

Marinwood Community Services District

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday July 11, 2017

Time and Place: 7:30PM Marinwood Community Center classroom.

Present:

Board Members: President Bill Shea, Izabela Perry, Irv Schwartz and Jeff Naylor.

Absent: Leah Green.

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Fire Chief Thomas Roach, Recreation Director Shane DeMarta, Firefighter Sean Day and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sullivan.

Others Present: Stephen Nestel and Ray Lorber.

Open Session Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

No changes or additions.

Consent Calendar

a. *Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 13, 2017:* Dreikosen noted a motion/second was added to the draft minutes under Consent Calendar to reflect proper protocol.

b. *Bills Paid Nos. 1052-1193:* Naylor asked why the retirement amount was higher. Dreikosen replied it was due to the semi-annual payment of firefighter holiday pay. Shea questioned the bill to Kaiser. Roach replied it was for firefighter's annual physicals. Nestel asked why revenues were omitted. Shea replied the Board is discussing bills right now. Nestel stated the amount of money being paid for Jazz camps is large; the public doesn't know where the revenues are going. DeMarta replied Specialty camps are split with the Instructors usually 80% 20%. Specialty camps cost the District very little and we receive 20% of revenue. It's a good deal for the District.

M/s Perry/Schwartz to approve Consent Calendar as amended. Ayes: Perry, Shea and Schwartz. Abstaining: Naylor. Absent: Green. Motion carried.

Public Comment Open Time for Items Not on Agenda

Nestel stated he is concerned with the future of the CSD, concerned with pension costs and taxes.

District Matters

1. *Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Audit Engagement with RJ Ricciardi, Inc.:* Dreikosen stated he would recommend RJ for one more year. They have been very helpful with the accounting transition. Perry commented she agrees, but would like to see the task out to bid for next year. Naylor agreed. Nestel commented the District went with another firm four years ago and didn't receive a good report; the District needs a new auditor next year.

M/s Perry/Naylor to approve Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Audit Engagement with RJ Ricciardi, Inc. Ayes: Perry, Naylor, Shea and Schwartz. Absent: Green. Motion carried.

2. *Marin County Grand Jury Report: Draft Response to Recent Report "Marin's Retirement Health Care Benefits: The Money Still Isn't There":* Perry commented the drafted response is well written and the District is currently in negotiations and OPEB is a priority. Schwartz commented to change grammatical errors on the first two bullet points of the cover page. Naylor stated the overall tone of the response relates that the Board is well aware of the OPEB and Pensions issues. Cost containment is critical for the District and Naylor stated he is not in favor of pushing these costs to the taxpayers. Nestel commented the District needs a plan of action; and believes the District needs better discipline as well as charging higher prices for outside consumers.

M/s Perry/ Naylor to approve response to Recent Report "Marin's Retirement Health Care Benefits: The Money Still Isn't There" as amended. Ayes: Perry, Naylor, Shea and Schwartz. Absent: Green. Motion carried.

3. *Marin County Grand Jury Report: Draft Response to Recent Report "The Budget Squeeze: How Will Marin Fund Its Public Agency Pensions":* Naylor wanted included in the response that Appendix F of the report is incorrect in that the safety employees were represented, but not the miscellaneous employees. The pension contribution as percentage of revenue is 6.9% not 5.5%. Naylor further stated without any meaningful conversations and movement with the employee group regarding their 3@50 plan the District will likely go bankrupt. Over the course of recent discussions with the employee group, they have displayed blind, uncommunicative and poor leadership; as a result they've lost their strongest advocate. Perry commented this is a grave point and would like to see a forecast tool for revenues and expenditures. Schwartz stated looking at the yearly budget the District is not in poor shape, but that view does not include pension liabilities. Naylor stated that will be legally mandated by next year. Nestel thanked Naylor for his moral obligation, but commented the Fire Department has to work something out with San Rafael. Too much of the service the Marinwood Fire Department does is outside its borders.

M/s Naylor/ Perry to approve as amended Marin County Grand Jury Report: Draft Response to Recent Report "The Budget Squeeze: How Will Marin Fund Its Public Employee Pensions." Ayes: Perry, Naylor, Shea and Schwartz. Absent: Green. Motion carried.

4. *District Manager Report*: Dreikosen commented he had spent about six hours with FEMA and CalOES to look at all sites impacted by the winter storms. We are waiting on an eligibility report. Dreikosen stated he had reached out to another geotech firm in hopes of having someone analyze the sites impacted. Naylor stated he would rather pay out of pocket now rather than pay to have the pump house lifted out of the creek. Schwartz stated geotech firms are slammed out at the moment, but so are contractors; time constraints are a factor. Naylor stated if the pool fails it has a large negative impact on the Recreation Dept. DeMarta replied yes, it would be catastrophic.

