



North of the River

recreation and park district

NORTH OF THE RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING 405 GALAXY AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93308 TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** BOARD MEETING CONVENED BY CHAIRPERSON BOBBIE ROBERSON AT 5:32 P.M.

2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**
BOBBIE ROBERSON; DANA MARTIN; STEVE RUETTGERS; BROOKS DOUGLASS. BOARD MEMBER STEVE RUETTGERS LEFT THE MEETING AT 5:40 P.M.
 - BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**
JIM ECKROTH
 - STAFF PRESENT**
PAUL ANDERSON; ELAINE BUSH; ESTHER GONZALEZ; MONYA JAMESON; DAVID MCARTHUR; LISA PLANK; STEPH SANDERS
 - LEGAL COUNSEL**
NONE
 - PUBLIC PRESENT**
TERESA WILLIAMS; MERLIN FRANK; SCOTT LOPEZ, ED WRIGHT; TRISHA REEDER; ROBBIE REEDER; TASHA PECK; ANDREW STANLEY, MEGAN TYE; ANA OVANDO; ERICA NEWTON; FRANK REEDER; PHILLIP MENDOZA; MARDY JACKSON; LUIS MARTINAL; ERNIE CERVANTEZ; KRISTINA PETERS; MARIA BALDO; WILL JOHNSON; JESSICA BISHOP; PHIL STILES; BRETT CLARK; RYDER WATTENBARGER

3. **FLAG SALUTE:** CHAIRPERSON BOBBIE ROBERSON LED THE FLAG SALUTE.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The North of the River Recreation and Park District Board of Directors may take official action only on items included in the posted agenda. Items addressed during the Public Comment section are generally matters not included on the agenda and, therefore, the Board will not take action at this scheduled meeting. Such items,

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Continued)

however, may be added to a future meeting's agenda. Members of the public may address the Board on items included on the agenda in the order that the items appear. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name before making your presentation. Thank you!

COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM DEVELOPER BRYAN BATEY REASSURING THE BOARD OF HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF PARKS BUT STATING HE CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THERE IS A NEED TO REVISIT QUIMBY FEE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY, COUNTY AND NOR IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE LAW AND PROVIDE AGENCY CONSISTENCY OF THE APPLICATION OF QUIMBY FEES.

COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC OPPOSING NOR'S DECISION TO ELIMINATE YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS. SPEAKERS INCLUDED ERICA NEWTON; SCOTT LOPEZ; ANDREW STANLEY; MERLIN FRANK; ROBBY REEDER; PHILLIP MENDOZA; WILL JOHNSON; AND RYDER WATTENENBARGER. IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, GENERAL MANAGER DAVID MCARTHUR EXPLAINED WHY THE DECISION TO ELIMINATE PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS WAS MADE NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM WOULD STILL BE COMPETITIVE WITHOUT PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS, NOR'S BASIC PHILOSOPHY SUPPORTS A MORE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FOCUSING ON TEACHING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GAME; AND THAT IN THE PAST FEW YEARS THE MAJORITY OF THE ISSUES HAVE OCCURRED DURING PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES IN WHICH PARENTS, PARTICIPANTS AND COACHES ARE YELLING AT EACH OTHER. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTED THAT THE ITEM BE PLACED ON A FUTURE BOARD MEETING AGENDA. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE CONCERNED GROUP WOULD FORMULATE AND PROVIDE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS IN WHICH POSSIBLE COMPROMIZES COULD BE MADE.

FOLLOWING PUBLIC COMMENTS, CHAIRPERSON BOBBIE ROBERSON ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW BOARD MEMBER BROOKS DOUGLASS.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Secretary Declaration of Posting of Agenda 72 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Declaration by the Clerk of the Board of Directors that the agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of meeting. BOARD APPROVED SECRETARY DECLARATION.

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.

Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Directors' Special Meeting Held November 30, 2015

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2015 Special Board Meeting. BOARD APPROVED MINUTES.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.
Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Directors' Special Meeting Held December 7, 2015

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2015 Special Board Meeting. BOARD APPROVED MINUTES.

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.
Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

D. Ratification of Bill Over Policy Limit

Accounts Payable Clerk Tammy Sturtevant requested approval of a bill exceeding policy limit related to the payment of property and liability coverage premium for the second half of the fiscal year. BOARD APPROVED BILL EXCEEDING POLICY LIMIT.

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.
Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

E. Receive and File Bills and Invoices

A monthly voucher list of bills submitted for payment during the previous month was provided to Board Members for review, comment and filing. BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED BILLS AND INVOICES.

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.
Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

F. Concurrence to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property, Resolution #01-16

Board Members were presented with a request from the County of Kern to sell tax-defaulted property. BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #01-16 CONCURRING WITH THE SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY.

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.
Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

G. Approval of Purchase of District Vehicle, Resolution #04-16

General Manager David McArthur requested adoption of Resolution #04-16 authorizing purchase of a vehicle. BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #04-16 APPROVING THE PURCHASE.

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.
Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

6. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Authorization of Signatures for District Bank Accounts, Resolutions #02-16 and #03-16

Finance Director Monya Jameson requested adoption of Resolutions #02-16 and #03-16 authorizing signatures for District Bank Accounts. BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS #02-16 AND #03-16 AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE FOR DISTRICT BANK ACCOUNTS.

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.

Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Contract with Spohn Ranch Skatepark to Construct North Beardsley Skatepark, Resolution #05-16

Park Planner/Landscape Architect Steph Sanders requested Board Member approval to enter into a contract with Spohn Ranch Skatepark for the construction of a skatepark at North Beardsley Park pending District's legal counsel review and approval of the contract. BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #05-16 APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT UPON LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

Martin-Douglass: Ayes: Roberson; Martin; Douglass.

Noes: None. Absent: Ruettgers; Eckroth. Motion carried.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager Report

General Manager David McArthur informed Board Members of the need to change the May 2016 Board Meeting to May 23, 2016. This meeting will include the FY 2016-2017 staff budget presentations.

B. Marketing Report

Marketing Director Lisa Plank informed Board Members that the Spring Fun Book is now available on the website and at NOR centers; new footage is being collected for future marketing spots; the NOR Foundation now has a "bronze" status allowing the foundation to explore Kern Community Foundation grant opportunities; meetings are taking place with Night Terror Productions regarding partnering with them to provide future events; and efforts are underway relating to the March for Meals/Champions program the week of March 21st.

C. Capital Improvement Projects

Park Planner/Landscape Architect Steph Sanders updated Board Members regarding a training opportunity in which Parks Superintendent Paul Anderson will lead staff in the installation of irrigation and landscape areas around North Beardsley Park. Ms. Sanders also provided a video of the District's first "expression" swing at Olive Park East with additional installations slated at Riverview, Greenacres and Polo Parks.

7. STAFF REPORTS (Continued)

D. Financial Report

Finance Director Monya Jameson provided a brief overview of the monthly voucher list of bills and informed Board Members of the recent hiring of a new Accountant.

E. Personnel Report

Human Resources Director Esther Gonzales informed Board Members that all full time positions are fully staffed and preparations are currently underway for the hiring of seasonal summer staff.

F. Recreation and Parks Program Report

Parks Superintendent Paul Anderson updated Board Members regarding the NOR pool renovation and Rasmussen Center parking lot completion and the purchase of vehicles as approved by the Board of Directors. Additionally, there have been modifications to staffing and work orders. Mr. Anderson is also working with Aquatic Supervisor Lauren Cronk in an effort to meet with schools regarding opportunities for student swim lessons.

G. Training Report

Written report provided.

REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Memorandum from Kern County Special District Association announcing a new special district representative and alternate on LAFCO.
- Memo from CARPD related to their 2016 Spring Scholarship for first time CARPD conference attendees.
- Notice from the County of Kern regarding Chairperson Bobbie Roberson's reappointment to the North of the River Recreation and Park District Board of Directors.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Dana Martin welcomed new Board Member Brooks Douglass.

Board Member Brooks Douglass provided a brief summary of his volunteer involvement with the North of the River community; his family, including his son's participation in many NOR programs; and his occupation.

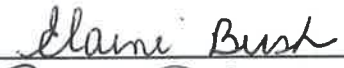
10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North of the River Recreation and Park District scheduled on February 16, 2016.

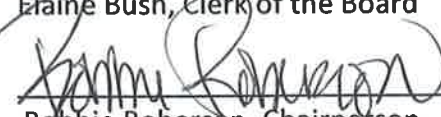
Minutes to be approved at Board Meeting held on February 16, 2016



David McArthur, General Manager



Elaine Bush, Clerk of the Board



Bobbie Roberson, Chairperson