

**Auburn Area Recreation and Park District  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, September 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m.,  
Canyon View Community Center, Sierra Room  
471 Maidu Drive, Auburn, CA**

**Board Members**

**Present:** Vice Chairman Jim Gray  
Director Scott Holbrook  
Director Gordon Ainsleigh

**Board Members**

**Absent:** Director Mike Lynch  
Director Jim Ferris

**Staff Present:**

Kahl Muscott, District Administrator  
Joe Fecko, Administrative Services Manager  
Brian Simpson, Facilities & Grounds Manager  
Manouch Shirvanioun, Customer Service/Marketing Manager  
Sheryl Petersen, Recreation Services Manager  
Debbie Thomas, Youth Services Manager  
Mike Scheele, Project Manager/Landscape Architect  
Patricia Larson, Recording Secretary

**FLAG SALUTE – (PLEDGE TO THE FLAG)**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Vice Chairman Gray.

**2.0 INTRODUCTIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**3.0 AGENDA REVIEW, CHANGES AND APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Gray to approve the agenda as written.

**Roll Call Vote**

Director Gray – Yes  
Director Holbrook – Yes  
Director Ainsleigh – Yes  
Director Lynch - Absent  
Director Ferris – Absent

3 – 0 Motion carries.

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

**5.1 Review and Approval of the August 31, 2017 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**5.2 Review of Cash Requirements for August, 2017 (Standing Finance Committee)**

**5.3 Review of Financials for August, 2017 (Standing Finance Meeting)**

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Ainsleigh to approve the Consent Calendar.

**Roll Call Vote**

Director Gray – Yes

Director Holbrook – Yes

Director Ainsleigh – Yes

Director Lynch - Absent

Director Ferris – Absent

3 – 0 Motion carries.

**6.0 ADMINISTRATOR’S AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

## 7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 7.1 **Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution (Resolution Number 2017-13) adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Proposed Auburn (Maidu) Bike Park Project and Approving the Auburn Bike Park Project as Described and Evaluated in the Initial Study**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

STAFF PRESENTATION:

District Administrator Kahl Muscott gave a presentation on the Draft Environmental Assessment/Initial Study and the Draft Final Environmental Assessment/Initial Study of the Maidu Bike Park Project.

Members of the public asked the following questions to District Administrator Kahl Muscott regarding his presentation:

Joby Sousa asked about ARD's insurance policy. If a horse got spooked by a bike, how would that work? The injured would file a claim with ARD.

City Councilman Bill Kirby gave public comment that the City of Auburn supports the bike park and feels that the location can be policed.

Patricia Gibbs asked about the overview map and location of the bypass trail, she thinks ARD might consider aligning it mid-range.

A resident of Vista Del Lago asked about traffic and parking. How can the popularity of the bike park be evaluated? It is based off of other bike parks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Gibbs from Loomis Basin Horsemen's Association gave public comment that the Pioneer Trail was created in 1975. The bypass will be an improvement to the trail but it is not a gift to the equestrians. Trails will need to be identified i.e.: horse, bike trail.

Lou Ann Hammond gave public comment regarding her concern of the trees being taken out. How will ARD finance this bike park on an annual basis, by charging for parking/access?

Todd Silskigave public comment in support of the bike park. Fires don't happen at bike parks, (he is a firefighter). The people using the bike park will be families. The community needs walkability and bike ability.

Judy Suter read a letter. The majority of the recreation community opposes this bike park. Listen to the majority of constituents and look for a different location.

Robby gave public comment that he wants a bike park. He has been to bike parks in Oregon and Canada and he loves to bike.

Ellen MacInnes, a Riverview Drive resident gave public comment that she is concerned about the safety of pedestrians. Her property slopes toward the canyon. She does not want this right next door on her property. An encroachment will be sought by her if this location is approved, blocking off the canal trail to all use through her property.

A group of 6 children gave public comment in support of the bike park. It is good for kids to get outside and ride instead of sitting home playing video games.

An LaBar, 407 Maidu Drive gave public comment that a survey of the neighborhood shows the neighbors are opposing the bike park. Increased traffic would be significant, the bike park should be in a different location.

Jeff Dunkle gave public comment that he rides trails and is in great support of the bike park. Everything has been addressed in the environmental report.

Justin Wages gave public comment that he is in support of the bike park.

Matt Wetter gave public comment that he doesn't see how there would be a better location. Bike parks don't get huge crowds and he is 100 percent in support of the bike park.

Carol Euwema, a resident of Riverview Drive gave public comment that the trails weren't designed for a bike park. Signs won't help, there are also asbestos issues. She is for a bike park but not at this location.

Dora Wiese gave public comment that she is in favor of the bike park. It is a great family activity.

Danny Murphy, a resident of Riverview Drive gave public comment that he has issues with the environmental review. The traffic increase will be significant. The CEQA is not valid.

