

Marinwood Community Services District

Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday April 23, 2009

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

Present

Board Members: President Tarey Read, Bruce Anderson, Bill Hansell, Gene Elliot and Cyane Dandridge.

Staff: District Manager Tom Horne, Recreation Director Shane DeMarta, Fire Chief Tom Roach and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sullivan.

Others Present: Maija Threlkheld, unidentified Lucas Valley Estates resident.

Agenda

Item B may be deleted. Anderson commented he had two items under Board members items of interest.

Comments from Public on Non Agenda Items

Maija Threlkheld of Lucas Valley Estates objected to Marinwood's use of Round-up in our open space along the Creekside path and stated that mowing the grass would be a better option. She is also concerned about run off into the creek. She urged the Board to look at other alternatives to spraying. Read asked Harrelson why we use weed killer. Harrelson stated it is the most cost-effective way, and commented it is only done once a year. A community member stated she was concerned that no prior notification of pesticide use was made to residents. Horne stated his main concern is the asphalt path in the area; weeds will break up the path and we do not have the funds for it to be replaced. Dandridge commented we should find a greener option than Round-up. Read stated the short term solution is for the neighbors to continue to mow, and Harrelson will only spray if the area goes un-mowed. In addition this topic will go to the Park and Recreation Commission. The Board directed staff to post notice of planned weed and pest control activities on the CSD website.

Routine Business

1. Minutes of Regular meeting of March 10, 2009:

M/s Hansell/ Anderson to approve the minutes of Regular meeting of March 10, 2009 as presented.

Ayes: Hansell, Read, Anderson, and Elliot. Abstaining: Dandridge.

2. Claims 750-846:

M/s Anderson/ Hansell to approve Claims 750-846.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Horne recognized the trail volunteers who will be working on May 3rd. Hansell acknowledged the Lions and the Recreation Department for a great Breakfast with Bunny event. DeMarta thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work at the event. Hansell also acknowledged the community members who organized the neighborhood watch meeting.

Correspondence

No Correspondence.

Board Member Item of Interest

1. Marinwood Plaza Collaborative: Dandridge reported that Trammel Crow has withdrawn all interest in development. Supervisor Adams has disbanded the Collaborative. Owner Hoytt might sell a portion of the property to the County. There are no developers interested in the property.

Anderson reported that he attended his first MERA meeting. He asked if he had the authority to vote on matters as the Board representative. Horne stated he can vote on the MERA budget and other motions. Actions involving further bond obligations should come to the Board.

Anderson reported that the County will hold a meeting to discuss "hot lanes" on April 28th.

District Manager's Report

No additional report.

Park and Recreation Matters

1. Report of Park and Recreation Commission meeting of April 6, 2009: Horne reported the Commission met to review Ordinance 3. Changes limiting dogs in the open space and prohibiting "bounce houses", except under permit, were agreed to. Horne will be working with the County Courts to establish a bail schedule reducing ordinance violations from misdemeanor to infraction.

2. Park Maintenance Report: Harrelson stated he will restart use of the Rodanator to control gophers in the park turf areas.. Read asked that he post on the website when the rodanator will be used. Anderson asked if Harrelson saw a difference with the use of the device. Harrelson responded, yes, and that they were using traps as well. Elliot asked about the shade structure at Creekside Park. Harrelson responded it has been completed, and passed final inspection, and they will be adding a picnic table.

Hansell asked about the state of our back tennis courts. Harrelson responded they need to be patched.

3. Recreation Activities Update: DeMarta reported that the Breakfast with Bunny event went well, and thanked the Lions Club and the Fire Department for all the hard work. He reported that he and Hillary Schulte had met with the Director Hansell to finalize arrangements for the planned monthly Sunday Supper Jam, and the first jam is set for Sunday April 26th. The Spring Break camp had higher than usual attendance. Warm weather recently brought about an increase in daily pool fees, as well as new memberships.

Dandridge asked if he had met with the Marin Conservation Corp. DeMarta stated he had set up a meeting, but the person did not show. Dandridge requested that DeMarta contact him again. Dandridge also commented that the County wants to hear from us about funds possibly being available for solar projects.

Fire Department Matters

1. Report of April 7, 2009 Fire Commission meeting:

Chief Roach reported that past Commissioner Jeff Naylor is back in town and willing to help with the Fire Commission.

2. Fire Chief's Report:

Roach commented that the first draft of the Matrix study Descriptive Profile is being reviewed. He said that Matrix had complemented Marinwood on the data provided. Read stated she had some issues with the Profile, as did Elliot. Board members will contact Roach via email with questions and comments for the draft Profile.

3. Agreement with San Rafael for Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services 2009-10:

Chief Roach reported that he and Tom Horne had negotiated changes as noted in the agreement, and that they recommended Board approval.

M/s Dandridge/Hansell to approve the revised Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services for 2009-10.

Motion carried unanimously.

New and Other Business

1. Adopt preliminary 2009-10 Budget for submittal to Marin County Auditor: Horne stated it should be approved without the reserves for Capital replacements. Elliot asked if all salaries will remain the same. Horne responded yes, except for the standard step increases.

M/s Dandridge/ Hansell to adopt preliminary 2009-10 Budget for submittal to Marin County Auditor and shall exclude reserves for Capital replacements. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 309 Requesting Consolidation of Election and Election Services for November 3, 2009:

M/s Anderson/ Read to adopt Resolution No. 309 Requesting Consolidation of Election and Election Services for November 3, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Actuarial Valuation of Post-employment Medical Benefits: The report will be considered in the May meeting.

4. Strategic Planning Workshop:

Dandridge commented that she would like to have the facilitator be present at the May Board meeting. Anderson commented we should hold a meeting with all Commission members, and Board members and staff at an offsite meeting to meet with the facilitator. Read put the facilitator on the May agenda for 8:30PM.

5. Latent power to finance operations of area planning commission:

Anderson reported he and others had met with Supervisor Adams and that there is still information to be gathered. Horne stated that an area planning commission would have only an advisory role. Hansell stated the Planning Department reported back to him that they will enforce the current codes. There was discussion of area planning commissions being granted authority to enforce CC&Rs on private property. LAFCO administrator Peter Banning is asking other LAFCOs about their experience with area planning commissions.

6. Notification of Open Nominations for SDRMA Board of Directors: No action was taken.

Closed Session

The Board met in Closed Session to confer with its designated representatives to represented and unrepresented employees regarding wages, benefits and working condition matters, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6. The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:40PM.

The Board returned to open session at 10:20PM. Tarey Read stated that no reportable action had taken place.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20PM.

The date of the next Regular meeting Board meeting is May 12, at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Sullivan