



Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District  
A Special District  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, November 18, 2021  
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, October 21, 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, Vice Chairwoman Villanueva, Director Alonso, and Director Jimenez, Absent Director Pimentel.

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

3. FLAG SALUTE

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m. Flag Salute: Chairman Mr. Perez

4. APPROVE AGENDA AS FORM

**Director Alonso motioned for approval of agenda as to form. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.**

5. PRESENTATIONS- None

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. None

## 7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

a. None

## 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 Jimenez motioned for approval of consent agenda. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.**

## 10. DEPARTMENTS REPORTS:

### General Manager Report:

- 10.1 Maintenance -Mr. Zamora-** I would like to give you an update on the playground we finished spraying all the wood chips, the playground is open now its safe to open we were getting calls retarding the playground being closed for so long we talked the person that called, and he understood **Mr. Jimenez-** I know that we are short one maintenance staff how long do you think we can prolong to hire someone **Mr. Zamora-** I think we can prolong it we have help from the program and some community service workers, yes I think we can prolong it, I think were okay we can maybe post it and get some applications **Mr. Alonso-** I remember from the last meeting you mentioned that the cement around the playground was broken up was that fixed **Mr. Zamora-** we fixed the a slab that was cracked
- 10.2 Recreation- Mrs. Gonzalez-** On October 29, 2021, we are participating with the Harvest Festival we don't need to provide candy, but I did contact CAPK food bank, and they will be donating, and we still have decorations from the past years, so we don't have to spend money for decoration, and for the Jr. Giants they are going to start having trainings the last Wednesday of each month **Mr. Jimenez-** I have the same question that I aske Mr. Zamora, I know that we are down one recreation staff how urgent is it that we hire a new person **Mrs. Gonzalez-** at this time we don't need to hire a recreation person right now till we get closer to starting Jr. Giants.
- 10.3 Website/social media- Mrs. Cervantes-** I have done some update in social media
- 10.4 District Manager- Mrs. Cervantes-** I did submit the application for the grant for the special districts, we don't qualify for revenue reimbursement because the way they were comparing was the 2018 and 2019 to the 2020 and 2021and we received more

property taxes on 2020 & 2021 than what we received in 2018 & 2019 so we didn't have any revenue loss, but I did put down the unexpected expenses cost that had to do with covid that added up to 8,990 hopefully we can get that it was submitted on October 14, 2021 and from the CBD grant I received a letter and I will be working with Mr. Hodges to reply to that letter and at the Weedpatch Park and the Lamont Pool they already installed the bike racks **Mr. Jimenez-** is this money that we have received from covid is through the state of California or through covid-19 special district **Mrs. Cervantes-** the first time that we received it we were able to cover some employees and that was through the County, this time it will be able to put down the other employees that got sick.

## **11. CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- 11.1 Committee Meetings-** I meet with the personnel committee and I went over with them about the positions we should be posting them soon and we will probably start hiring in January for these positions and we discussed the budget and salaries and we compared, and we compared the salary rates with the county, we also discussed raising the prices for the rentals these are the items we discussed.
- 11.2 Events-Schedule for David Head Center- Mrs. Cervantes-** we have been getting a couple of rentals in October and November is going up slowly **Mr. Jimenez-** maybe we can put on the website that the hall is open for rentals **Mrs. Cervantes-** yes, we can do that.
- 11.3 Events-Senior Center- Mrs. Cervantes-** as of right now we don't have that many seniors, this is something we can try to advertise

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

- 12.1 Discussion:** PG&E License Agreement.  
**Potential Action:** Approval PG&E License Agreement  
**Mr. Hodges-** the language that was negotiated is the exact same language that you previously approved with the PG&E License Agreement they fault us on it, but we were able to add we updated item number 6 the added 550 dollars a day and an increase of 3 percent each year and item 8B we negotiated to once per day so we are not going to have somebody here all the time we were able to eliminate exhibit D they will not be making electrical alterations like they did last time and that this I basically an expansion of the agreement and this agreement is for power shut off events and the other one was just for emergency events but the terms are all in your favor **Mr. Jimenez-** how many years is the lease for **Mr. Hodges-** is for 10 years.

**Director Alonso motioned for approval PG&E License Agreement. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.**

- 12.2 Discussion:** SDLA District Transparency Certificate Challenge Check List  
**Mrs. Cervantes-** we don't have everything on the checklist, and I don't believe I will have it by the deadline, but my goal is to have everything for next year **Mr. Perez-** thank you **Mrs. Cervantes** and **Director Alonso** for bringing this forward

**12.3 Discussion:** MOU Between United Way of Kern County and Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District for installment of a Born Learning Trail at Bear Mountain Park to change the location to Weedpatch Park.

