

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Preserving and Protecting Parks and Open Space



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kelly Sorenson - Marina, northern Fort Ord (**Ward 1**)
Shane Anderson - Seaside, northern Sand City, southern Fort Ord (**Ward 2**)
Kevin Raskoff - Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, southwest Seaside, southern Sand City (**Ward 3**)
Kathleen Lee - Pacific Grove, New Monterey, northern Pebble Beach (**Ward 4**)
Monta Potter - Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur, southern Pebble Beach (**Ward 5**)

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

May 4, 2022
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:31.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.
PRESENT: Directors Anderson, Lee, Potter, Raskoff, and Sorenson
ABSENT: None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Anderson, the agenda was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 4) **Public Comments** – David and Linda Mullally thanked the Board and staff for the progress toward the dog park at Palo Corona Regional Park and expressed support for the new cross country course at the park and urged the Board to not give in to recent opposition to the course.
 - Anthony Davi thanked the Board for agreeing to build a cross country course at Palo Corona Regional Park and noted the benefits and its nexus to the District’s mission, values, and park’s General Development Plan.
 - Christy Fischer of The Trust for Public Land applauded the District’s effort to provide a diversity of experiences for park users in a manner that is harmonious with the sensitive natural resources of the property. She expressed concerns with the District’s plan to move forward with the cross country course as presented, stating that it has the potential to undermine protected values of wildlife corridors and reduce feasibility of the floodplain restoration project, and urged the Board to refrain from moving forward with construction.
 - Hank Armstrong Vice Chair of the Big Sur Marathon Foundation thanked the Board and staff for their work on the upcoming cross country trail project and expressed excitement for providing additional access to school groups.

- Laura Zerbe commended the District for establishment of the Joyce Stevens Monterey Pine Preserve and for work on fire mitigation plans for parks and reducing fuel loads. She also inquired on the status of creating a fire mitigation plan for to Joyce Stevens plan and asked for additional information on such.

- 5) **Presentation** – Wildlife Crossing Concept, Molly Attell, Carmel Valley Association
Molly Attell presented the Board with some ideas for creating wildlife crossings at District parks.
- 6) **Consent Items** – Upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Anderson, the entire Consent Calendar was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- A. Approval of April 6, 2022 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
 - B. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
 - C. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report (*K. McCullough*)
 - D. Approval of Resolution #2022-06, Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election (*S. Parker*)
- 7) **Discussion/Action Items** (*Discussion items generally include a staff presentation or explanation and recommendation before Board discussion and vote. Public speakers are limited to three minutes.*)
- A. Approval of Resolution #2022-07, Ordering Levy of Special Taxes for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for Community Facilities District No. 2016-01 (Parks, Open Space and Coastal Preservation), and Resolution #2022-08, Certifying Compliance with State Law with Respect to the Levying of General and Special Taxes, Assessments, and Property-related Fees and Charges (*R. Payan*)
 - Shuran Parker introduced this item along with consultant Susan Barnes who answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Lee, the item was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
 - B. Consideration of Candidates for Alternate Special District Representative to LAFCO (*R. Payan*)
 - General Manager Rafael Payan introduced this item and answered Board member questions.
 - Gail Morton, a candidate for the vacant position introduced herself and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Lee, the Board unanimously voted to submit its ballot nominating candidate Gail Morton.
 - C. Approval Letter of Intent to Receive Environmental Mitigation from Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) for SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit (*J. Nelson*)
 - Environmental Education Supervisor Jackie Nelson introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the item.

- D. Review and Approval of Resolution #2022-09, Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for 30 Days until June 3, 2022 (*S. Parker*)
 - Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - Linda Mullally expressed looking forward to a return to in person meetings and urged the Board to consider making the return.
 - Mary Dainton announced that most other agencies are meeting in person and encouraged the Board to return to in person meetings and opening District centers.
 - Christy Fischer also urged the Board to return to in person meetings.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Sorenson, the Board unanimously approved the item by roll call vote, and instructed staff to begin preparations for in-person or hybrid meetings for July.

- E. Consider Approval to Submit Grant Application for Coastal Conservancy Wildfire Resilience Grant (*C. Camarillo*)
 - Supervising Ranger Caine Camarillo introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Raskoff, the Board unanimously approved the item by roll call vote.

- F. Review and Approval of Resolution #2022-10, Adopting the Fuel Mitigation Activities Project at Garland Ranch Regional Park as Exempt from CEQA Guidelines (*C. Camarillo*)
 - Mr. Camarillo introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - Christy Fischer expressed her support for the project and urged the Board to approve.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Anderson, the item was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- 8) **Division Reports** – All division reports are informational only and may be written or oral.
 - A. Monthly Financial Report (*K. McCullough*)
 - B. Monthly Staff Report (*R. Payan*)

- 9) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

Shuran Parker

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary