



Western Gateway Recreation & Park District

Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday July 21, 2021

Regular Meeting 6:00 pm

Online Zoom Meeting

- 1) Call to Order by Vice Chairman Lee Osborne. Pledge of Allegiance led by Sandy Jacobson.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Dan House, Chairman, Absent; Lee Osborne, Vice Chairman, Present; Lisa Thomas, Present, Brandon Lindsen, Present, Nancy Peirce, Present.
- 3) **Introduction of guests** – Sandy “Jake” Jacobson
- 4) **Agenda Approval** – Director Peirce and Director Lindsen seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Unanimous approval.
- 5) **Public Comments** - None
- 6) **Correspondence** -
- 7) **Board Minutes** – Director Thomas moved and Director Peirce seconded that the Minutes from the April meeting be approved as presented. Unanimous approval. June minutes will be presented a future meeting.
- 8) **Financial Report** – Director Peirce gave a brief summary of the current financial picture including recent rental revenue, status of baseball income, and employee wages. Director Lindsen moved and Director Thomas seconded that the June Financial reports be approved as presented. Unanimous approval.
- 9) **Old Business**
 - a) Prop 68 Per Capita Grant – Director Peirce reported that she was unable to have the playground survey due to lack of manpower at movie night.
 - b) Trail Development – Director Thomas reported widening the trail using rocks and many branches dropping in the area of the trail. There are also ground squirrels undermining the oak trees. She also reported a couple of more trail markers have been placed. The heat wave has prevented much trail work from being done.
 - c) County Credit Card Offer – Director Peirce has heard nothing from the County so no update.
- 10) **New Business**
 - a) LE and Crime Watch – Director Thomas reported that our staff is contacting her with information on any problems they encounter at the park which she is then documenting. Director Thomas is also monitoring social media and getting information from the community there. Apparently, there is foot traffic coming over the highway fence to access the baseball area. She called Caltrans to report the condition of the fence to be repaired. Director Thomas also reported a tent camper in the back corner of the park. She had a conversation with Mike Bingham, the Community Outreach Coordinator from the Sheriff's Office. Apparently, some of the reported suspicious activity is not being documented by the Sheriff's Office as the Officer couldn't find any reports in the data base for Western Gateway. She suggested that the BOD needs to take control of this situation by documenting, reporting these incidents, and organizing an event to inform the community how to become more involved. Director Lindsen suggested signs giving the non-emergency number to call the Sheriff's Office. Director Peirce outlined some issues and concluded this is a community problem not just a park problem. She suggested some avenues that might be explored including a Neighborhood Crime Watch group. Vice Chairman Osborne suggested that the reporting needs to continue for documenting and informed the Board there is now an app for the Sheriff's Office called NCSO where non-emergency incidents can be reported and a report number assigned. He also suggested that the reports may be difficult for a new officer to locate rather than not being recorded. He further suggested that based on his experience, a Townhall request be sent through Sheriff Moon. Director Thomas proposed that we send a letter to Sheriff Moon signed as a Board. Ms. Jacobson noted that September 25 is National See Something Say Something and a great time to promote community awareness. She also gave an email address for Sheriff Moon.
 - b) Recreation Committee Meeting –Ms. Jacobson reported on the recent meeting with Supervisor Hoek. The focus was on administrative tasks. Director Peirce shared Ms. Jacobson's list as she edited it with how those tasks are distributed at the Park. Ms. Jacobson is proposing a position could be created and funded by the County to take over some of the tasks. She also asked about the Resolution to request the County to collect the parcel fees. The American Rescue Plan funding was referenced by Vice Chairman Osborne.



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- c) LAFCO – After discussing the two candidates for the open LAFCo Director position, Director Lindsen moved and Director Thomas seconded that the Board vote for candidate Nancy Peirce. Roll Call vote, ayes, Osborne, Thomas, Lindsen, Peirce. Nays, none. Absent, House.

11) Advisory Groups - Presentations or reports

a) Buildings and Grounds

- i) Park Maintenance – Director Peirce reported that the sprinkler irrigation system is having significant breakage. She suggested perhaps it might be time to get someone to help with the repairs. She related that it might be helpful to again look at a resident groundskeeper. Director Thomas proposed that using a retired military or law enforcement could be an advantage. Director Lindsen proposed a couple of different individuals that might be able to help in the short term and also the long term. Vice Chairman Osborn presented the idea of Workampers to which the other Directors supported.
- ii) Firewood Program – Directors Thomas and Peirce reported on all the trees and limbs falling down. Director Thomas will contact a tree service to help.
- iii) Farmers Market – Director Peirce updated vendors coming to the market. She attended the Nevada City Farmers' Market and identified three vendors that might be interested in joining our market.

b) Upcoming events and reservations report

- i) Upcoming Events Report – Director Peirce reported the MIM concert was a success. The Reggae Concert is upcoming, for a total of 4 concerts this season. Also, Praise in the Mt., Sierra Brewfest, Community Yardsale, and Grill and Grilles by United Way.
- ii) Movie Night – Director Peirce reported that movie night is continuing to be a success.
- iii) Recreation Programs – Director Peirce reported that planning for this program is ongoing and the possibility of using the garage as a storage center.

12) Director Comments:

Director Thomas – Suggested checking with the different after school programs.

Director Lindsen – Asked about the status of the Bike Park. Director Peirce reported the well water isn't being utilized for either the Bike Park or Dog Park. The Bike Park group and their MOU is generally inactive. BONC and YBONC should be contacted to see if they might step up. Director Lindsen volunteered some pine logs to put at the Bike Park. He also reported walking around the park.

Vice Chairman Osborne – He's encouraged that there may be some funding available.

- 13) **Adjournment** – Director Peirce moved and Director Thomas seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous approval. Adjourned at 8:17 pm