

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
Board Meeting**

**June 7, 2023
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:36.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.
PRESENT: Directors Anderson, Lee, Raskoff, Sorenson, and Potter (virtually from Oregon)
ABSENT: None
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Anderson, the agenda was unanimously approved.
- 4) **Public Comments** – Tom Oliver expressed concerns about conditions at Garland Ranch Regional Park and urged Directors to visit the park.
 - Rachel Saunders of the Big Sur Land Trust thanked the District for their partnership on its recent Race for Open Space event held at Palo Corona Regional Park and presented water bottles for the Board and staff. She also expressed support for a Del Rey Oaks acquisition, in response to Item 9-B.
 - Lorna Moffett thanked the District for not using herbicides in its parks and encouraged the Board to not cut down eucalyptus trees even though they're non-natives. She also expressed her support for the District to acquire parcels in Del Rey Oaks, in response to Item 9-B.
 - Karen Harris Co-Chair of Sustainable Del Rey Oaks encourages Board to negotiate with city of DRO to acquire properties.
 - Jeff Markham expressed disappointment that the proposed FY2023-24 budget didn't outline any projects for Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park (Locke-Paddon), which he described as being in great disrepair.

- Scott Waltz co-founder of FORTAG encourage District to secure agreement to purchase parcels in Del Rey Oaks from City (Item 9-B). He announced having heard from many in the community who are supportive of the District to purchase these parcels.
- Cathy Rivera of Sustainable Monterey County announced her support for the District to acquire parcels in Del Rey Oaks, in response to Item 9-B.
- Brian Rosen encouraged the District to not cut down eucalyptus trees at Garland Ranch Regional Park.
- Brian McCarthy, speaking as a private citizen asked the Board to allocate funds for the vernal pond at Locke-Paddon.
- Grace Silva-Santella announced that Locke-Paddon is not being properly maintained and encouraged adding funds to the budget for the park.

5) Public Hearing – Review of the MPRPD Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget, and Approval of Resolution #2023-04, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (*S. Parker*)

- Administrative Services Manager Shuran Parker presented highlights of the proposed fiscal year 2023-24 budget and answered Board member questions.
- President Lee opened the public hearing for public comment.
- Rachel Saunders expressed her gratitude that the District included funding in the proposed budget toward the CRFREE project.
- After public comments, the public hearing was closed.
- Director Sorenson asked staff to add \$45,000 to the proposed budget to be allocated for improvements at Locke-Paddon.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Sorenson, the proposed budget for FY2023-24 was unanimously approved with the modification to add \$45,000 in the Community Facilities District for work at Locke-Paddon.
- Since funds were not included in the budget for repairs at Mill Creek Redwood Preserve because the county road has not yet been fixed, President Lee asked staff to prepare a draft letter for the Board to the county, encouraging their attention to Palo Colorado Canyon Road. The letter will be presented in July or August.

6) Consent Items – Upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Sorenson, Items 6-A through F were unanimously approved. Item 6-G was tabled to a future meeting; staff will also meet with the Personnel Committee to develop recommendations for Board consideration.

- A. Approval of May 3, 2023 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
- B. Approval of May 16, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes (*S. Parker*)
- C. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
- D. Approval of Contract Amendment with Burleson Consulting, Inc., for Implementation of Marina Dunes Preserve Restoration Action Plan (*J. Smith*)

- E. Approval of Contract Amendment with Denise Duffy & Associates for Seed Collection and Plant Propagation Services (*J. Smith*)
- F. Approval to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (*J. Nelson*)
- G. Approval of Revised Pay Schedule (*S. Parker*) – **TABLED**

7) Discussion/Action Items

- A. Review and Approval of MPRPD Let's Go Outdoors Umbrella Special Purpose Fund Agreement (*J. Nelson*)
 - Environmental Education Supervisor Jackie Nelson introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Sorenson, the item was unanimously approved.
- B. Review and Approval of Resolution #2023-05, Designating the Outdoor Classroom Structure Project at Garland Ranch Regional Park as Exempt from CEQA Guidelines (*J. Nelson*)
 - Jackie Nelson reviewed the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Anderson, the item was unanimously approved.
- C. Review and Approval of Contract with Kasavan Architects for the Design, Permitting, and Construction Oversight for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Ramada/Outdoor Classroom Structure (*J. Nelson*)
 - Jackie Nelson introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Raskoff, the item was unanimously approved.

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 (*S. Parker*)

9) Identification of Closed Session Items – President Lee announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss the noted items and solicited public comments. Director Raskoff announced that he would be recusing himself from Item 9-B and leaving the room during that discussion.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). One potential case.
- B. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 031-191-026, 031-191-027, 031-191-028, and 259-011-025 (Negotiators: Payan and Whilden) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)
- C. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 015-162-044, 015-162-046, and others (Negotiators: Payan and Whilden) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Personnel Matter (*M. Whilden*)

10) **Public Comment on Closed Session** – There were several comments on Item 9-B as noted above.

11) **Adjourn to Closed Session** – Closed Session began at 9:14 and ended at 10:22.

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

13) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:23.

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary

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