

# ORANGEVALE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

## Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors January 31, 2019

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orangevale Recreation and Park District was held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the District Office.

*Director Stickney called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m.*

Directors present: Meraz, Swenson, Stickney, Montes (Brunberg was absent)

Staff present: Greg Foell, District Administrator

3. **CLOSED SESSION** a) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One potential case
4. **RESUME PUBLIC SESSION & ANNOUNCE ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION** No action was taken. Direction was given to staff.

*Director Stickney called the Special Meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.*

Directors present: Meraz, Swenson, Stickney, and Montes (Brunberg was absent)

Staff present: Greg Foell, District Administrator  
Horatio Oropeza, Park Superintendent  
Jason Bain, Recreation Supervisor  
Jennifer Von Aesch, Finance/HR Superintendent

7. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Meraz, the agenda was approved by a vote of 4-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Abstentions or Nays. Director Brunberg was absent.  
**MOTION #1**
9. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** There was no public discussion.
10. **MINUTES** Not discussed.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE** Not discussed.

**12. CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

**MOTION #2**

No consent items were pulled for further discussion. On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Swenson, the consent calendar was approved by a vote of 4-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Abstentions or Nays. Director Brunberg was absent.

**12.1. CONSENT  
MATTERS  
GENERAL FUND**

- a) Ratification of Claims for December 2018 (pg 1-2)
- b) Budget Status Report for December 2018 (pg 3-5)
- c) Revenue Report for December 2018 (pg 6)

**12.2. OLLAD  
CONSENT  
MATTERS**

- a) Ratification of Claims for December 2018 (pg 7-8)
- b) Budget Status Report for December 2018 (pg 9)

**12.3. KENNETH GROVE  
CONSENT  
MATTERS**

- a) Ratification of Claims for December 2018 (pg 10)
- b) Budget Status Report for December 2018 (pg 11)

**13. NON-CONSENT  
MATTERS  
GENERAL FUND**

**MOTION #3**

No non-consent items were pulled for further discussion. On a motion by Director Stickney, seconded by Director Meraz, the non-consent matters calendar was approved by a vote of 3-0-1 with Directors Swenson, Meraz, and Stickney voting Aye. Director Montes Abstained. There were no Nays. Director Brunberg was absent.

- a) Ratification of Claims for December 2018 (pg 12)

**14. STANDING  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

- a) Administration and Finance: No report.
- b) Maintenance and Operation: No report.
- c) Recreation Committee: No report.
- d) Personnel & Policy: No report.
- e) Government: No report.
- f) Planning Committee: No report.
- g) Trails Committee: No report.
- h) Ad Hoc: No report.

**15. ADMINISTRATOR'S  
REPORT**

- a) Report on Electric Greenway Trail Public Meeting on January 8, 2019 (verbal): Admin. Foell spoke about an article in the newspaper regarding this subject and highlighting the benefits of the project. He felt this public meeting went very well.
- b) County of Sacramento – Hazel Avenue Sidewalk Project Update (verbal): Admin. Foell said that this may be able to be put on the February meeting agenda. The final documents will be put

together soon. Supervisor Frost has been talking with County staff regarding the potential options for the sidewalk on the east side of Hazel. The project details are available at the County. Another project the County will be working on is on Oak Avenue in the summer of 2019; the District has requested the County pave up to the District gate at the Oak Avenue parking lot. Admin. Foell noted that most of these projects are funded by grants which can make the timing a little difficult to determine.

**16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None discussed.

**17. NEW BUSINESS**

a) Discussion Regarding Alternative Financing Options for Implementation of the District's Capital Improvement Plan (presentation): Admin. Foell scheduled this presentation to inform the Board of more options available for financing the capital improvements in each of the park master plans. David McMurchie presented information and a comparison between General Obligation (GO) bonds and different types of special taxes. He indicated a GO bond will include a new tax on the community to fund projects to improve District property, but not any operational costs. Once the projects were done and financed, the tax that supports the bond ends. Further, Prop 13 allows the District to tax a percentage of the assessed values, which increases overtime as properties increase in value. A special tax is a flat rate parcel tax so all similar property types pay the same rate. As an independent special district, the District can be awarded this tax upon a two-thirds affirmative vote. Special taxes can be used for capital improvements and to supplement operational costs as long as the purposes are fully explained in the election material. Special taxes can go on in perpetuity and not end when the capital improvement projects are completed. Mr. McMurchie also indicated that the two-thirds vote rule may change in the next couple of years if the legislature makes the decision to change the percentage vote it takes to approve a special tax. Districts can propose a sunset and an escalator as needed. Admin. Foell felt the Board should hear a presentation from SCI at the February meeting and then make a decision on a course of action at the March meeting, which the Board agreed to.

b) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Purchase of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Property at 5148 Main Avenue (pg 13-16): The District has been considering purchasing this \$80,000 building that is 2,000 square feet on seven acres of undevelopable land. Admin. Foell described the building and potential renovation costs associated with making the building functional for the District as a small recreation center. He asked David McMurchie what the District's options are if the building is underutilized in the future. Mr. McMurchie stated that Districts are allowed to surplus a property that is no longer needed and described the conditions. He cautioned that the District would

**MOTION #4**

need to consider if a future sale of the property could cover the purchase price with improvements. Director Montes believed this was not the best way for the District to spend their funds at this time. The Board also spoke about the issue with parking. Admin. Foell provided the District with an estimate on how they could renovate the building into a recreation center type building. There is a small kitchen and two large bays. Director Stickney wondered if the Fire District would donate the property to the District. Director Stickney made a motion to purchase the property, which was seconded by Director Meraz. Directors Meraz and Stickney voted Aye and Directors Swenson and Montes voted Nay. The motion failed with a vote was 2-2-0. There were no Abstentions. Director Brunberg was absent.

**18. DIRECTOR AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Superintendent Oropeza explained that they had lost several trees and tree limbs at the disc golf course and at Sundance Park.

Ms. Von Aesch said everything was well. There will be a presentation on the audit at the February meeting.

Admin. Foell noted there was a beaver issue at Sundance, and vector control responded and tore down a dam; however, the dam has been rebuilt.

Director Montes invited the Board to the Best of Orangevale award event.

Director Meraz met with the SMUD contact in charge of governmental affairs during the Electric Greenway Open House. He also met one of the designers to discuss the project.

Director Swenson stated that her husband indicated that the basketball floor was very dusty and was slippery. Admin. Foell said they will clean the floor with the cleaning machine. Supervisor Bain said they switched to a new wax, which may be the cause.

Director Stickney asked about the unevenness of the field at Orangevale Community Center Park and Superintendent Oropeza said it may be due to it being too wet but he will check further.

**19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

None discussed.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #5**

With no further business to discuss, the general meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Swenson, the adjournment was approved by a vote of 4-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Abstentions or Nays. Director Brunberg was absent.

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Mike Stickney, Chairperson