

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District
Minutes
of the Meeting of the Board of Directors &
Friends of Auburn Area Recreation & Parks, Inc. 501 c 3**

Thursday, January 29, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Canyon View Community Center
471 Maidu Drive
Auburn, CA

Board Members

Present: Chairman Scott Holbrook
Director Jim Ferris
Director Jim Gray
Director Gordon Ainsleigh

Board Members

Absent: Curt Smith

Staff Present:

Kahl Muscott, District Administrator
Joe Fecko, Administrative Services Manager
Pamela Vann, Landscape Architect
Patricia Larson, Recording Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Holbrook.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation from Landscape Architect Pam Vann to Max Schultz, January 2015 volunteer of the month for his Eagle Scout project of completion of a shade structure at Meadow Vista Park.

3.0 AGENDA REVIEW, CHANGES AND APPROVAL

A motion was made by Director Ainsleigh and seconded by Director Ferris to change the order of the agenda items with item 7.1 being moved to before 6.0, and 8.2 being moved to before item 8.1.

2 yes votes, Directors Ainsleigh & Ferris.

1 abstention, Director Gray.

1 no vote, Director Holbrook.

Director Smith was absent.

2 – 1 – 1 – 0, Motion did not pass. The agenda proceeded as written.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

- 5.1 Review and Approval of Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Directors**
- 5.2 Review of Cash Requirements for December, 2014 (Standing Finance Meeting)**
- 5.3 Review of Financials for November, 2014 (Standing Finance Meeting)**
- 5.4 Review of Financials for December, 2014 (Standing Finance Meeting)**
- 5.5 ARD Friend of Recreation Award Criteria Review and Possible Amendments (Program, Personnel, Policy, Fee & Legal Review Committee Meeting)**

A motion was made by Director Ainsleigh and seconded by Director Gray to approve the consent calendar.

Roll Call Vote

4 - 0 Motion carries.

Director Smith was absent.

6.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Board reports, fee waiver log, project list and vandalism report were provided to the Board under separate cover.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 New Pickleball Courts (Acquisition & Development Meeting)

Pubic Comment:

Cherry Dulaney, 182 Oak Street, Auburn, California thanked the Board for supporting the pickleball courts conversion.

Jim Latrelle, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that the tennis courts should remain and that pickleball is not conducive to tennis.

Elinor Petusky, a Newcastle, California resident gave public comment that pickleball is not interfering with the tennis players and the need is here for pickleball.

Mark Seigworth, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment in support of pickleball.

Scott Diffenbaugh, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that the tennis courts at Regional Park are being used.

Perry Spetz, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that there are tennis courts and pickleball courts in Springfield, California. Every Tuesday and Thursday, pickleball and tennis players play together.

Cherry Dulaney, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that the outdoor courts will give pickleball players time to play.

Ron Martinez, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that there was a survey done on tennis courts usage, he also did his own survey.

Jim Latrelle, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that doing your own survey is anecdotal.

Public comment was closed.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Gray to convert two tennis courts at Regional Park to six pickleball courts which is option #3.

Roll Call Vote

3 yes votes, Directors Holbrook, Ferris & Gray.

1 abstention, Director Ainsleigh.

Director Smith was absent.

3 - 0 - 1 Motion carries.

7.2 Amendments to ARD Ordinance #1 (December 2014 Board of Directors Meeting)

A public hearing was held.

Public comment:

Victoria Connelly, an Auburn, California resident and homeless advocate gave public comment that she objects to the third amendment to ARD Ordinance #1.

Jerry Mifsud, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that it is unnecessary to have the third amendment added to ARD Ordinance #1.

Ron Blair, 311 Ruby Drive, Auburn, California gave public comment in support of the third amendment to ARD Ordinance #1.

Antoinette Fubella, a member of the Homeless Forum, gave public comment that the ordinance is discriminatory if it is specifically against the homeless.

Public comment was closed.

A motion was made by Director Ainsleigh and seconded by Director Ferris to approve amendments #1 and #2 to ARD Ordinance #1 and strike proposed amendment #3.

Roll Call Vote

4 - 0 Motion carries.

