

# Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes February 8, 2018



The February 8, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Pleasant Hill Recreation & Park District Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chair Glover at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Administration Office.

## **ROLL CALL**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Bonato (arrived at 7:32 p.m.), Glover, Ortega, Pierce, Shess

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lacy

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Chair Glover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **REPORT FROM EX-OFFICIO KATELYN DOWNING, COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

Ex-Officio Downing gave the following report:

### **Teen Council news:**

- Teen Council had their meeting last Monday.
- They started ticket sales for the Black, White and Gold Dance
- A Teen Council Member will speak at the Come Together Concert
- Battle of the Bands is on March 19 and they are still confirming the bands

### **College Park High School news:**

- The Crab Feed was on February 3
- The fundraiser "A Ride for Ryan" Pasta Feed was on February 5 at 5:00 p.m.
- Legally Blonde rehearsals have begun
- MDUSD Choir Festival is on February 7 and there will be choirs from various high schools; College Park, Concord, Northgate and Ygnacio Valley
- Course cards were handed choosing their classes for next school year

## **REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER (ATTACHMENT B)**

General Manager Lacy reviewed the report enclosed in the board packet. She added the following announcements:

- Lacy mentioned the Master Plan consultants will be visiting on February 12 and 13 and plan to interview about 80 – 100 people from various community groups from the City, Chamber, Librarian, Historical Society, Dolphins Board Members, PHRPD Board and other co-sponsored groups. The first community meeting will be on February 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center where they will collect initial ideas and use for demographic information. There will be a survey as well that will be available on-line. This will be the first opportunity for input. The community meeting will be videotaped and will be available on the website. She is already trying to lock in dates for the next community meeting. Board Member Pierce asked what the Master Plan general email is. Lacy said it is: [masterplan@pleasanthillrec.com](mailto:masterplan@pleasanthillrec.com).
- Lacy handed out the agenda for the Board Retreat scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center and remarked that it will be all day.
- Board Member Ortega asked about the Wine Women and Shoes tickets that went on sale on-line yesterday and asked if they were still going to promote social media. The General

Manager stated they will still be promoting the event through social media up until the event is sold out.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (ATTACHMENT C)**

- a. Approve Bills to be Paid, warrants #24999-25056 (Exhibit 1)
- b. Approve Minutes of December 7, 2017 (Exhibit 2)

Upon motion of Shess and seconded by Pierce, the Board approved the consent calendar as presented with December 7, 2017 minutes as amended.

**DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK REGARDING POTENTIAL LOCATION FOR POTENTIAL UTILITY BUILDING AT PLEASANT OAKS PARK (Attachment C)**

General Manager Lacy gave a brief history of the process. The District Staff and Pleasant Hill Baseball Association (PHBA) pulled the appeal of the Planning Commission decision on the application. District Staff looked at multiple options, received information and feedback from PHBA, neighbors and the City. The goal is to identify an option that has the least impact on all interested parties. Option 1, on the map in yellow, affects the neighbor on Roberta Avenue who has an access gate not approved by the District which is built into his backyard fence. Lacy stated there will be removal of several trees and the storage building would be set back about 15-20 feet, six parking spaces would be lost, and due to the home on Hawthorne Drive is set at a lower elevation, so there would need to be some additional landscaping and plantings added along the western property line. Option 2, on the map in purple, will have less of an impact on the neighbors. The storage building would be set back 30 feet, there is no impact with the trees and 10 parking spaces would be lost. She said the ingress and egress for the gators to the entrance of the storage will be where the entrance and exit of the parking lot is. When she spoke to City staff they preferred this location. She said all of the adjacent property owners were contacted via mail regarding discussion of this item.

Board Member Pierce asked if the Planning Commission is aware of the options we are planning to propose. General Manager Lacy said she met with City Planning Staff to receive input on the options. Board Member Ortega asked what the height ranges are for the storage facility and would there be a difference depending on where it is located. Lacy said high would be 14 feet and low of 10 feet in both locations. Board Member Shess asked if the neighbors on Hawthorne and Roberta spoke to each other and Lacy stated yes, but they do not share the same opinion of the potential solution. Chair Glover opened up public comment.

