

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

November 1, 2023
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, Potter, Raskoff, and Lee
ABSENT: Director Sorenson (arrived at 6:45)
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – President Lee announced that Items 8-A and B were being tabled. With the amendment noted above and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Anderson, the agenda was unanimously approved (Vote: 4-0).
- 4) **Public Comments** – Meredith Nole spoke to the Board about Dark Sky certification and a recent event held at Garland Ranch Regional Park and shared photos from the event and information on potential cost savings if the District were to change light fixtures in the park.
- 5) **Consent Items** – Upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Anderson, the entire consent calendar was unanimously approved (Vote: 4-0).
 - A. Approval of October 4, 2023 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
 - B. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
 - C. Annual Approval of Investment Policy (*K. McCullough*)
 - D. Quarterly Investment Report (*K. McCullough*)
- 6) **Discussion/Action Items**
 - A. Consideration of Request to Enter Purchase and Sale Agreement with Romtec for Garland Park Outdoor Classroom Structure through State of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Process (*J. Nelson*)
 - Environmental Education Supervisor Jackie Nelson introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
 - President Lee asked staff to prioritize dark sky lighting in phase two of the project.

- After discussion and upon motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Potter, the item was unanimously approved (Vote: 5-0).

B. Review and Approval of Resolution #2023-12, Approving the Grant Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Project (*J. Smith*)

- Planning and Conservation Program Manager Jake Smith introduced the item and entertained Board member questions.
- Upon motion by Director Potter, seconded by Director Sorenson, the item was unanimously approved (Vote: 5-0).

C. Review and Approval of Resolution #2023-13, Finding the Marina Dunes Preserve Restoration Project Exempt from CEQA (*J. Smith*)

- Jake Smith introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Anderson, the item was unanimously approved (Vote: 5-0).

D. Consider Approval of Additional Services Request from Ausonio Construction Management for Multi-Purpose Pad Replacement Documentation and Installation Assessment Professional Services in Support of Project B – Phase 2: Restroom, Shade Structure, Bus Landing (*K. McCullough*)

- General Manager Rafael Payan introduced the item and answered Board member questions.
- Director Raskoff asked about the warranty period for the material and General Manager Payan advised that he would check with the project manager and get back with the Board.
- After discussion and upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Potter, the item was unanimously approved (Vote: 5-0).

7) **Division Reports** – All Division reports are informational only and may be written or oral.

A. Monthly Financial Report (*K. McCullough*)

- President Lee announced that at a recent Special Districts Association of Monterey County meeting, they had a presentation on a special type of managed account called CLASS. She forwarded the information to the General Manager and Finance Manager, asking that a meeting be set up for the Finance Committee.

B. Monthly Staff Report (*R. Payan*)

- The Board discussed the memorial bench program and how to manage without overwhelming parks and also potentially creating a program to honor individuals at pricing available to the masses.
- Meredith Nole also encouraged expanding the program to include smaller items such as bricks that folks could sponsor.
- Ranger Jeff Niewenhuis was recognized as a key player for the memorial bench program.
- Mary Dainton commented that it was a little difficult to locate a bench location a few years ago and suggested having a map that noted available spots within the parks.
- Director Potter suggested that a meeting be held within the next couple of months to review the District's strategic plan.

8) Identification of Closed Session Items – ITEMS TABLED.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). Two potential cases.
- B. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 015-162-009, 015-162-048 and 015-162-049 (Negotiators: Payan and Whilden) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)

9) Public Comment on Closed Session – Not applicable

10) Adjourn to Closed Session – Not applicable

11) Report on Return from Closed Session – Not applicable

12) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:29.

Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary

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