**Potential Action:** Approve and addendum on the MOU between United Way Kern County and Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District on the location change of the installment of a Born Learning Trail to Weedpatch Park-7443 Buena Vista Blvd, Bakersfield, CA 93307.

**Mr. Hodges-** the reason this was brought because it was previously approved to be installed at Bear Mountain Park and after going and looking at the path its to much work to put it at Bear Mountain Park, so they purposed putting it at Weedpatch Park the terms of the agreement are the exact same the only change is the location.

**Director Villanueva motioned for approve and addendum on the MOU between United Way Kern County and Bear Mountain Recreation and Park District on the location change of the installment of a Born Learning Trail to Weedpatch Park-7443 Buena Vista Blvd, Bakersfield, CA 93307. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.**

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

**Program/Fundraising:** Date and Time to be scheduled at the regular board meeting.

**Potential Action:** Approval of upcoming Committee Meeting and Agenda

**Director Villanueva motioned for approval of upcoming Committee Meeting Monday November 8, 2021, at 5:30pm and Agenda. Seconded by Director Jimenez. Approved 4 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent.**

**Mr. Pimentel joined the meeting at 7:48 p.m.**

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

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

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

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

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

**14.1** Public Employee Performance Evaluation (54957)

Title: General Manager

**Director Alonso motioned to approve going into closed session at 7:53 p.m. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.**

**Mr. Perez-** the time is 8:33 p.m. we are out of close session **Mr. Hodges-** during closed session the board reviewed the one item Public Employee Performance Evaluation (54957), General Manager counsel and board discussed this matter, and we will be tabling this and bringing it back on the next meeting for further discussion, no further action was taken.

## 15. DIRECTORS TIME:

**Fernando Alonso-** I want to thank everyone for coming tonight and I want to thank our maintenance for our hard work and completing the playground.

**Fernando Pimentel-** I want to thank everyone for coming and I want to apologize for showing up late, the kids don't have that many games because of covid and I didn't want to cancel the game and I appreciate you guys understanding.

**Yovani Jimenez-** I want to give a update on the conference I went to its really good to talk to other Park District and managers and see the work that they are doing at the district something that I learned is that a lot of Park Districts they create a foundation as a way to generate more money for the Park District that's something that we can look into and how it would benefit us and the possible consequences, I also found out that many Park District have so many recreation activities they have some sports that I don't even know what they mean and the way to do that is by talking to kids so basically is a self-maintain sport that the kids will pay a fee to pay for a referee maybe we can look into doing that in the future, there are soccer leagues in Lamont and Arvin were the parents of the kids pay for registration for the uniforms and 7 dollars for each game we can do that for a nonprofit organization.

**Petra Villanueva-** good night to everyone and before I forget I would like to do something to recognize Mr. Zamora I know is work of a team but since he joined us, we have seen that we saved money and that he puts an effort, and I don't know if we can give him a certificate of recognition for his effort **Mr. Jimenez-** a bonus for all the maintenance workers yes if we could since we are saving the salary for one maintenance worker **Mrs. Villanueva-** he is doing a great job and he has saved us a lot of money just by doing the baseball field I know that it's a team work and we have to recognize everyone but there been changes since his been here and I also want to thank you because since we been in the conference I got to know everyone in a different way and I thank you for your patience

**Jesus Perez-** I want to bring up things that are going on in the community the County in partner with the City of Arvin hosted a movie night at Smothermon Park in Arvin it was a very successful even the County provided free tacos some informational booths they paid for the screen and the movie and the City cleaned the area of the Park and some staffers to open and close the area provided clean restrooms for that night, do we want to replicate that here and at what park at Bear Mountain Park or Weedpatch Park I like to take the opportunity to give direction to our General Manger to put this item on our next agenda so we can discuss it and if action needs to be taken then as an action item too, to use one of our Parks for a movie night if that is the case and I would like to talk about our participation on the CSDA conference for our newest members I think it was very informational and for our returning members it was somewhat refreshing but I do know that we made an impact in other board members in other districts I know that the leadership for CSDA toke notice that we were there and I want to thank Director Alonso for applying for the scholarship because it did save us hundreds of dollars for our District, thank you, in another note on Tuesday next week I'm going to be recognized for my election that was contention upon my service here in the district for the CARPD that will take place on October 26, 2021 for Kern County and it will be a full board recognition of that so if you guys want to team in ill send you guys the link you guys can even provide public comment as well in case you want to say something, we are a district in a very good direction and I think we are an

extension of each other each of the five Directors on this board our District Counsel, District Manager, Maintenance Supervisor and it goes down to the volunteers that we have I see that extra effort.

## **16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Director Alonso motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Seconded by Director Villanueva. Approved 5 ayes, 0 noes and 0 absent.**