

Western Gateway Recreation & Park District

MINUTES

Board of Director's Meeting

April 19, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Peirce at 6:33pm. Director Lindsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll call** – Nancy Peirce – Chairman, Dan House – Vice Chairman, Director Brandon Lindsen, Director Sharon Lewis
3. **Introduction of guests**- Tom Harnett, Dennis Nix, Chris Carpenter, Todd Ferry
4. **Agenda Approval** – Vice Chairman House made a motion to move item 10a Bocce Ball to after Public Comments. Director Lindsen seconded it. Passed unanimously .
5. **Public Comments** –

Chris Carpenter presented new names to the board. Gold Country Disc Golf has a new president – Alex Marche. Carpenter had two items he would like to discuss. He would like to discuss doing maintenance and updating benches by either adding benches or moving them. He was not sure who to approach with regards to maintenance. With regards to the utilization of equipment by disc golf volunteers, a waiver needs to be signed. With regards to benches, Director Lindsen suggested to go ahead with direct replacement. Director Lindsen and Vice Chairman House are open to walking the course with Mr. Carpenter. It was requested that GCDG come back with a map. GCDG would also like to replace bridges. Direct repair/replacement needs to be budgeted. Budget will be brought to the next Board meeting. Carpenter is willing to provide the materials and will work with Hills Flat.

Dennis Nix expressed that he was representing the community and wants to figure out what is going on with the restrooms. He is willing to help if necessary. Chairman Peirce agreed there has been some negligence. Soap dispensers are missing due to vandalism. Park is in the process of retraining maintenance in order

that the process will be more thorough and upkeep will be more effective. At Chairman Peirce's suggestion, Mr. Nix offered to help w
with the set-up of the game cams and Mr. Harnett offered to work with him.

Tom Harnett gave an update on the upcoming fundraiser for the Dog Park – Flea market to be Held May 6th from 9-3pm Booths are \$20. It will be located in the main parking lot. There are 35 vendors and 3 food vendors.

10a – Bocce Ball Todd Ferry discussed the Bocce Ball Courts. He had last spoken with the park last February. The Courts had been built for the Italian Festival in 2012. The courts are about 11 years

old. The carpet is worn out. It has about a year or two left. Their club that plays Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a lot of interest in the courts. He thinks it would be great to see them grow.

He puts on tournaments and gets some of the best Bocce Ball players in the country in attendance. It would be nice to get some landscaping and shade. They have been talking about grants and has gotten some pricing on carpets and plywood. New carpet would last twice as long. Premier has carpeting for about \$12,000. Ferry recommends seamless. He doesn't know about grants, but would like to get some. Peirce- Bocce income from June 2021-2022 was \$500. That was from Ferry's tournaments. Ferry – Lots of people do fundraisers. The club could do some of that. He thinks that there is money there if league play is going. Martinez - Bocce Courts generate a lot of income. Chris Carpenter gave a brief report on Disc Golf tournaments. Ferry - Bocce could do 4-6 per year. Peirce – the park does have access to a grant writer. There is a grant writing contractor at the county that looks for grants. Peirce and Ferry could get together to see if they could find a grant specifically for Bocce. Ferry asked if the grant is 100% financing. Peirce explained that it could be. It also depends on how tight it needs to be defined. Ferry suggested covering the courts to help expand their life-span or add a solar array. Peirce explained the three different streams of income that the park relies on for its budget. The park does not have money in the budget for something that only generates \$500/yr. Peirce is very willing to work with Ferry to find an appropriate grant.

6. **Correspondence** – None

7. Board Minutes – Director Lewis made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented. Vice Chairman House seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. **Financial Report** – Financials will be approved next meeting. Peirce did state that the park has received its annual April parcel revenue of \$43,000. Balance was \$102,950.27. Director Lindsen asked whether we could make a bulk payment to Solar. Peirce said yes, but the bulk of the interest has been paid. We are 4 years through the loan, and questioned whether that money could be better spent elsewhere. Our current payment is between \$1400 and \$1500 per month. Peirce led a review of the Profit and Loss with a previous year comparison. Payroll expenses are down. Does that give us room to hire caretaker/janitorial? Next month, in the end of May, we will do a budget workshop to vote on at the June meeting.

9. **Old Business**

- a. Bike Park/Dog Park. Tom Harnett gave an update on the dog park. They did not get the grant and will not be pursuing a grant for a water storage facility. They will launch a newsletter in a month. They are in the process of loading everything to a google drive where the board will have access to everything. They will probably organize a volunteer day. Harnett presented a modified waiver which included the dog park. Peirce stated that it needed Board approval. The rattlesnake clinic was successful. They are thinking of having another event in August. They just created a new trifold and business cards.
- b. Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Grant – The Cottage sidewalk project grant wasn't awarded. Another grant opportunity is a Caltrans grant. Chairman Peirce is working with Sandy "Jake" Jacobson and Erika Seward from the county. She will have a phone meeting with Erika tomorrow. The county has contracted with Doug Fleming, who wrote the grant for the ball fields/RV park. The grant would propose fence and landscaping adjacent adjacent to HWY 20 and the dog park along with a bike trail that would circumvent the park. The main feature of this grant is the repaving/upgrading of the current Penn Valley Drive bike trail with. It is over a \$1,000,000 grant.
- c. Men's Softball League – Vice Chairman House gave an update on the AED unit. It is here and is present at games. Cost was \$1720. \$720 came from Seniors. Dan fixed the fence in the outfield. He will check on the net. It was a \$120.74 expense. Park needs to do fertilizing and seeding, so that expense will be coming in. Director Lindsen will reach out to Mike at NC Farm Supply. Eventually the irrigation intake needs to be cleaned

out. Chairman Peirce – Two trees fell by the intake. It needs to be discussed as to how to get the trees out of the creek. Bob was talking about a company that has a crane. Tree falling companies usually use Auburn crane and it usually starts around \$2000 and can go as high as \$5000. Director Lindsen will be speaking to his sprinkler contact.

- d. Main Restroom Walkway – Director Lindsen gave an update. It is slated for demo on May 1st. It should be completed by Thursday of that week.

10. New Business

- a. Bocce Ball – moved to after Public Comments
- b. Softball fence – discussed under item 9c.

11. Advisory Groups – Presentations

- a. Buildings and Grounds
 - i. General Park Maintenance – Bob needs more weed spray. Grass looks good.
 - ii. Firewood Program, Farmer’s Market, CRV Program – Firewood is done for the season. Farmer’s Market has started. April 16th is a little iffy as it is the same day as the Daffodil Run. Hopeful to have 10 vendors. First day was ½ time and everyone was happy. Chairman Peirce has still been doing the paperwork. She is concerned about corner uncertified vendors. CRV trailer is still being put out on Thursdays.
- b. Upcoming events and reservations report. District Secretary Destiny Bradt gave a report on upcoming events. United Way Grills and Grilles is scheduled for May 13th. MIM – June 29- July 3rd. Thrive has been cancelled. Art Festival – June 3rd. There have been lots of reservations including Celebrations of Life and weddings.

- 12. **Director’s Comments** – Chairman Peirce stated that the Dog Park cannot add to the volunteer liability form. She will run it by our insurance company to make sure that it is compliant with their needs. Director Lewis stated that you can clean the bathrooms 100x a day and they are still not going to be clean.

- 13. **Adjournment** – Director Lindsen made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman House seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned 8:52pm.