

ORANGEVALE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors September 8, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orangevale Recreation and Park District was held on September 8, 2022, at the District Office. Director Stickney called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Directors present: Stickney, Montes, Presinal
Directors absent: Meraz, Brunberg
Staff present: Barry Ross, District Administrator
Jennifer Von Aesch, Finance/HR Superintendent
Horacio Oropeza, Park Superintendent
Jason Bain, Recreation Supervisor

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
MOTION #1 On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Stickney, the agenda was approved by a vote of 3-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions. Directors Meraz and Brunberg were absent.
5. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** No one wished to address the Board during public discussion.
6. **MINUTES**
MOTION #2 a) Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2022 (pg. 1-10): On a motion by Director Montes seconded by Director Presinal, the minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, & Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions. Directors Meraz and Brunberg were absent.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
MOTION #3 a) Messages from parents of the Jr. Giants program praising the program and OVparks employee Andrew Gross for the job he did in coordinating during this inaugural season. (pg. 11-13): Admin Ross shared accolades provided regarding OVparks Recreation Specialist Andrew Gross' involvement with this program. Approximately 180 kids participated this year with many parent volunteers. OVparks anticipates participating next year.
b) An article in the August 12 issue of the Orangevale View about the upcoming Bow Wow Days event that will be held at Orangevale Community Park on September 24 from 9am-2pm. (pg. 14): Director Montes advised of new demonstrations and activities planned for this year's event.

- c) OVparks ad in the Orangevale View to promote current and upcoming programs. (pg. 15): Admin Ross advised of ad in the Orangevale View for the Rummage Sale and Family Fright Night.
8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
- a) No report.
- 8.1. **CONSENT MATTERS GENERAL FUND**
- a) No report.
- 8.2. **OLLAD CONSENT MATTERS**
- a) No report.
- 8.3. **KENNETH GROVE CONSENT MATTERS**
- a) No report.
9. **NON-CONSENT MATTERS GENERAL FUND**
- None discussed.
10. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- a) Administration and Finance: No report.
 - b) Maintenance and Operation: No report. This committee will meet on Tuesday, September 20 at 10:30am. Directors Presinal & Meraz will attend.
 - c) Recreation Committee: No report. This committee will meet on October 27. Time to be determined. Directors Montes and Stickney will attend.
 - d) Personnel & Policy: No report.
 - e) Government: No report.
 - f) Planning Committee: No report.
 - g) Trails Committee: Trails Committee: No report. This committee will meet on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 10:30am.
 - h) Ad Hoc: No report. This committee will be formed if we need to address alternative swimming pool options if the repair project is delayed. If so, we will determine who will be committee chair and vice chair.

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a) Monthly Activity Report – August 2022 (pg. 16-20):

On July 22, District staff in need of the mandatory harassment awareness/prevention training were provided the training. The certificates earned are valid for two years.

On August 5, OVparks hosted a valuable informational meeting that was managed by KYA Group. Presentation and discussion topics included EV Charging Stations, Tree Care & Maintenance, Drought Tolerant Hybrid Bermuda Grass, and Mean Green Mowers (electric mowers). Admin Ross and four Park Maintenance staff from OVparks were in attendance along with staff from six other park and recreation agencies. SMUD has been very informative and helpful regarding EV Charging Stations. However, the Air Quality Board is a good resource for acquiring financial assistance via grants and/or credits. Many agencies are surrendering the financial benefit of having solar to put the liability on another entity to install and maintain and manage it. Admin Ross suggested the Planning Committee discuss and review this topic at the next meeting. Admin Ross mentioned that Placer County is installing Hybrid Bermuda grass turf at their parks which provides approximately 40% savings on water. The Bermuda grass is playable within eight weeks of installation. A mower specifically able to cut Bermuda grass (a reel mower) is required. Admin Ross advised that gas powered equipment will no longer be available for purchase beginning 2024.

On August 24, OVparks held the second round of interviews for the Recreation Coordinator position. We conducted two interviews. The individual will be able to start once the conditional requirements have been complete.

