

Marinwood Community Services District

Draft Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday July 14, 2009

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

Present:

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

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

Fire Commissioners: Ron Marinoff.

Others Present: James Robinson, Joanne Klain, Lyla Max, Michelle Addey, Colie Wertz, Mark MacMillan, Leanne Tarantino, Mark Ingwersen, Brigitte Ingwersen, Jean Bowler, Walter Dods, Greg Guerrazzi, Kim Salinger, Ken Salinger, Alex Reyes, Tenley Foran, Jennifer Brooke.

Agenda

No changes.

Marin County Parks Plan for Juvenile Hall Site

Steve Peterly spoke on the proposed petanque ball fields to be located at the Juvenile Hall site. Hansell asked that our Recreation Department be kept in the loop regarding the master plan.

M/s Dandridge/ Anderson to state that the Board does not object o the concept of the petanque ball fields located at the Juvenile Hall site.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Public on Non Agenda Items

Read gave background information about the Board. She noted that it is an all volunteer, elected Board subject to the Brown Act. Due to the high attendance she commented she expected courtesy from all those who speak, and would limit comments to three minutes with no back-and-forth debates. Those referring to any scientific knowledge regarding cellular towers were asked provide a written copy of the report to Thomas Horne within 24 hours, or it would be considered personal opinion. Tenly Foran stated there is compelling information for not allowing a cellular tower and that there could be risks associated. She distributed a folder of information to the Board members. Kim Salinger stated she opposed the tower and had concerns with it interfering with sensitive medical equipment. Another community member stated she personally opposed the tower being built for health reasons. Michelle Addey asked what information the Board would be using to make their decision. Read responded the Board would weigh all sides of the issue. Colie Wertz stated it is not worth the risk to our children. A community member stated that if you are concerned with possible health reasons for the tower, then you are too late, we are already surrounded by this technology. This topic needs to be brought into perspective, lack of reception is a public safety issue. Lyla Max commented for the record she is not in favor of the tower. Ken Salinger commented that he and his wife chose to live in Marinwood due in part to the fact that there were no cellular towers in the area. Ron Marinoff stated that it is a public safety issue not to have service because it is very hard to report a fire or medical emergency when not near a land line, and he disputed the scientific studies. Multiple community members stated they are not opposed to having reception, but they do not want a tower built so close to the neighborhood. Anderson commented that there is nothing to discuss here, as the Board rejected this idea many years ago, and if this proposal moves forward he would call for a special meeting for discussion. Read commented the Board is not rushing this. Michelle Addey asked if Terra Linda had been approached for a tower to be built. Hansell stated he was curious of that himself and contacted the County. They stated they were unsure because the contracts are private. Jennifer Brooke commented that she was concerned of how I learned about the proposal, via the internet. She commented that the older generation is not online to receive the information. In addition it seems to be targeting a vulnerable audience, parents of young children. Alex Reyes stated the community needs reception, and agrees with the safety issues, but we need to find another location. Leanne Tarantino commented she is opposed to the tower in our park because the health risks outweigh the good. Hansell noted that the radios and equipment the Fire Dept. currently uses have the same exposure than a cellular tower. Tarantino stated it would not be good to add more. Jean Bowler commented she is from Waldrof School and does not approve of the tower being built. Dods stated there seems to be great interest and misunderstandings about the topic, and that the CSD should include some facts on the website for clarification. Read asked Chief for an overview about their current equipment. Chief stated the engine has a mobile computer with access to maps and building data. He said it would be nice to have reception, but the Department had been living without it and would continue to do so. Read noted that if T-Mobile comes to the Board with a proposal it will be agendaized. Hansell also commented that the Board has also received correspondence with strong support of the issue. He noted that the Board members are stewards the CSD budget, and the financial aspect is a big issue. He commented as a father that he can see both sides of the issue. Read also commented that this is a public Board and if anyone has interest in becoming a Board member there are two spots up for election in November.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes of Regular meeting of June 9, 2009 and Special Meeting of July 1, 2009:

2. Claims 1017-1117:

M/s Hansell/ Anderson to approve Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognitions

Hansell thanked the Fire Dept. for a great pancake breakfast. He also recognized DeMarta on the great Music Series'. Dandridge commented her staff had the opportunity to work with the Marinwood camp staff and her staff commented things are run very well.

Correspondence

1. Letter June 15, 2009 from James Robinson requesting assistance with parking on Adobestone Court: Chief commented that it is not a Fire Dept. issue. Anderson stated Robinson should contact County code enforcement.

New and Other Business

2. Claim from James Robinson for \$2022.25 cost of repairs to fence adjacent to open space: Read stated it is standard practice and procedure to reject the claim and for our insurers to handle the claim.

M/s Dandridge/ Elliot to reject the claim form James Robinson for \$2022.25 cost of repairs to fence adjacent to open space. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Item of Interest

No items.

District Manager's Report

No items.

Park and Recreation Matters

1. Park maintenance report: No additions.

2. Recreation activities update: DeMarta reported that Friday night the Lorelee Christensen Trio will be performing. Friday the 24th Eric Martin will be performing and Valley Orthodontics will be sponsoring all Music Series events. In addition, he plans to approach Bank of Marin and Realtors in the area regarding sponsorship opportunities.

Fire Department Matters

1. Fire Chief Report: Chief stated there have been a few small fires this season. Also the Dept. has brought on eight new volunteers. Chief has spoken with Matrix Consultants, and the report is moving forward. Elliot asked the status of the negotiations. Chief commented they are ongoing. Anderson asked if any firefighters have concerns with a cellular tower. Chief responded he told the staff to express any issues or concerns to the Board. Read noted that the Marin IJ poll stated an 83% approval rate for a tower being built in Marinwood.

2. Paramedic Service Area B Budget for 2009-10: No discussion.

New and Other Business

1. Engagement letter from RJ Ricciardi, Inc. for 2008-09 Audit and Financial Statements:

M/s Anderson/ Hansell to approve engagement letter from RJ Ricciardi, Inc. for 2008-09 Audit and Financial Statements. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Activate latent power to finance operations of area planning commission: No discussion.

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 9:45 . Board exited Closed Session at 10:00. There had been no reportable action.

The date of the next Regular meeting Board meeting is August 11, 2009 at 7:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Sullivan