



# Western Gateway Recreation & Park District

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday May 19, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:00 pm

Zoom/Teleconference

- 1) **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm. **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** – Gladys Martinez, Roger Morgan, Sharon Lewis, Sandy “Jake” Jacobson, Frank Goss, and Mike Colom.
- 4) **Agenda Approval** – *Director Peirce moved and Director Thomas seconded that item 9c to be addressed when Jake Jacobson was able to join the meeting. Unanimously approved.*
- 5) **Public Comments** – No comments.
- 6) **Correspondence** – Letter from District resident Halle Trembly was read.
- 7) **Board Minutes** – *Minutes from the April Regular Meeting will be reviewed at the June meeting.*
  
- 8) **Financial Report** – *Director Peirce reported that the Parcel Fees for April had been received and were accounted for in the financial report. She also pointed out monies received in the Restricted account. She reminded the Board that the Restricted funds can be used as the “in-kind” obligation for the Prop 68 Grant. In both the Restricted and Operating accounts there is \$139,535.91. Director Osborne requested the actual amounts for the Restricted and the April Parcel Fee income. Director Lindsen pointed to the Profit and Loss by Class Report for April, Restricted Account 4105 for \$2,805 and Parcel Fee Account 4400 \$43,000 + Director Lindsen moved and Director Peirce seconded that the Financial Report for April be accepted as presented. Unanimously approved.*
  
- 9) **Old Business**
  - a) *W. Nevada County Rec & Park District Meeting – Director Peirce reported on the April 29th Zoom meeting with Supervisor Hoek and Sandy “Jake” Jacobson that she and Chairman House attended. Also, present at the meeting were representatives of the Oak Tree R&PD and Bear River R&PD. The context of the meeting was to discuss how the Districts might receive help from the County. Discussion centered on the past Recreation Departments Consolidation attempt, sharing of employees, and Bear River Recreation Programs. General consensus at that meeting was any cooperation between Districts would be problematic due to distance between Districts. Director Peirce presented the idea that Western Gateway might explore the possibility of implementing a Recreation Program using the Bear River model where the program is self-supporting once it got up and running. Chairman House concurred. Vice Chairman Osborne expressed his support and Director Lindsen commented that his only concern was that the implementation of the program would be administration heavy. Director Peirce explained that a part-time person would need to be hired just for that purpose, but the program fees would cover the cost of that employee. Director Peirce will contact BRR&PD to gather more information and present it to the Board at a future meeting.*
  - b) *Penn Valley Incorporation –Directors Lindsen and Thomas attended the May 13th meeting on incorporation of Penn Valley. Director reported that about 40 community members attended the meeting and asked a lot of questions. Funds are still be raised for the Feasibility Study. There is a fundraiser being planned.*
  - c) *Prop 68 Per Capita Grant – Jake Jacobson spoke on the three possible projects for the grant application. Director Peirce reported that she didn't have information on the tennis court project. Director Thomas had questions about the scope of the restroom project. Jake commented that any project would need to be ADA compliant and discussion on the work the current restrooms might need to meet current standards. Director Lindsen stated he has one bid on the concrete pad under the solar array. More work needs to be done so a decision could be made to select a project.*
  - d) *Trail Development – Director Thomas has recruited a community member to help with the Trail Development project. She reported that the dismantled bike tracks still need to be cleaned. She explained that the original trail that was disrupted needs to be re-established with a downed tree removed and trail improved. Trail Markers are still being fabricated and placed.*



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## 10) New Business

- a) Creekside Crossing MOU – *Mr. Morgan presented his plan for developing the Creekside Crossing. Using a PDF presentation, Mr. Morgan explained his concept for a mixed-use work/live community, with boutique hotel, narrow streets, and amenities for residents and visitors alike. He estimated 120-140 condominiums in the projects. His presentations included architectural renderings to illustrate the concept. The development has yet to overcome County mandated secondary emergency access. Mr. Morgan presented a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between his development company, Steelheart International, and Western Gateway Park where SI would contribute money that WGR&PD would use to purchase property adjacent to WGR&PD's eastern boundary near the baseball fields. Vice Chairman Osborne asked where the funding would come from for the purchase, had positive thoughts about the type of development proposed, but expressed concerns about the MOU's wording and reclamation of the Creekside Mobil Home Park's sewer ponds. Director Lindsen express his positive thoughts concerning the development concept, but thought the concept of a MOU for the purchase of property that isn't for sale was flawed. Director Thomas thought the development concept was good, but wasn't in favor of such a development in Penn Valley. She thought it would be better suited to an area like Grass Valley. Sharon Lewis, Creekside Mobile Home Park, assured everyone that the responsibility for the clean-up of the sewer ponds is with the Mobile Home Park and they fully plan to follow through with it. However, it does take time for the process to get approved, to get their Park hooked to the new system, and other issues before they can get started. Director Peirce stated that she has made public statements in favor of the project and over the course of the past year has attended meetings and worked with Mr. Morgan on the project. Having done so, she wouldn't vote or join in discussion that might sway other Board members. She considered this MOU a draft and that no vote needed to be taken at the meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Morgan for attending.*
- b) County Credit Card Offer – *Director Peirce presented the idea of joining Nevada County in processing credit cards with their provider. This initial inquiry won't obligate the park at this time, but would allow for further investigation to see if it would be beneficial. Director Osborne moved and Director Thomas seconded that the BOD pursue joining Nevada County the process of accepting credit cards. Unanimous approval.*
- c) Bocce Court Monument – *Director Peirce moved and Director Thomas seconded that the Board with the Italian Cultural Club to install a monument thanking contributors to the building of the bocce courts. Unanimous approval.*
- d) LAFCo Vacancy – *Director Osborne moved and Director Thomas seconded to nominate Director Peirce as a candidate to fill a LAFCo vacancy. Unanimous approval.*

## 11) Advisory Groups - Presentations or reports

- a) Buildings and Grounds
  - i) Park Maintenance – *Chairman House and Director Peirce reported on repairs to both the John Deere and Grass Hopper lawn mowers. Director Lindsen asked about a estimate on replacement of a mower. Director Peirce explained that the thought was to add a mower rather than replacement. The was also discussion on the irrigation pump overheating.*
  - ii) Firewood Program, Farmers Market, CRV Program – *Director Peirce reported that firewood sales are slowing down. Farmers Market is doing great. Vendors seem to be making money and seem to be happy to be attending. Director Peirce is still looking for vendors. CRV program is getting a lot of donations. Some help is needed to sort CRV. Director Peirce asked Hope, Nevada County Work Release Program, if more help could be sent. Director asked about volunteers from the AIM program and Director Peirce explained how that group will be helping. Director Thomas stated she has a contact at PRIDE she will contact about volunteering.*
- b) Upcoming events and reservations report
  - i) Upcoming Events Report – *The park has been busy with reservations. Director Peirce reported on several reservations and events such as Music in the Mountains, a Celebration of Life concert in September, weddings, dance recitals, etc.*

12) **Director Comments** – *Director Thomas stated that while walking the area where the rogue bike track had been taken down, she thought the Board had made the correct decision in having it removed. Director Osborne reported there had been a news article about an illegal bike track build in an area in our region that also had been removed for similar reasons.*

13) **Adjournment** – *Director Peirce moved and Director Thomas seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:29*