On August 22, Admin Ross attended the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors meeting. The topic of Park Impact Fees was on the agenda. Admin Ross was present as a supporter of this funding source that enhances our ability to add facilities to our parks as we experience housing and population growth. Every five to ten years a Nexxus study is completed. These funds are utilized for improvements to our park facilities. The Building Industry Association (BIA) voiced concern over the amount building developers are charged by Sacramento County which is greater than what the City of Sacramento charges. Several options were presented to the County Board of Supervisors. The option chosen provides that if rates increase over \$500, it is spread out over three years.

Admin Ross advised of discussion with the Sacramento County Code Enforcement regarding the neighbor's new offensive signage next to the Youth Center property. The County will be addressing this issue with the homeowner. The Board of Directors directed the Parks Maintenance staff to erect a board on OVparks property to visually

block the offensive signage displayed by noon tomorrow, September 9, 2022.

Director Stickney inquired of the implementation of Smart Thermostats throughout the OVparks Facilities. Supervisor Bain will research the feasibility and cost involved and provide findings within the next two months.

Supt. Von Aesch advised open enrollment begins in the month of October. She has emailed a spreadsheet of available plans and costs to all current full-time employees.

Park Supt. Oropeza summarized the maintenance projects ongoing. The current heatwave has had an impact on the Parks staff. Adjustments were made to accomplish main park maintenance in the morning hours to reduce exposure to the excessive heat. The dump truck bracket previously repaired was beginning to fail. Maintenance Foreman Doug Fuhlrodt and Maintenance Staff Lucas Lilly provided a necessary repair and weld of the bracket. Maintenance staff have addressed several tree limb breakages throughout the parks. Dead tree removal will be conducted, and new tree plantings will be made.

Recreation Supervisor Jason Bain explained the summer programming budget and attendance charts provided. Our summer programs were highly attended and brought in significant revenue to our general fund.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None discussed.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approve the Sacramento Tree Foundation's request to responsibly harvest acorns from native oaks within designated District parks to ensure the Foundation's ability to continue region-wide tree planting efforts. (pg. 21-23):
Admin Ross advised this request is received annually.

MOTION #3

On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Stickney, the Sacramento Tree Foundation's request to responsibly harvest acorns from native oaks within designated District parks to ensure the Foundation's ability to continue region-wide tree planting efforts and direct the District Administrator to submit the permission request on behalf of the District, was approved by a vote of 3-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, & Montes voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions. Directors Meraz and Brunberg were absent.

- b) Update on Swimming Pool Project Timeline (pg. 24): Admin Ross provided an updated timeline. The new motor is scheduled to be installed on September 19th. Aquatic Design Group has

submitted their draft schematic design drawings and documents on September 2nd. Staff is reviewing these now and expect to submit any questions and comments by September 14. Michelle Gable, ADG Engineer, has advised of an improved and less expensive method of repairing cracks. Admin Ross is to contact other agencies who utilized Aquatic Design Group to see if legal counsel was used to examine documents at this point in the process.

Supervisor Bain will be contacting the SJUSD Facilities Dept. to inquire about the availability of the Casa Roble HS swimming pool as a backup plan. He will also contact the Casa Athletic Director.

- c) Roadway/Trail Project Timeline (pg. 25): Admin Ross advised that the preliminary construction documents have been completed. He will contact Julie Newton with the County of Sacramento to follow-up regarding CEQA completion. Peter Larimer with MTW has indicated that construction could start in December for a spring completion timeline. This is dependent on the permitting timeframe as well as weather conditions.
- d) Update on Arcade Cripple Creek Trail Project (verbal): The project was passed unanimously by the City of Citrus Heights City Council on Thursday, August 11, and the contract was awarded in the amount of \$8,466,021.

On September 7, Admin Ross attended a pre-construction meeting that was attended by the Project Manager for the City, the Resident Engineers, the Contractor Project Manager, the Construction Inspector, and staff related to labor compliance, material testing, environmental compliance, design, and public relations. There were also representatives from Sunrise Recreation & Park District, SMUD, and Citrus Height Police Department.