Janet Whitlock gave public comment that asbestos is a carcinogen that will need monthly monitoring. Asbestos exposure should be considered, the location is not a safe place for a bike park. It will bring unforeseen issues.

Jesse Warda gave public comment that biking is good healthy recreation. This is for the next generation. There is a lot of backing from the bike community.

Donna Williams gave public comment that she doesn't want a bike park at this location. She wants the trails protected, the trail is part of our heritage.

Eden Zorin gave public comment that she is a cycling student. Cycling is beneficial for health and fitness. The cycling community has a strong camaraderie. People already come to Auburn for challenging trails, it is a great destination.

Jim Nieto gave public comment that he is concerned about the bike park location. It will disrupt the peace of the area. There are safety issues and the road condition is horrible.

Brandon Scott gave public comment in support of the bike park.

Curt Christensen gave public comment that years ago, he talked to Kahl Muscott about building a bike park after the jumps at Recreation Park were levelled. No one had any issues with the jumps before, that is why the bike community wants one, they already had one.

Tom Sisson gave public comment that he supports the bike park. He was at the walk last week and noticed anger from people. No one wants to share. The parents will police the bike park.

Richard Hadley gave public comment that an analysis should be done at other sites that were considered. The analysis was flawed. He has 20 years of firefighting experience. There is a need to better address the fire situation.

Ty Sisson gave public comment that we need a bike park in Auburn, it's good for kids.

John Knutson gave public comment that the bike park can make the community better. The community wants this.

Keith Kenworthy gave public comment that there are ways to mitigate the asbestos. He rides the trails; bike parks are positive to communities.

Jeni Boltshavger gave public comment that bike parks are about kids. Not all kids like soccer or baseball. Kids want to practice their mountain biking. This is the family atmosphere that people are looking for.

Paige Ramsey who is a mountain bike coach in Auburn gave public comment that the bike park will be a place of health and wellness. Bike parks are becoming the norm.

Ben Troia, a bicycle racer & coach gave public comment that fear & conflict is a bad thing to focus on. Riding has an aerobic and psychological benefit. He radically supports the bike park and lives in the neighborhood.

Robert Sydnor, a statewide trails advocate & geologist gave public comment that he is a CEQA expert. He believes there are many mistakes in the Dudek report. Equestrians are supporting of a bike park, just not at this location. ARD should do environmental analysis of 3 or 4 other parks they own.

Diana Boyer gave public comment that the bike park is an opportunity to bring people together. Over \$70,000 has been raised for the bike park. The community can teach kids how we can share the beautiful area which is Auburn.

Rob Bixler gave public comment that this location is fantastic. It would help to connect the kids to the canyon, he would like to see kids connect to the canyon.

Public Comment was closed at 8:10 p.m.

There was a recess at 8:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Gray and seconded by Director Holbrook to adopt Resolution Number 2017-13 with the addition of improvements to Maidu Drive, looking into lighting and access to the bike park.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Director Gray – Yes  
Director Holbrook – Yes  
Director Ainsleigh – Abstain  
Director Lynch - Absent  
Director Ferris – Absent

2 – 1 – 0 Motion did not carry

A motion was made by Director Ainsleigh to continue the meeting to next month. There was no second to the motion, motion died.

A motion was made by Director Holbrook and seconded by Director Gray to continue the meeting to no later than the October 26, 2017 board meeting.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Director Gray – Yes  
Director Holbrook – Yes  
Director Ainsleigh – Yes  
Director Lynch - Absent  
Director Ferris – Absent

3 – 0 Motion carries.

## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **9.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. County Mitigation Fund, current balance \$276,624.

## **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**

Thank you letter from Stand Up Placer.

**12.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Nieto gave public comment inviting each board member to his home to see what goes on in his neighborhood after dark. He has concern about the kids that come after dark.

Paul Ramstad gave public comment that he saw no provisions for a bathroom in the plan for the bike park. He would like to see a bathroom included in the plan.

Lou Ann Hammond gave public comment asking a traffic question of wouldn't there be more of a likelihood of accidents with bikes and cars?

Ben Troia gave public comment that he appreciates all the work. He is disappointed in the ARD Board's vote. Make a decision, why add another location at this date?

Donna Williams gave public comment asking which law enforcement agency has jurisdiction at this location?

Danny Murphy gave public comment that the Board needs to address pedestrian safety.

Pat Miller gave public comment asking which law enforcement agency has jurisdiction at this location?

Diana Boyer gave public comment that she wanted to clarify the area Director Ainsleigh wants to look into is in the Auburn State Recreation Area. She thought that ARD was building the bike park on the property that ARD manages.

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION – Closed Session was cancelled.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** - As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m. by Vice Chairman Gray.

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Board Secretary

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Date

