

**FEATHER RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
1875 FEATHER RIVER BLVD., OROVILLE, CA 95965**

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Regular Board Meeting
March 28, 2017

Location: FRRPD Conference Room

Approved Minutes

Open Session 5:30PM

The public portion of the meeting was recorded by Executive Assistant Victoria Anton-Teague.

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

In attendance:

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| Chairperson Victoria Smith | <u>Present</u> |
| Vice-Chairman Gary Emberland | <u>Present</u> |
| Director Scott Kent Fowler | <u>Present</u> |
| Director Marcia Carter | <u>Present</u> |
| Director Don Noble | <u>Present</u> |

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public recommended that the Board hire a General Contractor with insurance claims experience to supervise the Riverbend Park repairs process. Chairperson Smith requested that his recommendations be submitted to the General Manager who can then provide the information to the Board and thanked him for his suggestions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The District acknowledged a local artist who restored the mural at Nolan Complex at no charge. An interactive before and after photo can be found on the District's website.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve February 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve March 3, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes**
- C. Approve March 15, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes**
- D. Approve 2017 Union Agreement Amendment**

Director Noble moved to approve the consent agenda.

Director Carter seconded the motion.

***THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

REGULAR AGENDA**A. ACTION ITEMS****1. Review fee waiver request from the Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association for their annual Easter Egg Hunt at MLK Park.**

Director Carter moved to waive the remaining rental fees for the Oroville Southside Community Improvement Association for their annual Easter Egg Hunt at MLK Park. Director Fowler seconded the motion.

***THE MOTION TO WAIVE THE REMAINING RENTAL FEES FOR THE OROVILLE SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AT MLK PARK WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

2. Review recommendation/request from District Staff to place a hold on upcoming 2017 District projects that would involve District cash flow due to Riverbend Park restoration.

General Manager Ramage provided a staff report including information regarding upcoming large projects and the current cash flow needed for the restoration of Riverbend Park.

Director Emberland expressed his concerns with abandoning the 2017 District projects but reminded the Board that Riverbend Park is a priority. He thinks the District should move forward with some of the projects but is concerned with the limited amount of reserve funds. He noted the Bedrock Skate Park fence project should move forward since it will be completed with BAD (Benefit Assessment District) funds and that the Foam Pit Project should be a priority as well for gym participant safety concerns.

Director Noble recommended that the Board decline placing the District projects on hold and to visit each project individually.

Director Carter noted the importance of addressing the costs associated with the restoration of Riverbend Park before moving forward with the completion of District projects. She believes that moving forward with projects is important to keep vision but that funding decisions should not be made until the District's insurance deductible is reimbursed or when the restoration process for Riverbend becomes clearer. She also mentioned that the Foam Pit is important for gym participant's safety and that the Board will be able to make a better decision when project bids are received. She noted that recreation gymnastics does not require a foam pit but team gymnastics does.

Director Fowler noted that participant safety is paramount and expressed his concerns with receiving a reimbursement from FEMA for the District's insurance deductible. He reminded the Board to keep the financial health of the District in mind when discussing large projects.

A member of the public recommended that the District reach out to local construction companies and members of the community to volunteer their time to work on both the Foam Pit Project and the restoration at Riverbend Park.

Chairperson Smith expressed her confidence that the Board will not move forward with any projects in the future that will jeopardize the financial stability of the District and doesn't believe placing a hold on the projects is necessary.

Another member of the public expressed his appreciation that the Board will be reviewing each project individually instead of placing a hold on them all together.

Director Carter moved to decline placing a hold on upcoming 2017 District projects that would involve District cash flow due to Riverbend Park restoration and to review each project individually.

Director Noble seconded the motion.

***THE MOTION TO DECLINE PLACING A HOLD ON UPCOMING 2017 DISTRICT PROJECTS THAT WOULD INVOLVE DISTRICT CASH FLOW DUE TO RIVERBEND PARK RESTORATION AND TO REVIEW EACH PROJECT INDIVIDUALLY WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

3. Review and approve allocation of funds to necessary repairs of Nelson Pool for 2017 operating season.

General Manager Ramage provided a Staff report summarizing the necessary repairs needed and the grant funding that the District received in 2000 that requires the District maintain and operate Nelson Pool until 2026.

Vice-Chairman Emberland and *Director Noble* questioned whether or not there are additional alternatives to make the pool useable for the 2017 summer season.

General Manager Ramage noted that one option would be to close the kiddie pool for the season to address the major water leaks. She also mentioned the possibility that the County may shut down the facility during inspections.

Director Carter expressed her concerns with putting money into Nelson Pool when the District may consider building a new aquatics facility in the future.

Director Noble also recommended that the pool be drained during the off season and noted the possibility of building a new aquatics facility in the future.

Vice-Chairman Emberland recommended directing Staff to explore temporary repairs and to shut down the kiddie pool to reduce the amount of leaking water.

