

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Preserving and Protecting Parks and Open Space



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kelly Sorenson - Marina, East Garrison/Fort Ord,
north Seaside (**Ward 1**)

Shane Anderson – East Seaside (**Ward 2**)

Kevin Raskoff – Sand City, Del Rey Oaks,
west Seaside, central Monterey (**Ward 3**)

Kathleen Lee - Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach
west Monterey (**Ward 4**)

Monta Potter - Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur,
south Monterey (**Ward 5**)

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

June 1, 2022
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.
PRESENT: Directors Anderson, Lee, Potter, Raskoff, and Sorenson
ABSENT: None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Legal Counsel Michael Whilden explained that a closed session item involving anticipated litigation which required immediate action came to the District's attention after the agenda was published and asked the Board to make a finding that the item was an emergency and add to the agenda as Item 9.

Upon motion by Director Lee, seconded by Director Raskoff, the Board found that the item satisfied the requirements for an emergency and by unanimous roll call vote approved the amended agenda with the addition of Item 9.

- 4) **Public Comments** – Hugo Ferlito of the Big Sur Marathon Foundation spoke in support of the new cross country trail at Palo Corona Regional Park expressed looking forward to partnering with the District on this project.
 - Ted Knight Superintendent of the Carmel Unified School District congratulated the District on the new cross country trail, shared his delight that his and other area students would soon be able to use the trail, and expressed the school's interest in assisting with maintenance of the trail.
 - Blake Russell identified herself as a marathon Olympian, cross country national champion, Big Sur Marathon volunteer, youth fitness advocate, and physical therapist and announced her support for the new cross country trail and the expanded public access the trail and other forthcoming amenities will provide.

- Chris Zepeda Head Cross Country/Track & Field Coach for Hartnell College announced his excitement for the new cross country trail and the opportunities it will provide to his students and the public. He also hopes the trail will generate exposure to and spark an appreciation for our local open spaces.
- Christiana Kvitek, a sophomore varsity runner at Carmel High School thanked the Board for the new cross country trail at Palo Corona, particularly since it will allow locals runners to practice on “home” turf. She saw the new trail as an amazing opportunity for runners and an overall benefit to the community, that she’s confident won’t negatively impact wildlife.
- Noel, co-founder of Boronda/Garzas Firewise and President of the Carmel Valley Association thanked the Board for its efforts at fire mitigation planning for Garland Ranch Regional Park and encouraged generous budgeting for fire mitigation activities at Garland, to assist with protection of resources and the public.

5) Public Hearing – Review of the MPRPD Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget, and Approval of Resolution #2022-11, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (*S. Parker*)

- Shuran Parker Administrative Services Manager presented highlights of the proposed fiscal year 2022-23 budget and answered Board member questions.
- President Potter asked staff to consider funding for fire mitigation planning at other parks with any budget savings, while Director Lee opined that potential savings might be found from the Board elections line item which could be a funding source for other projects, including fire mitigation, as well as additional items for the Cachagua Community Park.
- After Board discussion, President Potter opened the public hearing for public comment.
- Karen Ferlito Councilmember with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea expressed appreciation for the time and effort Board members put into the budget process and programs and announced herself as a proud taxpayer of the District.
- After public comments, the public hearing was closed.
- Upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board by unanimous roll call vote approved the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-23 as presented.

6) Consent Items – After discussion and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Lee, the entire consent calendar was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- A. Approval of May 4, 2022 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
- B. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
- C. Approval of Telework Policy (*S. Parker*)
- Director Raskoff asked how computer security would be ensured and Ms. Parker advised that all computers would be District-assigned and setup with security measures by the District’s information technology professional services contractor.

7) Discussion/Action Items

- A. Consider and Approve Establishment of a California Employers’ Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) Account with CalPERS for the Purpose of Prefunding MPRPD Required Pension Contributions (*K. McCullough*)

- Finance Manager Kelly McCullough along with CalPERS representative Jasper Jacobs introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Sorenson, the Board unanimously approved the item as presented, with 60% of investments in Strategy 1 and 40% in Strategy 2.
- B. Approval to Amend Contract with Burleson Consulting Inc., A Terracon Company, for Implementation of the Marina Dunes Preserve Restoration Action and Pacific Gas and Electric plans (*J. Nelson*)
- Environmental Education Supervisor Jackie Nelson along with Thor Anderson and Lizzy Eichorn of Burleson Consulting introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Lee, the Board by unanimous roll call vote approved the item.
- C. Review and Approve Contract with GeomorphIS, Inc., for GIS Management and Consulting Services (*J. Nelson*)
- Ms. 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 by roll call vote.
- D. Review and Approval of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Pay Schedule (*S. Parker*)
- Ms. Parker introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the item 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) Identification of Closed Session – President Potter introduced the item and solicited public comment, announcing that no action would be taken.

Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One potential case.

10) Public Comment on Closed Session Item – None

11) Adjourn to Closed Session – Closed Session began at 8:55 and ended at 9:45.

12) Report on Return from Closed Session – Nothing to report.

13) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:46.

Shuran Parker

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary