



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 MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016, 5:30 P.M.

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** BOARD MEETING CONVENED BY CHAIRPERSON BOBBIE ROBERSON AT 5:35 P.M.

2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**
BOBBIE ROBERSON; DANA MARTIN; JIM ECKROTH; BROOKS DOUGLASS. BOARD MEMBER STEVE RUETTIGERS ARRIVED AT 5:40 P.M.
 - BOARD MEMBER ABSENT**
NONE
 - STAFF PRESENT**
PAUL ANDERSON; ELAINE BUSH; ESTHER GRIJALVA; DAVID MCARTHUR; LISA PLANK; STEPH SANDERS; JOE WEST
 - LEGAL COUNSEL**
NONE
 - PUBLIC PRESENT**
WENDY ZARATE

3. **FLAG SALUTE:** BOARD MEMBER JIM ECKROTH 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, 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!

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Noes: None. Absent: Ruetters. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Held February 16, 2016

Request by Clerk of the Board of Directors to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. BOARD APPROVED MINUTES.

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

Noes: None. Absent: Ruetters. Motion carried.

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

Noes: None. Absent: Ruetters. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing Regarding Unmet Transit Needs, Resolution #06-16

The hearing was opened by Chairperson Roberson. There were no public comments. Transportation Supervisor Joe West provided a report noting that there are unmet needs in the form of denied rides, however, those unmet needs cannot be met due to lack of funding. Chairperson Roberson updated new Board Member Douglass regarding past hearings and types of unmet needs identified as well as actions taken to try to meet those needs within funding levels. The hearing was then closed. BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #06-16 RESOLVING THAT UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS WERE IDENTIFIED, HOWEVER, ARE NOT REASONABLE TO MEET AND THAT THESE FINDINGS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

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

Noes: None. Abstain: Ruetters. Absent: None. Motion carried.

7. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Sale of Land for the Expansion of City Water Well Station at Mondavi Park, Resolution #07-16

The City of Bakersfield requested that North of the River Recreation and Park District sell approximately 1,850 square feet of property on the north side of Mondavi Park to expand the existing well site to construct additional filters required to meet the current water standards. Park Planner/Landscape Architect

7. BOARD BUSINESS (Continued)

Steph Sanders responded to Board Member inquiries regarding the request. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, BOARD ADOPTED RESOLUTION #07-16 APPROVING THE SALE OF LAND AT MONDAVI PARK.

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

Noes: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

B. General Overview of FY 2016-2017 Budget

General Manager David McArthur provided an overview of the FY 2016-2017 budget stating that based on preliminary information from the County, District tax revenues from residential, commercial and mineral will decrease by approximately \$340,000 or two percent. Updates regarding economic factors, including state, county or federal action, will be provided as received.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager Report

General Manager David McArthur reminded Board Members that the May Board Meeting, at which staff will be presenting their budgets, will take place one week later than usual on May 23rd.

B. Marketing Report

Marketing Director Lisa Plank informed Board Members of the receipt of a donation for the Meals on Wheels Program from Subaru of America in the amount of \$25,491. Ms. Plank also provided Board Members with the District's official statement regarding changes to the Tackle Football Program and informed members of the opportunity, due to the District's silver profile status, of participating in a one day fundraising event sponsored by the Kern Community Foundation.

C. Capital Improvement Projects

Park Planner/Landscape Architect Steph Sanders informed Board Members that she spent a portion of her day with the Community Development Project Officer relating to the Community Development North Beardsley skate park project and anticipates the announcement of grant recipients by the end of April.

Ms. Sanders also expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend the CPRS Conference in March and presented a conceptual schematic of the new administrative offices at RiverLakes Ranch Community Park.

D. Financial Report

Written report received.

E. Personnel Report

Human Resources Director Esther Grijalva stated the District is currently recruiting for seasonal programs and is in need of CTSA substitute drivers. The District will also be recruiting for a Groundskeeper position in the near future.

8. STAFF REPORTS (Continued)

F. Parks Division Report

Parks Superintendent Paul Anderson stated that due to drought conditions and regulations contributing to numerous dead trees throughout the District, staff has been busy removing trees along with the help of a vendor; recycling at every opportunity. The Parks Division maintenance staff is also evaluating maintenance needs and requests. With the likelihood of continued drought conditions, Board Member Ruetters inquired regarding whether staff is looking at changing tree types and species. Mr. Anderson stated that with the help of Ms. Sanders, they are exploring those options at this time.

G. Recreation Program Report

NOR Christmas Parade

Santa's Visits

Written reports received and filed.

H. Training Report

Written reports received and filed.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from First 5 Kern relating to the Neighborhood Place Community Learning Center Annual Administrative Review
- Email from David Dooley petitioning the Board to allow Advanced Parenting to place positive tips on all NOR vehicles.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Brooks Douglass stated that it is great that NOR staff members attend various conferences and trainings, i.e. CPRS, in an effort to stay abreast of trends and is appreciative of NOR's continual expansion of programs and facilities.

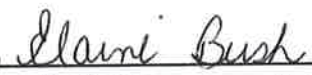
11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of North of the River Recreation and Park District scheduled on April 18, 2015.

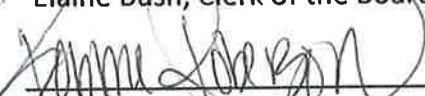
Minutes to be approved at Board
Meeting held on April 18, 2016



David McArthur, General Manager



Elaine Bush, Clerk of the Board



Bobbie Roberson, Chairperson