



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District
A Special District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 19, 2023
David Head Building
10300 San Diego Street
Lamont, California 93241
(www.bearmntprk.com)

MINUTES

1. REGULAR SESSION
2. CALL TO ORDER

The regular board of directors meeting of Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District was held Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the David Head Center at 10300 San Diego Street, Lamont, California. The district is a political subdivision in the State of California.

Present: Chairman Jesus Perez, Vice Chairwoman Villanueva, Director Jimenez, Director Pimentel, and Director Alonso

Staff Present: District Manager Mrs. Cervantes, Mr. Zamora, and Legal Counsel Mr. Hodges, absent Ms. Gonzalez

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Mr. Perez

4. **APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM**

Director Villanueva motioned for approval of agenda as to form. Seconded by Director Pimentel. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Items are considered routine, non-controversial and generally approved in a single motion. A board member may request to have an item removed from the consent calendar for discussion of to be deferred. (May include Minutes, Financials, Resolutions, and Policy & Procedure matters).

- 7.1 Minutes
- 7.2 Pre-signed Vouchers
- 7.3 List of Bills
- 7.4 Review of District's Financial Accounts
- 7.5 QuickBooks Reports- Aged payables, balance sheet, profit, and loss
- 7.6 2022-11 Resolution Zoom Meetings pursuant to AB 361

Director Villanueva motioned for approval of consent agenda. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

8. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

General Manager Report:

- 8.1 **Maintenance -Mr. Zamora-** we have been helping our Recreation Coordinator Ms. Gonzales with what she needs and keeping up with our regular duties.
- 8.2 **Recreation- Mrs. Gonzalez-** Ms. Gonzalez was notable to attend tonight's meeting, we had a good turn out with the soccer tournament and with the Arvin and Lamont Christmas Parade **Mr. Perez-** how are the frames for the pictures of our donors **Mrs. Cervantes-** I know she's still working on that
- 8.3 **District Manager-**
 - a) Written Communications-
 - b) Oral Communications-

Mrs. Cervantes- we had our insurance audit yesterday and our maintenance also had been working on that they made sure everything was in order Mr. Zamora did the walk through of the parks with him and I did the paperwork with him, and we did have a mature event that happened on Monday with the body that they found in our Park that was hard on all of us, I did fill out an application for the CBDG Grant unfortunately I did receive an email back from James Golden that they are not working with the City of Arvin anymore so we cannot apply for a CBDG Grant anymore for property that we have at the City of Arvin and we applied for the roof at the Arvin Pool I did ask if we can resubmit another application for a different project and he said we could that they are going to be reviewing applications in January, he did say if we wanted to get something done in the City of Arvin to contact the City of Arvin **Mr. Jimenez-** when the insurance came were did they know about the incident that happened on Monday and did they give any feedback **Mrs. Cervantes-** no he didn't say much about it he just asked if the employees were okay cause there was

one employee that was closer to the body than anybody else that day he was not feeling well but his okay now **Mr. Jimenez-** the County provides cities like Lamont money for public safety and I believe there's an additional 55 million dollars hopefully we can start a conversation with the County because I believe that having lights in the Park is connected with public safety **Mr. Jimenez-** any update on the other two grants Prop 68 and the Weedpatch Park **Mrs. Cervantes-** the CBDG were suppose to put it on their agenda for another approval I haven't heard back from them yet **Mr. Hodges-** the Prop 68 is going to be posted the second week of January because its only going to be open for a thirty of forty five day period the district thought it would be unwise to have that period right in the middle of vacations and kids being out from school the companies that could be bidding on this there employees might not be around to bid and might miss out on this opportunities pushing it a couple of weeks would give the ability to have more businesses bid on it but its prepared and ready to go for the day that it will be posted

9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 9.1 Committee Meetings- None**
- 9.2 Events-Schedule for David Head Center- update**
- 9.3 Events-Senior Center- update**

10. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:

- 10.1 Discussion:** 2023 Board Organizational Chart
- 10.2 Discussion:** 2023 Board Committees
- 10.3 Discussion:** 2023 Holiday Schedule
Potential Action: Approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule

Director Alonso motioned to Approve Resolution 2022-12 Holiday Schedule. Seconded by Director Pimentel. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

- 10.4 Discussion:** Resolution 2022-12 Property Tax Advance
Potential Action: Approve Resolution 2022-12 Property Tax Advance

Director Alonso motioned to Approve Resolution 2022-12 Property Tax Advance. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

- 10.5 Discussion:** Resolution 2022-13 to approve the authority to General Manager to complete all paperwork necessary for obtaining a grant through USDA.
Potential Action: Approve the authority to General Manager to complete all paperwork necessary for obtaining a grant through USDA.

Director Alonso motioned to Approve the authority to General Manager to complete all paperwork necessary for obtaining a grant through USDA. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.

10.6 Discussion: Recognition of Service of Yovani Jimenez as Board Member.

Comments by outgoing board members.

