



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District  
A Special District  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, April 15, 2021  
David Head Building  
10300 San Diego Street  
Lamont, California 93241  
(www.bearmtnprk.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, March 18, 2021, 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 Perez, Director Villanueva, Director Jimenez, Director Pimentel, and Director Alonso,

**Staff Present:** District Counsel; Nathan Hodges and District Manager, Lorena Cervantes, Maintenance supervisor Mr. Zamora, Mrs. Gonzalez, and Mrs. Horton

### 3. FLAG SALUTE

Meeting called to order at 6:42 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Jesus Perez

### 4. APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM

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

5. PRESENTATIONS
  - a. None

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. None

## 7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.1 Special District Governance Certificate-Yovani Jimenez

## 8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- a. None

## 9. 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).

- 9.1 Minutes
- 9.2 Pre-signed Vouchers
- 9.3 List of Bills

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

## 10. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

### General Manager Report:

- 10.1 **Maintenance -Mr. Zamora-** since our last board meeting, we have been focusing on Weedpatch Park, putting gopher traps the park is really infested.
- 10.2 **Recreation- Ms. Gonzalez-** this year we are planning on having an Easter Egg Hunt its going to take place here at Bear Mountain Park, CAPK is going to donate 350 emergency boxes we are also going to have 6 volunteers **Mr. Hodges-** is it only going to be a drive through **Mrs. Gonzalez-** yes only a drive trough **Mrs. Horton-** I had a meeting with the director from Jr. Giants we would be able to have in person if there's a change in tier that way there wont be so many restrictions
- 10.3 **Website/Social Media- Mrs. Horton**  
Presentation- **Mrs. Horton presented website/social media to board**
- 10.4 **District Manager-** I had a Capri board meeting and we discussed the Covid outdoor updates, and we had ADA training here for the staff and I also had a meeting with the health department, and they went over the same updates that Capri does.

## 11. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 11.1 **Committee Meetings- Mrs. Cervantes-** I meet with the grant committee, Mr. Pimentel and Mr. Perez and we went over the Per-Capita Prop 68 on the tennis court that is the biggest project were working on we went over the steps that we have already done, and our next step is to do the application **Mr. Hodges-** is it the committee recommendation that we move forward and approve submitting the application or those the committee have a recommendation **Mr. Perez-** the

recommendation is to move forward with a application **Mr. Hodges-** that needs to be put in the agenda **Mr. Perez-** can we put that in the agenda for our next board meeting **Mr. Hodges-** the purpose of the committee is bringing recommendations to the board if the committee comes up with a recommendation put it on for the next board meeting so you can tell the board this is what we discussed and this is what we recommend

**11.2** Events-Schedule for David Head Center- all events have been cancelled.

**11.3** Events-Senior Center- all events have been cancelled.

## **12. DISTRICT BOARD MATTERS:**

**12.1 Discussion:** County HSIP Uncontrolled Crosswalk Improvement Project- San Diego and Burgundy. RW Contract for Permanent Easement with Easement Deed This would make the County responsible for the maintenance of the improvements.

**Potential Action:** Approve the amended Permanent Easement with Easement Deed.

**Director Pimentel motioned for approve the amended Permanent Easement with Easement Deed. Seconded by Director Alonso. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.**

**12.2 Discussion:** Agenda and scheduling of upcoming Committee Meetings.

**Five Year Plan Committee-** Thursday, April 8, 2021 @ 5p.m.

**Grant Committee-** Date and Time to be scheduled at the regular board meeting.

**Potential Action:** Approval of upcoming Committee Meetings and Agendas

**Director Villanueva motioned for approval of upcoming Committee Meetings and Agendas. Seconded by Director Pimentel. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.**

**12.3 Discussion:** Re-opening the parks

**12.4 Discussion:** 2021 Employee Handbook updates

**Potential Action:** Approve 2021 Employee Handbook updates

**12.5 Discussion:** Zoom Meetings

**Potential Action:** Approve getting a zoom meeting license and looking into recording requirements.

**Director Alonso motioned for approve getting a zoom meeting license and looking into recording requirements at low cost possible. Seconded by Director Pimentel. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.**

**12.6 Discussion:** CARPD Conference- Jesus Perez

**Potential Action:** Approve Jesus Perez to attend the CARPD Conference from June 23-26<sup>th</sup> in Monterey CA.

**Director Villanueva motioned for approve Jesus Perez to attend the CARPD Conference from June 23-26<sup>th</sup> in Monterey CA. Seconded by Director Alonso. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.**

