

May 17, 2018

Special Meeting of the board of directors of Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District was held **Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Senior Center at 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, California. The District is a political subdivision in the State of California.

1. SPECIAL SESSION: Special Session to Begin at 6:00 p.m. at David Head Center, Senior Center.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mr. Perez- called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board Members present Mrs. Villanueva, Mr. Castrejon, Mr. Horton, Mr. Rodriguez absent, and Mr. Perez. Staff present Lorena Cervantes, District Manager. Legal Counsel; Mr. Hodges.

3. APPROVE AGENDA AS TO FORM:

MOTION Mr. Horton moved Mr. Castrejon second to approve agenda as to form. Motion passed 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jose Gonzalez- how is Bear Mountain Recreation going to engage more with the community Mrs. Villanueva- we are working on having the community more involved with us and we are interested in the businesses to be involved with Parks and Recreation right now we're working on the five year plan to present it to the community to see in what ways you guys could help for the benefit of the community and the recreation Jose Gonzalez- what kind of activities doe the district have Mr. Horton –we have provided more activities we had dances, the Easter egg hunt were trying every month to get something going are budget is looking better and now we have two activity director so now we have two of them Jose Gonzalez- how do we get the information to the kids of these programs Mrs. Cervantes- we pass out our flyers to the schools every time we have a dance or event like the Jr. Giants league we pass out those flyers to the kids we are looking into talking to Jenifer Wood for other events that were going to be having to see if we could use the robo-call system that way they could call the community and let them know about events that were going to be having Jose Gonzalez- the chamber has a facebook page were there's information to the public that it could be posted Mr. Perez- the vision that we have is once we got our self in better standing with our budget we have been more focused in bringing in the competitive leagues currently for the kids from seventeen and under in our community Lamont, Arvin, Hilltop, Weedpatch all our surroundings I envision a survey for children K-8th to see what sport they want us to have and think those grades are the children we need to target Leticia Prado- I just wanted to see if you guys have the opportunity ion Friday at 1pm the supervisor David from district 5 is going to come because I have been complaining that we don't have any done in Weedpatch everyone always helps out Lamont but our area is forgotten the park has gotten better because we have been complaining and I commented to him that our park is the ugliest I just wanted to see if you would join us Mr. Perez- where is the gathering

going to be Leticia Prado – in the court and from there were going and from there we are going to take him to the park so he could see where there is more damage what we are trying to do is that everyone in their position understand that when they get there budget they have to distribute their money in all the areas not just focus in one area because they are violating our rights for everyone to get a opportunity if the budget could help someone one year and someone else the years after like that maybe we would have a opportunity like you guys are just focusing in one area they come and offer you guys grants like the one for the light and me as a community member the most I could probably give you would be 5 dollars is what I have in my budget my budget is not enough to put light in my park so what is the least you guys would except so if someone could go and represent us on Friday you guys are invited and keep helping you guys are doing better Mr. Perez- thank you and for the record we have around 30 thousand people in our district if 30 thousand people would donate 5 dollars that would amount into 150 thousand and with that there is definitely things that could be done with that but were going to have some events that were are going to do with the community a community event to raise some funds and if it works out here will do it at the other park as well and Friday I made a note of it at 1 were going t meet at the court house so with not over promising I'm pretty sure I'm going to be there I want to meet our new supervisor Jose Gonzalez- who would the chamber at Bear Mountain Park can they work with to improve the Park in Weedpatch Mr. Perez- they would definitely work with our district manager Lorena Cervantes and myself to stay in a smaller role so she would be the contact person for any developers Mr. Perez- when I was young I came to the district on my time off of school they said come will feed you breakfast will show you sports and one faces that I do remember from back in 1991, 1992 our district manager, Lorena and other people from the community Public- the restrooms are very dirty every time I go in there they are always dirty Mr. Rodriguez- around what time is this Public- around three Mr. Rodriguez- the reason I'm asking is because our maintenance can't be going over there every hour and checking the restrooms Mr. Perez I would like our restrooms to look nicer and feel more like a home.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5.1 District Manager- Mrs. Cervantes-I wanted to let the board know that we had our audit it was the last week of April and it seems like everything went well they finished a day early they and a couple of recommendations on one of them I talked to Mr. Hodges about it they wanted us to add a capital asses policy to incorporate the disposal of the asses also to do a annual observation of the asses and the other item is to revise our currently policy of our bank account to see if there's a cap, and to see how much we keep in the bank account before we transfer to the county and another update is to, we were asked to install time clocks the employees starting using officially the time fingerprint time clock as of April 23rd I'm trying to meet with the staff at the beginning of the week so we could go over there plans for the week Mr. Perez- I would like to thank the general manager for installing the time clock for the employees and also for meeting with all the staff and for implementing it as of April 23rd I also would like to recommend for the personnel committee to follow up with those procedures look at the time clock and make sure that it is being used properly by everybody that is hourly. Mr. Rodriguez arrived.

6. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION:

6.1 Public Employment (54957): Title : General Manager

MOTION Mr. Rodriguez moved Mr. Horton second to go into closed session at 6:35pm. Motion passed 5 ayes, 0 noes, and 0 absent.

Mr. Perez- we just came out of District Closed Session the time is 8:03pm Mr. Hodges- during closed session the board discussed Public Employment of the General Manager the board approved with the majority of votes with the desire to renegotiate the employment agreement terms with the General Manager which it eliminates the ninety day automatic extension date of this contract there for the board will begin negotiating with the General Manager for the new contract, prior into entering into open session Director Castrejon had to excuse himself.

7. DIRECTORS TIME :

Mrs. Villanueva- I just want to thank everyone and continue to do the best that we can with the funds that we have and I want to thank the people that called me so I could go check the park I had the opportunity to take pictures of the park and check on the cleanliness of the park I also observed potholes that need to be filled in because they might insure a member of the public I also went out at night to the Weedpatch Park and noticed that is very dark and I want to improve the lighting situation via grants or any other resources that we could bring into the district to provide more lighting to the Weedpatch Park and I ask that you have us a little bit of patience but don't stop coming to our board meetings our next meeting is on May 17th at 6:30pm please don't stop coming your opinion matters a lot to us and I know what are the problems that we have in our parks, thank you and goodnight.

Mr. Horton- I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight I want to thank the board we had a positive discussion earlier were just going to keep moving forward and will just become better.

Mr. Rodriguez- I agree with Mrs. Petra that we should start looking into more lighting at the Weedpatch Park it's pretty dark at that Park I just didn't know how much use that park had at night time I want to thank everyone for coming were moving forward, we have come a long way I think we're doing a great job were just going to keep on doing it we can't satisfy everybody but were going to try to do the best.

Mr. Perez- I also want to thank you for coming out and sharing your comments and concerns in this communities there's opportunities to come and to provide insight into how we can fix things we added a comment box were we could leave comments also on facebook and go to the community pages and read through comments it gives me a opportunity it gives me the opportunity to go look at the parks sometimes you go and look and your satisfy and you don't go again for month and a lot could happen in a week let alone in a month and we have had a lot of discussion on what we have accomplished we had leaky roofs in here that were fixed we had leaky roofs outside were we had a lot of our supplies, and the restrooms those have been fixed those were a very high priority items, I wanted to push forward to improve the fields but priorities are priorities if our

house is falling apart we can't just plant sod in our front yard to look better if the house needs to be fixed first I think we needed to accomplish a lot of our high priority issues that we had here with our house and we also wanted to improve our work force that would be our trucks to move around our employees and move around our equipment to get to the job sites so we could keep everything maintain and keep them beautiful we have accomplished a lot not just these two roofs here but the roofs at the Lamont Pool our pools are functioning there operational in the summer I'm not 100 percent satisfied with our restrooms outside I feel that there cold and uninviting but we have them in working order we just need to make them better and more inviting and keep them clean and we just recently hired a custodian that could help us with that task and with new personnel there's more hands more eyes to have things cleaner happy to say that a lot of the sprinklers that were not working a couple of years ago are now functioning there has been a lot of improvement within the last couple of years and the drinking fountains as well there was no drinking fountains that was working at the Weedpatch Park a couple of years back and we priorities that as the highest and we got that done under our budget I want to say three and half weeks ago I drove the parks at night I'm not satisfied with the lighting situation we definitely need to look into I want to see items like solar lights being purchase but I also want to see permanent light fixtures because where there is light there's less chance for people to do things that they shouldn't do it will give a safer feel to the park and it will enhance the value in the Lamont, Weedpatch, and Arvin area we are paying attention to that very closely and we will be initiating more recreational activities that we use to have in the nineties the district had more money than we have now a couple of years back we didn't have accesses money we were in deficit and now we are in a position where we got our self out of deficit and now were operating to provide more services to the community and whatever the community is asking from us provide more lights we are taking steps to do them one at a time we don't want to do everything at once and be all in debt al over again but we do want you coming back positive or negative comments keep coming back we are here to work for you we are here to listen to you and we are here to provide with the resources that you as a resident of this district your providing us the funds to do these things you're at the top of our pyramid so keep coming in, I want to thank everyone for their role in tonight meeting and encourage everyone to come back on the 17th for the regular board meeting any meetings that we have with that being said I want to say thank you to everybody and good night.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Mr. Rodriguez moved Mr. Horton second to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion passed 4 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent.