



Advisory Board of Directors  
**MINUTES (corrected) of September 15, 2009 Meeting**  
Swanston Community Center, 2350 Northrop Avenue, Sacramento

Board Members in Attendance

David Bolland, Chairperson  
Michael Alcalay, Vice Chairperson  
Eric Milstein, Clerk  
John Skoien  
Denise Curl

Staff Members in Attendance

Debby Walker, District Administrator  
Mark Koller, Director, Rec & Mktg Division  
Cindy Paredes Banville, Director, Admin Div  
T. J. Newman, Director, Parks Division  
Danny Curtola, Supervisor, Recreation Services

6:03 p.m.

**Presentation to HYPE (Healthy Youth for Physical Excellence)** Danny Curtola, Supervisor Swanston Community Center presented “thank you” plaques to the following supporters of the HYPE Program:

Grant Support Providers – Kaiser Permanente and the River Cats Foundation  
In-kind Support - UC Davis Sports Medicine, California Family Fitness, CSUS Nursing Department, and Sacramento County Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition

6:25 p.m.

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**Public Hearing** relative to the District's Proposed Purchase of the former Fire Station at 1616 Mission Avenue, Carmichael. Staff presented its proposal to purchase the fire station and outlined short-term and possible long-term usage of the facility.

The board heard public comments to whether the Mission Oaks district should purchase the former fire station and utilize as maintenance facility/neighborhood center. Public comments included concerns relating to zoning, noise, parking, and traffic. Other concerns included the potential for decreased valuation of the surrounding properties and what would happen once the “community center” became active. Comments also were made that the building might not be large enough to accommodate a community center or preschool and that the center would bring in an undesirable element. Some stated they thought a maintenance facility would decrease the value of their homes. Others thought the property appraisal of almost two years ago would not reflect the current value as prices have dropped.

Some commented that they were not notified of the public hearings. Ms. Walker explained that the County of Sacramento Real Estate Division and the district followed the legal requirements for public agency to buy and sell property. She assured the audience that all property owners within 500 feet of the facility were sent a letter by US mail inviting them to the public hearing to comment on the proposed purchase of the firehouse.

District staff and district directors assured those in attendance that, should the district, in the future, decide to modify the building’s use from a maintenance facility to a community center, the community would have a voice in the process and be notified of future public hearings.

BOARD DISCUSSION: The directors discussed the various points presented, after which they suggested staff develop additional information regarding the proposed purchase to be presented to neighbors at a workshop to be scheduled later this month or in October.

**ACTION:**

On a motion by Director Alcalay and seconded by Director Skoien, the board voted to close the public comment portion of the hearing.

AYES: Bolland, Curl, Alcalay, Skoien, Milstein

NOES: None

**ACTION:**

On a motion by Director Alcalay and seconded by Director Curl, the board voted to table adoption of Resolution 2009-05, Intention to Purchase Real Property from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department, and directed staff to develop more information and hold a workshop with neighbors to further discuss the proposed purchase.

AYES: Alcalay, Bolland, Curl, Milstein,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Skoien

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to order** 7:56 p.m.

**Chairperson's Report:** None

**Comments & reports from citizens & organizations on items of interest to the public, before or during the board's consideration of any item that is within its subject matter jurisdiction.** None.

**Correspondence.** None

**#1 Consent Action Item: Billing Report**

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Skoien and seconded by Director Curl, the board voted to approve the Billing Report as presented.

AYES: Bolland, Curl, Milstein, Alcalay, Skoien.

NOES: None

**#2 Consent Action Item: Minutes of previous meeting, August 4, 2009**

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Skoien and seconded by Curl, the board voted to approve the August 4, 2009 minutes, as corrected.

AYES: Bolland, Curl, Milstein, Alcalay, Skoien.

NOES: None

**Action Items. New Business**

**#1 New Business Action Item: Landscape Management Services Contract**

Consideration of the fifth and final year of landscape contract (#05-12) option with Dominguez Landscape Services for \$234,195.68 for the period of December 1, 2009, through November 30, 2010.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Alcalay and seconded by Director Skoien, the board voted to approve the final contract with Dominguez for \$234,195.68 beginning December 1, 2009.

AYES: Bolland, Curl, Milstein, Alcalay, Skoien.

NOES: None

**#2 New Business Action Item: Proposed Date for Park Tour/Regular Monthly Meeting**

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Alcalay and seconded by Director Curl, the board voted to begin the annual park tour at 2 p.m. on October 6, and to hold its regular monthly board meeting following the tour at 6 p.m. in the conference room at the district office

AYES: Bolland, Curl, Milstein, Alcalay, Skoien.

NOES: None

**Items from board members:** Director Milstein informed the board and staff that there have been mountain lion sightings along the American River Parkway, near Oak Meadow and Ashton Parks and that perhaps the district should notify the park patrol to keep watch.

Hazelwood Storm Retention Basin: Chairperson Bolland mentioned that he spoke with a Hazelwood Greens neighbor regarding the on-going problem with dogs off-leash at the Hazelwood Storm Retention Basin. He informed the board that recently a dog threatened a neighbor while the pet's owner was not paying attention. Moving the pedestrian park entrance to the center and requesting the Park Patrol begin ticketing were two suggestions for the district and county to discuss in an effort to resolve the situation. In addition, Mr. Newman was directed is to work with Dominguez Landscape Services to open the gates later in the day to help mitigate the early morning noise and intrusion on the neighbors.

**Discussion of division reports**

Mr. Koller informed the board of the upcoming Founders Day to be held at Carmichael Park. This cosponsored event will be held Saturday, September 26, beginning with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. and fireworks and BBQ toward the end of the evening.

**Committee reports**

The Personnel Committee will schedule a meeting sometime in October.

**Future Agenda Items**

**Next Meeting:** October 6, 2009, with annual park tour to begin at 2 p.m. and regular meeting to follow at 6 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

**ACTION:** It was M/S/C (Alcalay, Skoien) to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., and **closed the meeting in memory of Dr. James Negley**, a long time district supporter and friend.

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