**12.7 Discussion:** New signage for Weedpatch Park

**12.8 Discussion:** Bear Mountain Recreation to initiate annexation process by meeting with Tejon ranch Conservancy.

**Mr. Hodges-** what would be your purpose what would be your goal **Mr. Perez-** with this we would essentially have more resources to provide more recreational activities for the communities within our boundaries **Mr. Hodges-** who requested these meetings is this to say Bear Mountain would like to request these meetings with Tejon Ranch **Mr. Perez-** yes **Mr. Hodges-** so you have not been approached by Tejon Ranch **Mr. Perez-** no this was just an idea the district manager and myself have talked about it in the past **Mr. Hodges-** what would be your purpose what would be your goals out of these types of meetings **Mr. Perez-** to increase our property tax revenue **Mr. Hodges-** how **Mr. Perez-** by encompass the area that is not in our district **Mr. Hodges-** you already go out close to the outlets **Mr. Perez-** we would also like to encompass the outlets and the area were they are planning to build more homes **Mr. Hodges-** my concern with that is that, you will increase your revenue but to properly obtain that you would have to provide recreation down there and I don't know if you have the resources to put enough time into having a separate park essentially 45 minutes away from here, if you want to take that ramp that's awesome but you would have to be able to provide services number one you would have to figure out how much revenue is this going to bring is that enough to support essentially a separate operation down in that area there's a lot of questions that you need to right down before you even go into these meeting and a lot of areas that you need to have in your mind these are the discussion points before we even go ask for any of it, how much is it suppose to grow how many people will you be serving because that community can become as big as Lamont and Arvin put together if it grows to that size the tax revenue can double of what we have now but you would have to put up some new buildings, buy new equipment and you would have to have staff out there it's a lot to go into to it, I'm not saying don't do it I'm just saying if I was you I would form a Ad Hock committee to discuss what steps can be taken before we sit down and meet with these people **Mr. Jimenez-** I think we should get a little bit more information before we start the processes **Mr. Perez-** I was told that they are going to built parks already and we would not have to do that but like Nathan said if we have a community out there we need to provide activities for them **Mr. Hodges-** well here is the problem if you don't there going to go to LAFCO and they are going to pull out that property out and they are going to service it themselves there going to form there own special district my recommendation is that you create a Ad Hock committee to look into this and what needs to happen in order to move forward with a project like that and that committee can bring back to the board these are our discussion we came out with these nine steps that need to take place before something like this can happen and in order to fulfill these nine steps we need to get answers to these questions so were are going to go to these meeting and meet with them and were going to try to figure out whether we can meet all of these issues and if we cant we can

bring it back to the board and say this is what we found out lets vote one way or another but this exploratory committee I think is the only way that you guys can really proceed with this and do it effectively with the knowledge in what are we really getting into **Mr. Pere-** were there be a recommendation from our legal counsel **Mr. Hodges-** just to add a Ad Hock committee

### **13. FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

**13.1** Review of District's Financial Accounts- Action

**13.2** QuickBooks Reports- Aged payable, balance sheet, profit, and loss

**Director Villanueva motioned for approval of Financial Reports items 13.1 and 13.2. Seconded by Director Alonso. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.**

### **14. DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION:**

**a. None**

### **15. DIRECTORS TIME:**

**Fernando Alonso-** thank you guys for being here.

**Fernando Pimentel-** thank you for coming.

**Yovani Jimenez-** no comment

**Petra Villanueva-**I would like to say that we should all look at the rules that we have and avoid the bad comments from the community, I felt very unsafe in my home because of the comments that were being said and I hope this is the first and last misunderstanding that the community has with us but we have to follow guides given that's what I wanted to comment on and I just want to say goodnight and be safe and thank you to Anthony and thank you Joshlyn for the presentation and to Nathan as well for all the recommendations

**Jesus Perez-** I want to thank our maintenance crew for all the work that they do and like Mr. Alonso said its impressive that just with two full time staff were sharing one individual with custodian and maintenance we do have a understanding with County and work experience but they are limited in what they can do but we do appreciate the hard work that you guys are doing, I would like to direct our maintenance supervisor to come back to our future meetings with options for the material of the signages just the material it doesn't have to be on our next meeting I would also like to thank our recreational staff for keeping us up to date on summer activities and keeping the community active and busy and providing those resources on our website at this time I would like to create a ad hock committee for the Tejon Ranch Annexation purpose I like to name Director Alonso if you accept **Mr. Alonso-** yes I except **Mr. Perez-** Mr. Alonso and myself will serve in this committee and will work with the district manager with times that we can meet and will bring those times to the board, thank you to our staff for working with Dolores Huerta Foundation for the vaccines

### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Director Villanueva motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Seconded by Director Pimentel. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.**