Mr. Perez- at this time we like to present to you a Recognition of Service award to Director Yovani Jimenez **Mr. Jimenez-** thank you board members and staff for this recognition it has been a pleasure to have work with the board members and staff when I first ran for this board I did it cause I wanted to improve the conditions of the parks and also extend our recreational activities and I feel that we have accomplished all that thanks to the support of the board members and staff even though I was encouraged by the wrong person to run for this board and I was mentor by him the first year but now I look back and I feel embarrassed of myself for the way I acted my first year and if I ever offended someone I want to apologies for that, I was young naive and I didn't know better however in these three years we've all grown personally and professionally and at some point we have a board members serving on State Board even our legal counsel has grown he has expanded his business from Parks and Recreation to other cities our General Manager has the freedom and trust now to make this district successful and she has showed us leadership in the past years and the most recent you applying by yourself USDA Grant without guidance of no one and Director Villanueva has become our Vice Chairwoman now she has lead a meeting by herself in English I feel that we all have grown personally at this time I didn't run to be reelected because I'm happy with the progress that the board has made and I know that we will continue to go the same way perhaps the as the board we didn't have the correct guidance and we wanted all to better our district but we didn't know how now we have great guidance and we know how to better our district, now for me I see that officials run for office for the wrong reasons and I see them making the same mistakes I made and I try to give them the correct guidance and running in this board it has opened other opportunities and for that I will always be grateful ill always carry this board in my heart and trying to help in any way possible, thank to everyone I'm proud for everyone in this board and all the staff for all the accomplishments that we have accomplished these past years I cant wait to what's coming to this district **Mr. Perez-** thank you **Mrs. Cervantes-** thank you

11. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION:

a) None

12. DIRECTORS TIME:

Fernando Alonso- thank you to everyone for coming out tonight happy holidays hang out with family and friends and I'm glad about the work that the board and staff has made for this past year and that we continue with the same energy

Fernando Pimentel- thank you everyone for coming and I apologies for showing up late at was at the school for my kids' performance and thank you to Director Jimenez for your service and a great friend for encourage me to run

Yovani Jimenez- your welcome Director Pimentel I'm also proud how you can come and put work in I have seen you very active in Jr. Giants and the soccer league you have a bright future here in the district, and I want to ask everyone if you can stay for a couple a minutes after to take a picture

Petra Villanueva- thank you everyone for being here and that you have happy holidays with your family and to Director Jimenez wish you the best were you're at and don't forget about Arvin and something else that I forgot to say is that I run the meeting pretty fast and that we are all in good health and to be happy with your family and something that Director Jimenez said that unconsciously we do mistakes and we wait that next year we have a better year and hopefully that the money that they say can come in that its not only for light we need camaras too and were going to manifest Supervisor Couch to help in that we need camaras beside the light this year I'm going to attend meetings, we want the best fore this district and I want to thank all of the staff I want to thank District Counsel I'm sorry

Jesus Perez- I want to give a progress update as Director Jimenez had mentioned, or past director Robert Rodriguez is going to be back on the board so we welcome you to our next meeting next month and as Director Jimenez mentioned I got onto the California Association of Recreation and Parks Board and just recently statewide we have elected to structure dues in such a way that bigger district the district with larger budget for example East Bay Regional Park District there district I think operates under a two hundred or four hundred million dollar budget quite substantially bigger than ours and so they have agreed the bigger district as well as the little districts have all agreed to pay accordantly to there budget so what were doing in our state level we put out a bid and RFP for a lobby to hire our own lobbyist and something that we uncovered through a part of me being on there board is that ERAF the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund has severely impacted our district to the tun 2.7 million dollars as director Jimenez had mentioned that when he came on board his first year I came on my first year with the same little demons and I think Director Rodriguez also kind of experience a little bit of that with Director Villanueva maybe to some tun the rest of us the same two individuals in our ear and something that they never got to understand is that ERAF its impact in our district so ERAF will shift our property tax money away from us to Sacramento before we even get a chance to look at out budget to the tun of around 150 thousand a year so it's a substantial hit so when we were looking at the peace of the pie Recreation, Maintenance and our Office Staff looks at and our recreation budget was only 13 percent of that pie when we look at the ERAF contribution and that Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District it came from a state wide vote it was passed by 52 percent it needed a fifty plus one our hopes at the state level is to get every Recreation and Park District and maybe some Community Service Districts that maintain parks exempt from us we night have to take it to a state wide vote and that's something that were working on this is something that I wanted to share with everybody even though the lobby wasn't as optimistic as I'm doing by giving this report to you all another unique opportunity and that I'm also extremely proud that the relationship that each of our board member has built with our new assembly person we're going to have a unique opportunity to tap into membership ask I'm glad to relate the information that today I recommended Director Jimenez for consideration for employment with assembly member Beams and I think that would help not only our district and not only Lamont and Arvin and the surrounding areas I cant say that you're going to get the job but you been recommended

and I hope sincerely that you get it because it would be a unique opportunity to have a Lamont resident working at the State level with a can do attitude, talent a charisma can bring more change to our area I did want to report that and also thank you for your years of service and I think that we all share that initial regret that we let certain people in the community kind of badmouth the district but I think all of us in this room share the fact that we cared enough not only listen to them but to get involved and make up our own mind of what was going on here and witch hunt I'm happy to say we found were the money was going we found that it went to Sacramento I think that was the big moment in years past we thought maybe a someone leaving our district might of been the corporate the numbers didn't add up we had some pass employees of the district and that didn't add up either all the money that Sacramento ended up shifting over from us, Director Jimenez were all going to miss you and we thank you for your service thank you for keeping us in your heart I think one thing that I learned by serving on the board all of us which is quite on the contras to past board members that said that this was a weakness that if you put on your resume that people would just look at it wrong I think we have changed that perspective for know we made it a strength on our resume and something that we can all be very proud of this year I was great to hear that our district manager reported that we don't need to take an advance put were taking an advance in order to complete the projects that we set out to accomplish for this next year with that thank you and wish everyone Happy Holidays and it really feels good to be part of being part of something bigger its been one year since my dad passed I'm really grateful that all of you in this room are sharing your time and good positive energy with me as well it really has helped this year get through those tough times thank you guys for keeping me going as well

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Alonso motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.