

Advisory Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom Meeting ID: 859 7477 1166
4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608



Call to Order: 5:30 p.m. by Chair Michael Alcalay.

Pledge of Allegiance: Announced by Chair Michael Alcalay.

Roll Call:
MORPD Directors Present: Alcalay, Evans, and Todd.
Rothberg enters at 5:34pm.

MORPD Directors Absent: Bannister.

MORPD Staff Present: Barton, Hichborn, Curtola, Friedrich, Woodland, and Hawthorne.

Public Present: Julie Gabele, Eric Gabele, Anita Bartlett, and Andrew Brown.

Chairperson’s Comments: *Alcalay requests staff research if reading letters into public comment and meetings on Zoom are required for Advisory Board meetings or if there are other options. Alcalay thanks Director Todd for finding a mention of Oak Meadow Park in a contract, where the park would be used for staging equipment for a U.S. ARMY Corps of Engineers erosion protection and flood control project.*

Board Comments/Discussion: *Director Todd states MORPD’s Oak Meadow Park was listed in a contract regarding staging equipment for the U.S. ARMY Corps of Engineers erosion protection and flood control project. Director Alcalay requests Barton’s statement that he and Hichborn held a conversation with Sacramento County and the projects construction company agreeing to remove Oak Meadow Park from the contract and that an email was sent to the U.S. ARMY Corps of Engineers requesting that Oak Meadow Park be removed as an option for the projects staging area.*

Announcement by Chairperson: Members of the public may address the Board on District topics not listed on this agenda. It is a violation of state law for the Board to discuss or act on non-agenda items. Board members may only briefly ask clarifying questions or refer matters to staff. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes.

Public Comment:

Anita Bartlett states that Valley Oak Park neighbors weren't notified of Arden Little League's proposal to add a second batting cage. Bartlett notes that several neighbors live less than 200 feet away from the proposed cage, and the neighbors would oppose it. Bartlett questions whose responsibility it is to work with and notify neighbors.

Brown Act Training:

Training by Janet Bender of Sacramento County Counsel.

Consent:

1. Approval of January 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District Park Patrol Reports for January 2024 from Fulton El Camino Police and Sacramento County Sheriff Off Duty Patrol.
3. Monthly Budget Reports, December 1-31, Period 6, FY 2023-24.
4. Administrative Division Report.
5. Recreation Division Report.
6. Parks Division Report.
7. Staff Work Plans.

Director Rothberg notes a needed change to the minutes, where he should be placed as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Public Comment: Julie Gabele requests a change to the minutes, where it be noted that Director Rothberg requested adding policies to the MORPD website.

Director Rothberg confirmed he did request to have park policies placed on the MORPD website.

Director Todd questions why the Tiger Security report wasn't included. Hichborn notes that the January report was removed since there was very little reported. Director Alcalay recommends including the Tiger Security report even if there was little reported.

ACTION: After discussion, on a motion by Director Evans, seconded by Director Rothberg, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve all consent items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Todd, Alcalay, Rothberg, and Evans.
 NOES: 0
 ABSENT: Bannister
 ABSTAIN: 0

Information/Reports/Presentation:

8. District Administrators Report.
 - Recreation Report. (verbal)
 - Parks Report. (verbal)

Barton states the emPOWERment Park updates are still underway and staff has reached out to Zuri Alliance for assistance. Barton notes that due to the large storm, there were several downed trees throughout the District. Barton states that several trees will also have to be removed, which won't be covered by insurance.

Curtola states several recreation updates including, summer program planning being underway, the Spring/Summer Rec guide being assembled, the Sweetheart's Dance with 75 people in attendance, the Hula Hoopla family dance on March 2, the start of the English Learners Soccer program with 175 children

registered, an upcoming iPhone training class, the MOTAB campus tour of Sacramento State University, and the rattlesnake avoidance dog training on April 21.

Director Todd recommends adding more diversity to program pictures. Curtola agrees.

Hichborn notes updates being made to the District including working on the signage plan, the ADA evaluation of MORPD finalizing by the end of March, new flooring being input at the district office, HVAC at GCC finalizing, irrigation being input at Valley Oak Park, the Tiger Security contract ending and staff will need to go out to bid, and the district having lost several trees due to recent storms.

Hichborn states that one tree at Ashton Park fell into a house causing damage but no one was hurt and a tree at Gibbons Park fell into a fence. Hichborn notes that due to increasing concern from Ashton Park neighbors, staff had an arborist evaluate trees at the park and found five trees with root rot that will need to be removed that will not be covered by insurance.

Director Alcalay questions if MORPD staff removed the trees. Hichborn states that due to the type of equipment MORPD has available staff were able to remove the small/medium-sized trees, however, staff had to contact R&B Quality Tree Care to remove the large trees.

9. Review of Facilities Committee Meeting on January 30.

Friedrich states that a change to the report should be made. Attachment B should be changed to the updated version of the presentation given.

Director Alcalay gives a summary of the January 30 Facilities Committee Meeting. Director Alcalay states that a decision wasn't made but did want the discussion to be part of the Master Plan discussions.

Public Comment: Julie Gabele states that she presented at the Facilities Committee meeting and that letter submissions and Zoom were very helpful for the people who couldn't attend. Gabele notes she is trying to open a conversation about park issues, Arden Little League's dominant usage, and the lack of usage allowed for neighbors. Gabele states that neighbors want change, openness, and transparency. Gabele notes that she feels resistance from MORPD which makes it hard for everyone to be good partners. Gabele states that she wants to make sure that planning for the Master Plan is an open and transparent process.

Public Comment: Andrew Brown states he is not opposed to baseball but is opposed to the batting cage being built at Valley Oak Park and the added amount of noise. Brown notes that he doesn't see CEQA plans and believes there are legal issues that need to be looked into. Brown states that Arden Little League noted in their presentation a large number of their kids live in the Arden Park neighborhood and notes they can find a different park to build the batting cage at. Brown states he is adamantly opposed to having lights or a new batting cage installed at Valley Oak Park.

Director Alcalay states people may have conflicting wants but everyone involved needs to be good neighbors. Director Alcalay states he wants temperatures to be lowered so a future discussion can be held.

Barton explains to public that the proposed installment of a new batting cage at Valley Oak Park did not come from staff and that staff wouldn't go out to the community or CEQA until direction was given from the Advisory Board.

Discussion: None.

Action: None.

Staff Comments/Reports: None.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. As of the date of this notice, social distancing measures are in effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parties interested in participating in the public hearing should visit the District's website at <https://www.morpd.com/advisory-board-meetings> for current information on how to provide public comment.

Adjourn: 6:53 p.m.

Shayne Hawthorne, Clerk of Board

March 12, 2024
Date

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