



Western Gateway Recreation & Park District

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 - 6:00pm
Buttermaker's Cottage

- 1) **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** - Chairwoman Peirce called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Vice Chair Bryant led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Nancy Peirce, Chair, present; Cliff Bryant, Vice Chair, present; Jim Driver, present (arrived late); Dan House, present; Chris Harris, present
- 3) **Introduction of guests** - Randi Huff, Janis Bumgarner, Jeri Stone, Dennis Olivarez, Lance Aldrich, Billy Bearden, Nan Spier, and Sonja Bachus.
- 4) **Agenda Approval** – Director House moved to amend the Agenda so that the topics of the Bike Park and the Volunteer Association can be discussed prior to Old Business. Director Harris seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- 5) **Public Comments** -
 - a. Memorial Bench - Dennis Olivera and Lance Aldrich approached the park about constructing a memorial bench for a recently deceased friend to be placed at the Dog Park. The Board communicated that it is reviewing its memorial bench policy, but would be open to authorizing a unique bench as a one-off. Jeri Stone agreed to work with the two men on placement. Director House moved to further investigate Mr. Olivera's proposal. Director Driver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. LINC - Billy Bearden discussed his volunteer organization, LINC (Love In Nevada County), and the history of volunteer work they've provided to Western Gateway. Mr. Bearden approached the Board about several project ideas for this year. Proposed date of work is 4/28/18.
- 6) **Minutes** – January 17, 2018 - Director House moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Director Driver seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7) **New Business**
 - a) Bike Park & Valley Oaks Development - Sonja Bachus, the Association Manager for the Valley Oaks subdivision, provided the background to resident Randi Huff's objection to the bike park. Nancy Peirce, Chairwoman of the Western Gateway Board of Directors, provided the Park's background and involvement in this project. Ms. Huff repeated her objection to the bike park, and Chairwoman Peirce suggested she reach out to the Planning Department. Ms. Huff confirmed that her objection is "based upon her dislike of children and that she is very unfriendly."
 - b) Volunteer Association - Chairwoman Peirce discussed the idea of creating a volunteer association in order to pursue further community engagement. Guest Nan Spier mentioned that she would like to get involved with such an organization.
- 8) **Old Business**
 - a) Master Plan Update - Vice Chair Bryant provided an update on the Master Plan.
- 9) **New Business**
 - c) Board Elections - Chairwoman Peirce mentioned that she would like to stay on as Chair through Spring 2018. Chairwoman Peirce nominated Vice Chair Bryant to remain as Vice Chair. Director Driver nominated Nancy Peirce to remain as Chair. In a unanimous vote, Nancy Peirce was re-elected Chair and Cliff Bryant was re-elected Vice Chair.
 - d) Western Nevada County Park Consolidation - Chairwoman Peirce provided an update on the proposed consolidation of the Western Nevada County Parks & Rec Districts.
 - e) League of Women Voters February Panel Discussion - Chairwoman Peirce discussed the upcoming League Discussion Panel on the status of recreation in Western Nevada County.
 - f) Conflict of Interest 700 Statements - Chairwoman Peirce reminded the Board Members about the upcoming deadline to submit their answers to this questionnaire.
- 10) **Correspondence**
 - a) Conflict of Interest 700 Statements - This topic was covered under New Business, Item F

- 11) **Financial**
 - a) Review & approve financial reports for November & December 2017 - Chairwoman Peirce provided an overview of the financial state of the Park. Vice Chair Bryant moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Director Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 12) **District Secretary's Report**
 - a) Project Updates - District Secretary Bringman provided an update on rentals, events, and ongoing projects.
- 13) **Advisory Groups - Presentations or reports**
 - a) Buildings and Grounds
 - i. Caretaker's Residence - Chairwoman Peirce provided an update on Bob's trailer.
 - ii. Chamber Announcement Sign - Chairwoman Peirce provided an update on the Chamber's sign.
 - b) Human Relations - No reports.
 - c) Financial - No reports.
 - d) Events - No reports.
- 14) **Liaison Reports** - Chairwoman Peirce provided an update on a recent Town Hall meeting.
- 15) **Director Comments** - Vice Chair Bryant announced that he is no longer working with Cyndi Price on forming a tax-exempt Volunteer Organization at the Park. Chairwoman Peirce announced that Cyndi Price is no longer working with the Park on the PVS Acquisition Project. Chairwoman Peirce announced the Park engaged Mike Calantouno as legal counsel in the ongoing negotiations regarding the acquisition of PVS.
- 16) **Adjournment** - Director Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Bryan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.