



## Regular Board Meeting

### Minutes

April 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was convened by Chair Trina Hudson 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: Torlakson, Garcia, Hoagland, Lopez-Garcia, Hudson  
Board Member Absent: None  
Staff Present: Long, Rodrigues  
Audience Present: Approx. 20

2. **Pledge of Allegiance;** 

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Hudson.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion:** Approve the Agenda.

**Motion:** Garcia **Second:** Torlakson

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

4. **Consent Calendar:**

**Motion:** Move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

**Motion:** Hoagland **Second:** Garcia

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

5. **Presentations/Introductions:**

a. Presentation by Hessakihia Lloyd, Bay Point Youth Academy Supervisor, with an update on the Youth Academy Program. Mr. Rande Ross, Supervisor of the Ambrose Teen Center introduced himself and explained how the Academy started with help and funding from the San Francisco Foundation via a Koshland grant. He thanked the District for their cooperation which helped them to run the program. Mr. Ross introduced Mr. Lloyd who stated he had started in the Teen Center when he was 13 years old and brought him all the way through college with the Youth Development Leadership Council. He explained the different activities that the group had participated in including various community service activities and the East Bay Regional Park District Eco Camp held every summer which exposed them to many outdoor activities that they would never had been involved in otherwise. He stated that he gave credit to Ambrose and the Teen Center for where he is today. Mr. Lloyd introduced his group who gave a short performance to the Board and audience.

b. Recognition of all Ambrose Recreation & Park District maintenance staff. Chair Hudson stated that the Board had just done a tour of the parks and said they are so proud of the job they do with the little resources we have. She stated that the park staff is very accommodating and care so much. She gave each worker a plaque and they all thanked the District for the opportunity to work here and thanked their co-workers for the teamwork.

c. Recognition of Doug Long, General Manager named as Professional of the Year by the CAPRCBM. Director Hoagland stated that he is part of the CAPRCBM and Mr. Long is an outstanding and thoroughly professional General Manager. Mr. Long stated that he has the best staff and Board to work with.

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

The General Manager gave brief reports on the following topics:

1. Park Rentals – there were 275 people in the park over the weekend and we continue to have more use the park and all are not local residents.
2. CPRS Conference – all Board members attended and there were a lot of issues covered.
3. Park Tour – Mr. Long and the Board spent 2 to 3 hours touring all the parks and were pleased with what has been done with what we have.
4. Playground fiber – the fiber has blown away with all the storms this winter and will need to be replaced. It is too expensive to hire out the spreading of the fiber but we will be able to do it in house now that the Bobcat tractor is running.
5. Activity Guide – the activity guide for Pittsburg which includes our information too has been mailed out and we have had a lot of interest from that and our website. We continue to add classes and programs and have more participating than ever.
6. Prop 68 – the Community Center park did not show as a park but has been taken care of and it is now a park according to the state's records; will be meeting with the grant writer on Monday.
7. Eggstravaganza – the Eggstravaganza will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> with many participants offering activities, etc. It is co-sponsored by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

7. **Legal Counsel Report:**

None

8. **Public Communications:**

Members of ACCE, East County Community Group and First 5 made comments on the Ambrose Park restrooms. Sheriff Engstrand asked if we could post flyers for the bike rodeo which will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm with free helmets, locks, haircuts and other items for the kids.

9. **Board Matters:**

**a. Consider an extension of the General Manager Agreement with Doug Long for up to 5 years.**

There were public comments by two residents; one was questioning the extension and what he has accomplished; the other acknowledging the great work and progress he has made here but questions the salary and would like a list of what's next on his agenda. The Board members all commented on what a great job he's done, being worth 3 times his salary, he is making less than his peers, the transformation in the relations between the staff, General Manager and Board and the accomplishments he has made with the little resources we have.

**Motion:** Move to approve an extension of the General Manager Agreement with Doug Long for 5 years.

**Motion:** Hoagland **Second:** Torlakson

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

**Absent:** None **Abstentions:** None

10. **Public Hearing:**

None

11. **Closed Session**

**a. Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Position: General Manager.**

**b. Real Property negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding the sale of approximately 1.99 acres of land located at the southeast corner of Willow Pass Road and Clearland Drive, Bay Point (APN 097-081-027).**

The Chair adjourned to the closed session. After the closed session the Chair reconvened the meeting and stated that there was nothing to report.

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

Director Hoagland stated he would like the Board to direct the General Manager to find out the details of the \$50,000 grant that First 5 obtained for Ambrose Park. All Board members agreed. Director Hoagland also explained the changes being made by CAPRCBM that would affect the District and recommended that another Board member consider becoming a CAPRCBM Board member. Director Hoagland also thanked the General Manager and the Recreation Coordinator for the Pittsburg Activities Guide which included the District's activities. He also thanked the staff for the Lions Den makeover saying that it looks great. Director Garcia thanked Juan Escobar and his crew for the free work repairing the Board Room wall. Director Torlakson said she enjoyed the time spent at the CPRS Conference with the other Board members and learned to appreciate each one of them. She also stated that Delano Johnson would be taking over the Spring Derby and parade this year and are getting a lot of new groups involved.

13. **Closing Ceremonies:**

Adjournment

**Motion:** Move to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Torlakson **Second:** Hudson

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Board Member