



Western Gateway Recreation & Park District

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Friday, August 2, 2019
Special Meeting 9:00 am
Buttermaker's Cottage

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Peirce called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2) **Roll Call** – Nancy Peirce, Chairman, Present; Dan House, Vice Chairman, Present; Chris Harris, Absent; Jeff Glover, Present; Lisa Thomas, Absent.
- 3) **Introduction of guests:** Elliott Bringman
- 4) **Agenda Approval** – Director Glover motioned and Vice Chair House seconded. Agenda approved unanimously as presented
- 5) **Public Comments** – None
- 6) **New Business**

a) Resolution to Apply for Prop 68 Grant – Elliott Bringman explained that the purpose of the grant is to re-do both playgrounds. A splashpad is impractical because of the commitment to 30 years of maintenance required (one hour daily). Playground maintenance is do-able. Chairman Peirce commented that material for both playgrounds currently costs about \$1,000 per year. Director Glover added, "plus labor", estimated at about one hour per day.

Elliott Bringman spoke about the bid he had received early this morning. The new playgrounds will have a poured rubber surface. Shade structures will add to the cost. Some minor recreational features, such as a water fountain designed for filling water bottles, were added into the cost.

He also mentioned that the California Conservation Corps will help with developing the creek trail.

Chairman Peirce explained that asking the California Conservation Corps for their involvement adds extra points which will help WGP to receive the grant.

Elliott Bringman clarified that he would hand over the grant to Chairman Peirce once received. He also informed the board that they should hear back concerning the grant by January 5th, 2020. Director Glover commented that he would help Chairman Peirce once the grant is approved.

Chairman Peirce mentioned that the park would have to "front the money". She added that the loan would be for two years maximum.

Discussion continued concerning the park's chances for obtaining the grant. Director Glover asked if Sue Hoeck should be asked for a letter of endorsement to turn in with the grant application. He also mentioned that signs should be displayed which explain the source of funds for improvements.

Chairman Peirce asked about the cost of remodeling the bathrooms. Elliott Bringman replied that it would be about \$140,000.

Elliott Bringman brought up the subject of playground equipment having developed and changed in previous years. Director Glover asked about what happens to the old equipment. Chairman Peirce answered that it goes to Mexico. She suggested that the structure not deemed unsafe might be needed in North San Juan.

Vice Chair House motioned to approve Resolution 2019-01, authorizing the Board of Directors to apply for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds. Director Glover seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

b) Chairman Peirce informed the board that she had spoken with a woman who would like to start a Growers' Market at the park. There is possibly a Growers' Market at the local nursery. She would like to wait to hear more about that before agreeing to start one here. She concluded that this could be a significant source of income for the park. Director Glover asked about parking during other big events. Chairman Peirce responded that this market would be on Thursdays and possibly Sundays.

Director Glover asked for an update on the RC track. Chairman Peirce responded that Dr. Vogel has given us a site plan and is seeking more donations.

Elliott Bringman commented that it seems like there are more indigent in the park. Chairman Peirce replied that she would talk with maintenance workers Tony and Chrissy. Elliott suggested a call to the sheriffs' office. Director Glover added that the park can ask them for more drive-throughs. Director Glover also proposed that the baseball people be told to watch for needles on the ground. Chairman Peirce mentioned that Sam Brown said to call him. The phone number for his desk is in the office.

13) Director Comments – None

14) Adjournment – Director Glover motioned and Vice Chair House seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.