate bid, cost would be and additional \$52,000
3. Septic system – will be going over with the Williams Company who installed the new pump and see what can be done about the problem
4. WW Grant Funds – resubmitted plans, they approved it right away.
5. Pool Project timeline – expect a wet winter, bids go out December 5th, opened on December 15th and will come to the Board for approval at December 18th meeting
6. CDBG Grant – after informing County of returning the grant, the County said they may have \$35,000 more to give us and we are waiting to see and will let the Board know when and if it goes to the Board of Supervisors.

7. Public Communications:

Trina Hudson told Mr. Long that it was awesome about the floor. She made comments on responsive cleaning of graffiti at Lynbrook, well completion waiting on a pump, doggie bags being taken from the stations constantly and a Director that did a good thing in spring and still hasn't been recognized. Director Cendaña-Torlakson stated that they had recognized him and gave him the award but didn't have a picture and also stated that they will always recognize board members for the good things they do. Director Dawson they could maybe do it again at the November meeting.

8. Legal Counsel Report:

None

9. Public Hearing:

None

10. **Board Matters:**

a. **Consider amending Policy Manual/By-Laws Rule IV-3C: Contact with District Legal Counsel.**

There was a short discussion.

Motion: Move to accept the new language for Rule IV-3C of the Policy Manual/By-laws as presented.

Motion: Mason **Second:** Dawson

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

11. **Closed Session**

None

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

The board members made positive comments on the clean-up of the community garden, thanking Mr. Mora (the Recreation Coordinator), it being a treat to see the Teen Center kids helping and it being an educational experience. Director Cendaña-Torlakson noted some plans for the future of the garden and getting the community involved. Director Dawson reported that CPRS was having a training seminar on October 14th regarding aquatics. She also commended Mrs. Rodrigues for the explanations on the financial report.

13. **Closing Ceremonies:**

a. **Adjournment.**

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Mason **Second:** Garcia

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Signature of Board Member