



Western Gateway Recreation & Park District

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Wednesday April 21, 2021
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm
Zoom/Teleconference

- 1) **Meeting Called to Order** at 6:08 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** – Sandy “Jake” Jacobson, Gladys Martinez, Sharon Lewis, Mike Colom, Diana Dobbins, Kelly Laphin, Tommy & Sharon ?
- 4) **Agenda Approval** – Move agenda item 9e to replace 9a, 9c to follow 9a. Item 10a will follow 9c.
- 5) **Public Comments** - None
- 6) **Correspondence** - None
- 7) **Board Minutes** – Director Lindsen moved and Director Thomas seconded that the minutes from March 2021 be approved as presented. Unanimous approval.
- 8) **Financial Report** – Director Lindsen moved and Director Thomas seconded that the financial report from March 2021 be approved as presented. Unanimous approval.
- 9) **Old Business**
 - a) **Animal Evacuations** – No response from Animal Control so no discussion.
 - b) **RC Rock Crawler Park Proposal** – Director Lindsen reported that he met with John Vogt of RC Car Group and Robin Chambers of the Rock Crawler Group to survey the proposed area for the development of the RC Rock Crawler area. They placed flags to define the area. They will develop one area at a time. He shared a map of their proposal with five bullet points on what they will build and will be responsible.
 - c) **Prop 68 Per Capita Grant** – Jake Jacobson met with board members and referenced the park's Master Plan and that any project would need to be on the Master Plan. Projects being considered to date are playground replacement, restroom renovation, concrete under the Solar Array, trail bridges, RV Parking, Softball Field renovation, tennis court conversion to pickleball. Discussion follow concern the viability of each project. Director Thomas volunteered to follow up on the restrooms, Director Peirce will investigate tennis/pickleball courts, and Director Lindsen will continue working on the concrete under the solar array.
 - d) **Trail Development** – Director Thomas updated the Board on recent trail work done with her new battery-operated weed wacker. She also needs help for certain aspects and will keep the Board updated.
 - e) **Disc Golf** – Board continued discussion on expansion of the Disc Golf area. Chris Carpenter was present to represent the Gold Country Disc Golf Association. Director Peirce outlined board visits to the disc golf area and meeting discussions that had already taken place. Chris then outlined expansion ideas and impacts. Director Thomas stated that from her point of view she didn't think expansion of the Disc Golf area was a good idea for the park and other user groups. She thinks the proposed area would better be used for hikers/walkers and bike trails. Director Lindsen agreed that any expansion for any user group should be put on hold until the General Plan can be reviewed. Director Peirce concurred that any undeveloped park area should first be available to trails for walkers. She had concerns surrounding walkers using park vehicle roads and the potential for injury. Developing trails for walkers could mitigate some of those concerns. Director Lindsen moved that there be no permanent expansion of the Disc Golf Course, but



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There could be temporary expansion to accommodate tournaments, with prior board approval, and do not impact other park users. Director Thomas seconded. Unanimous approval.

- f) Park Vendors – The Board was presented with a draft contract for Park Vendors. Discussion followed and it was determined three areas were in need of being refined: 1) Strike no glass allowed 2) Parking assignment clarified on both the instructions/agreement as well as the application 3) Insurance requires WGP named as also insured. After changes are made, the Board will vote to approve.

10) New Business

- a) W. Nevada County Rec & Park Dist. Meeting – Board was advised of the upcoming meeting with Supervisor Hoek on April 29th at 3 pm. Chairman House and Director Peirce will attend.
- b) Penn Valley Incorporation – Director Peirce and Director Lindsen introduced the principals and guests present on the incorporation issue. Mike Colom gave an introduction of the idea and positive aspects of incorporation. He discussed the feasibility study and the money that has been raised to date toward the costs. Next organizational meeting will be April 29th. Director Osborne compared this with the incorporation of Truckee saying many of the concerns were similar for both areas. He cautioned that the park district was different than the area of the fire district or that possibly of the incorporation. He also related how incorporation impacted the Truckee Recreation & Park District and why that Board decided to remain a Special District. Gladys Martinez related her experience with the county and why she supported incorporation. Director Peirce expressed that the feasibility study results would offer more information as to the impact on the WGR&PD. With that information the WGP Board would better be prepared to endorse (or not) the incorporation. Director Thomas express that a benefit to WGP with incorporation would be better coverage of Law Enforcement. This item will be on a future agenda as information develops.

11) Advisory Groups - Presentations or reports

- a) Buildings and Grounds
 - i) Park Maintenance – Irrigation water intake was cleaned out and irrigation has begun. Chairman Thomas volunteered to do some weed wacking.
 - ii) Progress on mower repairs – Director Peirce reported a \$600.00 part was needed for the Grasshopper.
 - iii) Blue Bird House Update – Director Peirce showed photos sent by the Sylvia Gordon, Blue Bird Nest Monitoring Project Nevada and Placer Counties. She also gave numbers of boxes monitored, eggs, fledglings, and species of birds.
 - iv) Firewood Program – Director Thomas offered to donate wood. Director Peirce commented that the large tree still needs to be removed from the center circle.
Farmers Market – Director Peirce reported that May 6th begins the summer market with 18 vendors.
CRV Program – Director Peirce reported that CRV donations continue. There is a need for volunteers to sort the CRV. Hopefully the AIM Program with help with that.
- b) Upcoming events and reservations report
 - i) Upcoming Events Report – Director Peirce reported reservations are continuing to come in. Center for the Arts cancelled all five of their reservations due to the expected lifting of the Covid restrictions on June 15th.
 - ii) Recreation Sports – Director Peirce reported that Little League is going to have a regular season, but won't have an opening day. Rich Ramirez cancelled his reservations for his adult league. Chairman House expects a full season for both the Master League and Senior League.

12) Director Comments

- a) Director Thomas thanked Director Peirce for her work on the Farmers Market.
- b) Director Peirce commended Director Lindsen for his work on the grant, the RC Crawler Track, and attending the Incorporation meetings.

- 13) **Adjournment** – Director Lindsen moved and Director Thomas seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:40