

WEST SIDE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
500 Cascade Place
Taft, CA 93268

Minutes
October 25, 2021

Call to Order:

Director Orrin called the regular board meeting of the West Side Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call:

Director Jorgensen-Present, Director Heimiller-Present, Director Orrin-Present, Director Chavira-Present
Director Swearingin-Present

Staff Present:

Les Clark, District Administrator
Christy Cloud – Business Services Supervisor

Jason Epperson - Attorney

Guests Present:

Public Presentations and Comments

Approval of Minutes- September 27, 2021

A motion was made by Director Jorgensen and seconded by Director Swearingin to approve the minutes for September 27, 2021.

Motion Passed – Yes

Approval of Cash Disbursements- September 2021

A motion was made by Director Swearingin and seconded by Director Chavira to accept the Cash Disbursement Report as presented.

Roll Call: Director Jorgensen – yes, Director Heimiller - yes, Director Swearingin-yes,
Director Orrin – yes, Director Chavira - yes

Motion passed – Yes

Old Business:

- a. **FF Lights** – Touched base with Musco Lighting and we will bring back options to the next board meeting.
- b. **First 5 Grant** – We are hitting all of our goals – we have not met our parent/child classes quota but we have now made it mandatory for preschool parents to attend classes.
- c. **Outdoor Equity Grants Program/Prop 68** – We are waiting for CEQA for Prop 68 – Dec 31st deadline.
- d. **Natorium** – Les has been contacted by news outlets via email asking why the pool was closed. He refused to discuss it unless they called and no response. The district did purchase the pool in 1991 from the School District. Labor alone to operate the pool is \$1300/day. The charge of \$2 per person doesn't even come close to breaking even. We did receive a grant of \$500,000 15 years ago to basically put a "band-aid" on the Natorium. It might cost upwards of 2 million to fix everything wrong with the pool.
- e. **District Fencing** – Next phase of fencing is between buildings and gate in the parking lot. This is a work in progress.
- f.

New Business: None

Attorney Comments: None

District Administrator Letters, Announcements or Requests: Les thinks the oil prices will be high in January 2022 which would be great for the district. He put together a successful meeting through the Kern Special Districts Association. Chevron donated \$15,000 to our STOP program and an additional \$45,000 for STOP to sponsor Little League & Ponytail Softball. We met with Aera to have a gym re-dedication for a potential donation of \$100,000. Trunk or Treat was postponed from tonight to Wednesday due to weather.

Board Member Announcements or Requests: Director Chavira gave accolades to Michelle Gerry and Ashley Derington for their hard work and great work ethic. Director Jorgensen gave accolades to the district staff for re-working the business plan and wants to move forward and fix what can be fixed.

Items for Future Agendas: Musco Lighting – FF, Natorium deed, Diamond in the Rough, Town Hall meeting (pool)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next regular meeting is November 29, 2021

Board Member

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District Administrator