



**Facilities Committee Meeting
Minutes**

4:30 pm, Thursday, April 11, 2023

Via Zoom Meeting ID: 857 9325 5492
4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, 95608

Staff: Daniel Barton, J.R. Hichborn, Rodney Dahlberg, Danny Curtola, Darren Woodland, and Shayne Hawthorne.

Committee Members: Robert Evans and Michael Alcalay.

Members of the Public: Janice Simoni.

Call to order: 4:31 pm.

1. Review and approve Minutes from the December 1, 2022, Facilities Committee Meeting.
Minutes approved.
2. Review and discuss amending the existing Memorial Tree Program, Policy 5901.
Staff reviews the discussion from the previous Facilities Meeting regarding the memorial tree program.

Staff shares a comprehensive list of prices for memorial trees, benches, and plaques from neighboring park districts, as requested from the previous Facilities Committee Meeting. Hichborn notes that staff would like to add a plaque option to the current MORPD memorial tree program.

Director Evans suggests shortening the current list of tree options so that the smaller list can include pictures of what the tree will look like when its fully grown. Barton suggests that staff keep the original list to provide customers variety but create a top five most requested trees list and include pictures of those.

The committee suggests several possible changes to be made to the memorial program including stating what the donation money for the trees and plaques would go towards, how long the trees and plaques will be maintained for by staff, creating a designated area at certain parks to plant memorial trees and to include that if something should occur, MORPD can remove/relocate a memorial tree and or plaque.

Janice Simoni, states that staff have not given her an exact reason as to why the District does not provide memorial benches as an option in the memorial program. Simoni mentions that she believes the prices staff have listed are unreasonable and that benches would only be able to be purchased by those who can afford it.

Staff notes that the District used to have a bench option for the memorial program however due to issues that occurred in the past, regarding the person the bench was dedicated to, the District decided to remove the bench option in 2018.

Director Alcalay suggests staff check past meeting minutes and reports from the facilities and Advisory Board meetings from 2018 to get the previous memorial bench information. Director Alcalay requests staff conduct more research, speak with the district administrators of each neighboring park district, and return with more accurate data of each's memorial program.

Staff agrees to more research towards the different memorial programs and bringing back different prices to the next Facilities Meeting.

3. Update on MORPD Signage Plan. (Verbal)

Staff request to move the discussion of the update on the MORPD signage plan to the next Facilities Meeting.

Committee Members agree.

Adjourned 5:45 pm