Director Smith was absent.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Letter to Placer County Re: Concerns of Costco on County Owned Land (Program, Personnel, Policy, Fee & Legal Review Meeting)

Public comment:

William Wauters, a Meadow Vista, California resident and former ARD Board Member gave public comment that the letter to Placer County regarding Costco rambles.

Sandra Fogler, a North Auburn, California resident gave public comment asking the ARD Board to help save the DeWitt Theater.

Victoria Connelly, a staff member of the City of Auburn, gave public comment that ARD has the right to weigh in on the Costco project.

Eric Peach, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that there are other locations for the Costco store.

Antoinette Fubella, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that there are Native American artifacts and burial grounds in the vicinity and she supports the opposition.

Public comment was closed.

A motion was made by Director Ainsleigh and seconded by Director Holbrook to send this item to the Acquisition & Development Committee. There was no vote on the motion, motion died.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook to send the letter to Placer County.

There was no second made to the motion, motion died.

8.2 Letter in Opposition to the Lake Clementine Hydroelectric Project (December, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting)

Dan Parker, the Project Manager from Kruger Energy gave a presentation regarding the hydroelectric project. After his presentation, he announced that the project has been put on hold.

Eric Peach from Protect American River Canyons gave a presentation on how the hydroelectric project could affect the Lake Clementine – American River area.

Patty Schifferle from SCARR also gave a presentation on how the hydroelectric project could affect the Lake Clementine – American River area.

Jack Sanchez, an Auburn, California resident gave public comment that he is disappointed that Kruger has put the project on hold as he was hoping a fish ladder would be built as a result of the project.

William Wauters, a Meadow Vista, California resident gave public comment that ARD managed the Lake Clementine area before State Parks took it over.

Aaron Schultz, a resident of the area gave public comment urging the Board to write their letter of opposition to the Hydroelectric Project.

Heidi Rietjens, a resident of Auburn, California gave public comment in support of the letter of opposition to the Hydroelectric Project.

Bud Rietjens, a resident of Auburn, California gave public comment in support of the letter of opposition to the Hydroelectric Project, he also encouraged the public to write their own letters of opposition.

Dan Parker, Project Manager from Kruger Energy gave public comment that this project was not intended to cause damage.

A motion was made by Director Ferris and seconded by Director Ainsleigh to draft an alternative letter of opposition to the Hydroelectric Project by the next Board meeting.

Director Ferris withdrew the motion.

A motion was made by Director Ferris and seconded by Director Ainsleigh to send letter A to the Federal Energy Commission with modifications made by Director Ainsleigh as follows: that the remarkably scenic and sensitive Clementine Trail remain completely untouched, that no water be diverted from flowing over the dam when the flow is below 500 cfs, and all construction that could interfere with boating and boater access be done at night during months of active boater use.

Roll Call Vote

3 yes votes, Directors Ferris, Ainsleigh & Gray.

1 no vote, Director Holbrook.

Director Smith was absent.

3 -1 - 0 Motion carries.

8.3 Railhead Park Site Improvements (Acquisition & Development Meeting)

A motion was made by Director Gray and seconded by Director Ainsleigh to approve a contract to purchase a shade structure for Railhead Park from NSP3.

Roll Call Vote

4 – 0 Motion carries.

Director Smith was absent.

8.4 Quarterly Meeting of the Friends of Auburn Area Recreation & Parks, Inc. Review of 501 c (3) Financials

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Gray that the 501 c (3) Financials were reviewed and approved.

4 – 0 Motion carries.

Director Smith was absent.

9.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9.1 Overlook Park – review of Security Fencing and Gates. The Board reviewed the information provided. The fencing and gates will be kept the way they are.

10.0 BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No action will be taken at this time on any item announced or reported by a Board Member. The Board or a member of the Board may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent Meeting concerning any matter so reported, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL

Correspondence was attached.

12.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION – closed session was cancelled.

13.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation. (Gov. Code, 54954.5, subd. (e), 54957.)

Title: District Administrator

ADJOURNMENT - As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by Chairman Holbrook.

Board Secretary

Date