Director Noble moved to deny the allocation of funds necessary for repairs of Nelson Pool and directed Staff to research temporary fixes for 2017 operating season.

Director Emberland seconded the motion.

***THE MOTION TO DENY THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS NECESSARY FOR REPAIRS OF NELSON POOL AND DIRECTED STAFF TO RESEARCH TEMPORARY FIXES FOR 2017 OPERATING SEASON WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

4. Review Northstar Engineering quote for services rendered and future services preparing bid package and providing bid assistance for Activity Center Foam Pit project.

General Manager Ramage provided a Staff report including an estimated expense/funding breakdown of the project.

Director Noble noted his desire to move forward with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process but also reminded the room that the Board isn't obligated to accept any bids that are received. He noted his concerns with gymnastics participant safety. He believes that the project will cost less than expected.

Director Carter believes that the foam pit project is a priority for the District. She recognized the gym participants and coaches in the room. Director Carter noted that the absence of a foam pit limits the performance of high level gymnasts and needs to be completed to ensure participant safety. She thinks that the pit would be beneficial for high level gymnasts.

A member of the public noted that the gymnastics program enhances teamwork skills, self-discipline, and athletic ability for her daughter and many other gym team students. She asked the Board to make the best decision for the safety of the students.

Discussion took place regarding the possible increased income that the District may receive as a result of the Foam Pit. Multiple gym parents discussed their experiences traveling to other gyms in order to use a foam pit.

General Manager Ramage informed the room of the lengthy process and the responsibilities of the District to have the project properly completed. She noted the increased costs of the project as well as the change of location.

A gym parent and Civil Engineer noted his volunteer time in testing the soil for the pit and read Northstar Engineering's initial assessment for the project. He also mentioned the ADA upgrades that must be done when the project is completed and recommended moving forward with the package.

Director Emberland moved to proceed with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process with Northstar Engineering.

Director Noble seconded the motion.

***THE MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS WITH NORTHSTAR ENGINEERING WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

The meeting was adjourned for a short recess at 6:52pm and reconvened at 6:59pm.

5. Review, approve and choose fencing style for Bedrock Skate & Bike Park Fence Project, allocate up to \$23K of Benefit Assessment Funds.

General Manager Ramage provided a Staff report including the estimated cost of the project and pictures of potential fencing styles.

Discussion took place of alternative options for cordoning off the park including different styles fencing or an open concept layout.

***The Board directed Staff to seek out alternative options including an open concept.**

6. RESOLUTION NO. 1346-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEATHER RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMPLETION OF THE PARLERMO POOL FENCE PROJECT

Director Carter moved to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1346-17.

Director Emberland seconded the motion.

***THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1346-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEATHER RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMPLETION OF THE PARLERMO POOL FENCE PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7. Cast Feather River Recreation and Park District Board of Directors vote for 2017 Election Ballot of Regular Non-Enterprise and Alternate Members of the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LADCO).

Director Carter moved to vote for Scott Kent Fowler and Tom Lando.

Director Noble seconded the motion.

Discussion took place amongst the Board to vote for one Director rather than two.

Directors Carter and Noble rescinded their motions.

Director Emberland moved to vote for Scott Kent Fowler for the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission.

Director Noble seconded the motion

***THE MOTION TO VOTE FOR SCOTT KENT FOWLER FOR THE BUTTE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

A time sensitive item was added to the agenda due to time constraints.

8. Approve the Supplemental Benefit Fund (SBF) request for grant extensions for the Trail Extension and Nelson Complex irrigation upgrades.

Director Fowler moved to approve the Supplemental Benefit Fund request for grant extensions for the Trail Extension and Nelson Complex irrigation upgrades.

Director Carter seconded the motion.

***THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT FUND REQUEST FOR GRANT EXTENSIONS FOR THE TRAIL EXTENSION AND NELSON COMPLEX IRRIGATION UPGRADES WERE APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. February 2017 finance items were reviewed.
2. General Manager Ramage provided a SCI Engineering Quote as requested by Board of Directors. She also provided updates on the flowing items: Trail Extension and Nelson Complex Irrigation Upgrades Supplemental Benefit Fund grant extensions, Benefit Assessment District (BAD) vacancies, Vandal Restitution and an updated of the Riverbend Park claims process.
3. Executive Assistant Anton-Teague gave the Board an update on the 2017 Wildflower & Nature Festival.

DIRECTOR'S & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports: *The Finance Committee met this month.*

There were no Director Reports at this time.

STAFF REPORTS WERE REVIEWED

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

BOARD ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

April 25, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Transfer of funds

Action Item: Review Director Fowler's request to be a District representative at the California Libertarian conference.

Upcoming: May 3, 2017 Special Meeting Board Budget Workshop @1PM

Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.