Fire Department Matters

1. *Fire Activity Summary and Chief Report*: Roach reported Wildland season is upon us, the Department has declined to be on the Strike Team list due to staffing issues. The CERT Trailer was very handy last week when the community experienced a power outage. Naylor asked when Heine will return to work. Roach replied he is unsure.

2. *Review and Potential Approval of Bid for Firehouse Kitchen Remodel**

**As of the publish time of the agenda, the bid had yet to be received by the District. Should the bid be received prior to the meeting, it will be shared with the Board and public during the meeting for potential approval:* Roach stated SB854 has been modified so that any project under \$25,000 does not require prevailing wage. The first bidders that were contacted have stopped returning our calls and the Department is going on 4 months without a kitchen. Unfortunately the bid that arrived today was about \$100,000, which is not feasible. Schwartz asked if there was anything in the planned drawings that could be cut to reduce costs. Roach replied he will revisit the plan.

Park and Recreation Matters

1. *Draft Minutes of Park and Recreation Commission meeting of June 27, 2017*: Schwartz commented on Tune's idea for a Memorial Policy. Nestel stated the park panhandle is really beat down and needs restoration and then be left alone. Nestel commented he would like to see park benches placed periodically on the path.

2. *Park Maintenance Facility Replacement Initiative: Update*: Dreikosen commented he and DeMarta had met with Marin Project Coordination Group consisting of environmental regulatory agency representatives and presented a few plans and provided information; we received good feedback. Next step is to contact County for a planning consultation. Lorber commented he is with the Miller Creek Watershed Stewards and would like to know more about the project; he has some concerns. Nestel commented he would like all the names of the people that attended the meeting with Dreikosen and DeMarta as well as to know which sites were submitted. Dreikosen replied no plans were submitted; this meeting was from a regulatory standpoint and was informal. Nestel stated the District is ignoring the Stream Conservation Ordinance the building is on the streambank; the seven neighbors that live in the area are strongly against the project; the Board needs to listen to the public, the Board does not make decisions for the public. Nestel continued he expects professionalism and a responsibility to the environment from the District. Naylor replied the structure needs to be replaced it is a hazard to our employees and a hazard to the Districts assets. The facility has been located there for decades and was present when the neighbors bought their properties. Dreikosen commented there is mis-information being stated about the District ignoring environmental issues.

3. *Recreation and Park Maintenance Reports*: Perry stated she would like the opportunity to meet the new Preschool Teacher. Schwartz commented it was his impression that Landesign was on a performance based contract. DeMarta replied they began the contract as performance based. They have been able to work with our requests, but the contact has become more labor intensive when the District requested they stop using chemicals as weed abatement. Perry suggested hiring a part-time employee to assist with the landscape.

Nestel commented that every weekend in June the Waterdevils held a swim meet at the pool facility which resulted in no lap swim times for the members. Nestel requested adding lap swim times on Tues/Thurs from 7:00-8:00pm. Additionally half dozen office workers have been swimming at noon and crowding the pool. The District needs to increase fees for non-residents.

New and Other Business

1. *LAFCO Update: Proposed LAFCO Study Schedule for FY 17/18- FY 21/22*: Dreikosen stated everything was included in the packet. MCS D is set to be studied this year as part of the San Rafael Area if approved by the Board and is eager to see the results of the study. Dreikosen stated he would like to write a letter LAFCO stating the CSD supports and encourages the study this year. Nestel stated Senate Bill SB35 allows affordable housing to be placed in the District; this will affect the District's finances the Board needs to pay attention to the broad view.

2. *Requests for Future Meeting Agenda Items*:

- Perry: Long term forecast for the District.
- Perry: Landesign contract.
- Nestel: Discussion regarding revenues and expenditures and where the money is going.

Recognitions and Board Member Items of Interest

Roach stated Correa has become a dad of twins and offered congratulations. Roach thanked the Fire Department for the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast.

Closed Session

Conference with Labor Negotiations Section 54957.6 Agency designated representatives: Jack Hughes, Eric Dreikosen. Represented employees: Marinwood Professional Firefighters: The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:14. The Board exited Closed Session at 9:54, the Board advised its representatives and took no action.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55PM.

The date of the next Regular Board Meeting was set for August 8, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Sullivan