Work is expected to begin on September 26, 2022. They anticipate needing 200 working days to complete the project. The contractor is intending to begin the project at the Sunrise Blvd. end of the trail and work eastward. There will be certain projects of the trail that will be completed out of sequence. The bridge construction will not begin until May 2023. Residents will be provided roughly two to three weeks of advanced notice before the project reaches their immediate vicinity.

OVparks will take on three smaller projects within our park boundaries:

1. Remove concrete slab at Sundance entrance and plant grass or wildflowers.

2. Install about 200' of metal post and cable fencing within Sundance Park, Streng Park, and our new strip of property near the 7-Eleven.

3. Construct wood fence (about 280' long and 6' tall) at Streng Park at the border of our park and a resident neighbor.

\$30,000 has been budgeted for these projects

Admin Ross spoke with two of the contractors present at the meeting. These contractors may be willing to complete some of the three projects in exchange for staging permission within the OVparks portion of the trail.

e) Update on survey for a Benefit Assessment (verbal):

Admin Ross met with Susan Barnes of SCI Consulting on Tuesday, 8/23, to review the progress on the survey. He requested that the survey include "trails" as a priority for future projects for the District. She requested that we send her updated photos for the survey which have been provided.

Admin Ross met with Susan Barnes again on Thursday, 8/25. She emailed a draft of the survey and the survey cover sheet. They reviewed these and together agreed that more pertinent photos were needed to better highlight our proposed projects and needs. Admin Ross reviewed the documents more closely and submitted edits and new photos to Susan.

On Friday, 8/26, Admin Ross received an email from Susan to inform that the survey should be ready to be mailed on September 15, 2022. On Wednesday, 8/31, Recreation Specialist Andrew Gross took photos of our public restrooms and trails and sent them to Susan Barnes to help complete her request for photos. Admin Ross to obtain updated drawings of the Master Plan from Peter Larimer. Once survey results have been provided, a decision will be determined in January 2023.

14. DIRECTOR AND STAFF COMMENTS

Admin Ross mentioned the Shred Event will be held during the Orangevale Farmers Market on Thursday, September 22nd from 4pm-6pm. Requested donation of \$10 for a box benefits the HART Foundation.

Part time Recreation Specialist Megan Brennan has taken another position outside of OVparks. We wish her well and are currently accepting applications for the position. If anyone is aware of a potential candidate, please have them apply.

Directors Brunberg and Meraz will not appear on the ballot since they have no opposition. They are automatically appointed. Director Presinal will appear on the ballot along with opposing candidate Jay Martinez.

Supervisor Bain advised of upcoming Rummage Sale, Bow Wow Days, Family Fright Night, Holiday Tree Lighting, and Holiday Craft Fair.

Finance/HR Supt. Von Aesch advised that she and Finance Clerk Sue Myren are preparing for the upcoming Audit. October is open enrollment for Benefits.

Park Supt. Oropeza shared that the Equipment Expo will be held on September 30th at Maidu Park in Roseville. Director Stickney voiced interest in attending this year's event. Registration is due by September 10th.

Director Stickney expressed appreciation to Park Supt. Oropeza and Admin Ross for the recent parks tour which highlighted that the park irrigation systems are holding up well through the current heatwave. He will not attend the next Board of Directors Meeting on October 13th.

Director Montes invited all to attend Bow Wow Days: A Petacular Event on Saturday, September 24th at the Orangevale Community Park from 9am-2pm. Thank you to the OVParks staff for their hard work.

Director Presinal appreciated the staff for their continued hard work.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) Discuss continuation or rescheduling of second Thursday BOD Meetings (December) to allow for receipt of budget from Sacramento County.

b) Roadway/Trail Project Update: Discuss Aquatic Design Group Schematic Design Drawings & Documents.

c) Swimming Pool update

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #4

With no further business to discuss, the general meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Stickney, the adjournment was approved by a vote of 3-0-0 with Directors Stickney, Presinal, and Montes, voting Aye. There were no Nays or Abstentions. Directors Meraz and Brunberg were absent.

Mike Stickney, Chairperson