**MINUTES**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Wednesday February 17, 2020

Regular Meeting 6:00 pm

Zoom/Teleconference

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** – Meeting called to order at 6:18. Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Thomas.
2. **Roll Call** – Dan House, Chairman, Present; Lee Osborne, Vice Chairman, Present; Lisa Thomas, Present; Brandon Lindsen, Present; Nancy Peirce, Present.
3. **Introduction of guests –** Sandy “Jake” Jacobson, Nevada County Recreation Coalition
4. **Agenda Approval –** Director Lindsen and Director Thomas seconded to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimous approval.
5. ***Public Comments*** – Jake Jacobson reported on the Board of Supervisors’ program offering a Gap Loan (Grant Anticipation Loan) to Districts interested in applying for a Prop 68 project and outlined the instructions. Deadline March 23, 2021. Next request would be July 1, 2021. Director Peirce questioned the interest rate and payback period which Jake answered 0% interest and loan amount due at project completion. This loan would help with the 20% funds retention at the end of the project that is written into the grant. This doesn’t help with the matching funds requirement. Director Thomas asked about “in kind labor/materials” included toward the 25% matching funds for the Per Capita Grant.

Jake reported on the formation of a Recreation Ad Hoc committee consisting of Supervisors Hall and Hoek. Additional Per Capita Funds are available through the County, deadline March 15th, 2021.

1. **Correspondence –** CARPD, February 23, 2021, Recreation Board Member Training.
2. **Board Minutes** *–* Director Peirce moved and Director Thomas seconded that the Minutes from the January Regular Meeting be approved as presented. Unanimous approval.
3. **Financial Report *–*** Director Peirce explained the expenses paid in the Misc. Office Expense Category 5035 included Quickbooks subscriptions, memberships, the annual fees paid for the Mini Storage, etc. The purchase of sprinklers had been misapplied to this account so it was corrected. Director Lindsen suggested and Vice Chairman Osborne agreed that keeping Quickbooks Payroll was worth the cost. Director Peirce also brought the Board’s attention to Category 1050 Cash in Bank Restricted $25,000 that could be used as the Per Capita Grant matching funds. Director Lindsen moved and Director Peirce seconded that the Financial Report for January be accepted as presented. Unanimous approval.
4. **Old Business**
5. Disc Golf – Chairman House reported on the requested Disc Golf expansion. Director Thomas met with Chris Carpenter from Gold Country Disc Golf Association to tour the proposed expansion area from the point of view of the walking and biking community and the trails currently in use in the area. She expressed one of her big concerns with clearing out the understory for Disc Golf use is eliminating the ecosystem for animals and native plants. Director Thomas stated they could temporarily expand for tournaments with signage and notice given to the community that some areas will be closed. Director Peirce concurred and expressed her concern in conflicting use by different groups. Disc Golf Course has the biggest footprint of any user group and giving more area is easy, but taking back area later is difficult. Director Lindsen was in favor of removing any blackberries, but he expressed his support for saving the understory native vegetation and especially the small trees that become damaged due to discs hitting them. His concern extended to the bike park area of the rogue build and the proposed addition of an advanced track on the second pump track. He advocated for an area to be set aside specifically for an open space. Director Osborne expressed that going forward a board can always revisit a decision. He expressed that they may ask for 3 holes today

and more later. He acknowledged the help they have given in keeping that area of the park maintained, but has reservations about giving more area and how much is enough. The board generally concurred that there is a need to better steward the area, develop a current map of that portion of the park, and have a Board meeting to view the area in person.

1. Animal Evacuations – Jennifer from Animal Control wasn’t available for this meeting. Item postponed.
2. Park Vendors – This item was postponed for a future meeting.
3. 700 Filing Notification – Most of the Board has complied with this requirement. Deadline is April 1st.
4. Trail Development – Director Thomas updated the board on this project. She stated some of the trail markers had been created, some trail maintenance has been done, and some acorns planted in the area of the “Rogue Build”. She pointed out the muddy area in the northwest corner out past the bike park intermediate track. Director Lindsen asked about volunteer groups and Bear Yuba Land Trust to help with trail work at the park. Director Thomas said she will identify areas that can be worked on. Director Lindsen offered to help with the trail building.
5. **New Business**
6. Canine Search and Rescue – Director Peirce reported that this group will meet at the park on February 23rd and March 2nd. The park will close early on those day for their practice/training.
7. Covid Restrictions – Chairman House stated that with the current Tier System, when our County drops to the next lower tier based on new Covid cases, baseball/softball teams will become more active. It’s most likely that the entire park will become more active. Director Peirce reported Rich Ramirez, Nevada County Adult Sports, has cancelled all leagues for the spring season.
8. North Side Internet –Chairman House reported that the Senior Softball Leagues would be interested in extending the internet signal to the ball fields on the park’s north side. This would also benefit the maintenance building area. There would be some expense that the ball leagues would share in. This would also offer an opportunity for security cameras at the ball fields and the maintenance area. Director Lindsen added that should we develop RV parking it would be a benefit. Director Peirce reported her conversation with California Solar and the internet repeater equipment being used for our solar system. She enthusiastically endorsed installing a system.
9. CARPD – Orientation invitation for Recreation & Park District Board Members February 23rd. Directors Osborne and Peirce will try to attend.
10. **Advisory Groups - Presentations or reports**
    1. Buildings and Grounds
       1. Progress on mower repairs – Director Peirce reported that repairs are continuing to be made.
       2. Firewood Program – Chairman House reported that the program is doing well. The heritage oak at the bike park has been cleaned up for bundled wood. The dead tree in the center circle will be taken down in the next few weeks. Director Thomas asked about offering wood slabs as “a piece of the park”. Chairman House and Director Peirce explained that with Tony Hill’s milling machine slabs are made and sold. Director Thomas offered to promote the program.
       3. Farmers Market/CRV Program – Director Peirce reported that new vendors are applying to the market. So far this fiscal year it has generated $6,500. CRV is working well. So far that program as brought in to over $3,799 this fiscal year.
       4. Drainage Issues – Director Thomas reported on a drainage issue with the second bike park jump lines. A muddy area has formed that is impacting the walking/bike path. This is a new area of standing water that needs to be mitigated. Director Peirce reported on the removal of jumps at the bike park “Rogue Build” and that they were incorrectly built with wood log debris embedded within the jumps. Long term the jumps would have deteriorated and certainly have been a liability.
    2. Upcoming events and reservations report
       1. Upcoming Events Report – Director Peirce reported that Music in the Mountains had revised their plans to only have one concert weekend. Sierra Brewfest has committed to the second weekend in September. Praise in the Mountains will again have their long running concert on Labor Day Weekend. Other reservation requests are beginning to happen. By all accounts it should be a good year for rentals. Director Thomas asked about Movie Night and Director Peirce responded that it was something that was in the works. Director Thomas asked about vendors at that event and Director Peirce responded that it was being considered.
11. **Director Comments**

Director Lindsen – Asked about hiring a secretary. Director Peirce offered to place an ad and put together a list of candidates. Director Lindsen and Chairman House agreed to do the interviewing.

1. **Adjournment –** Director Peirce moved and Director Thomas seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

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