ANDREW WESLEY, Pleasant Hill resident, stated he has been involved with PHBA and his kids play at Pleasant Oaks Park. He feels that with the new five acres on the other side of the park across from the Pleasant Hill Library is a better area to build a new storage facility and not in the current proposed area. There are issues with the yellow option with access for the neighbor on Roberta to run his commercial business and have an access gate is not right. He feels that the District should wait until the development of the five acres on the other side of the park where it will not impact any homes.

KAZUKIYO KUBOTA, Pleasant Hill resident, said he moved from Berkeley 20 years ago and he loves his backyard. He gave a brief history of where he grew up and how crowded it is in Japan. He stated that he loves the space and his yard and if the storage building is behind the fence, he will be able to see it from his home and yard. He doesn't mind the park and kids playing baseball, but does not want to have an obstructed view. His whole family does not agree with the purple option. He feels it is not the right place and he is against this location behind his home.

MILES FATES, Pleasant Hill resident, expressed his appreciation for staff working with the neighbors. He has concerns about safety, noise and crime on that side of the park. He said that he agrees with Mr. Wesley about the neighbor on Roberta that has an access gate. He said that the best location is the five acres.

ADIN BROWN, Pleasant Hill resident, echoed the opinion of Mr. Fates and appreciation to General Manager Michelle Lacy with communicating with the neighbors. He feels that the neighbor's concerns have not all been addressed to their satisfaction. He noticed a home for sale at the corner of Patterson. He stated in the last five years, that specific house has been for sale three times. He thinks it may be because it backs up to Field 3 backstop. He doesn't understand, with all the potential of the new land of five acres, why that site can't be considered. He said we don't know the actual impact of the motorized vehicles close to the neighbors and the activity of the building.

ROBERT CURRAN, Pleasant Hill resident and PHBA Commissioner, stated there definitely is a need for a storage building for PHBA now as there are PHBA Board Members leaving due to storing things for PHBA, due to the lack of storage for the organization, in their garages and homes and getting into arguments with their spouses. They really need the space and he understands the opposition by neighbors regarding the proposed storage locations. Board Member Ortega asked Curran how many families are signed up. He stated they have 1,800 signed up now. He commented that they had just under 1,100 kids signed up in 2009. They have run out of fields, storage space and out of everything. They will be attending the Master Plan meetings and expressing their needs.

Chair Glover closed public comment.

General Manager Lacy stated the future purchase of the five acres is not the area originally planned at the vacant property, but is the area where the current library is located. The District is excited to purchase that property, but there is an obligation to purchase that lot in 2019 and the District will have no ownership of the property until 2021. She said it would be another year or year and a half after that until project completion, so she commented that the storage building proposed is needed now and cannot wait until 2022. The season runs for half the year and will only be used for storage. She feels the noise impact will be minimal.

Board Member Pierce thanked all the neighbors for coming in and speaking. He stated this has been ongoing for 4 years and PHBA has been bursting at the seams with about 1,800 kids. He said it is a very well run organization and he doesn't want to see a degradation of the league. He favors the purple option. Board Member Shess said he does not want the yellow (goldenrod) option and there are a lot of check marks in favor of the purple option. There will not be any trees being removed, the noise will not be as much as expected and there will not be gators driving through the parking lot. He feels that the District has done a good job at listening to the neighbors and coming to a compromise. He said the purple option is the best option. Board Member Bonato stated she agrees with Shess and is delighted that there is a 30 feet setback and minimizes the direct impact. She said the purple option seems like the best way to go. She likes the fact that there will be no trees lost at this site, but she does not like that 10 parking spaces will be lost and asked if the position of the building can be turned around. She also feels that we would be binding future Board Members because we are making a premature decision on planning for the potential 5 acre site where the current library is if we wait until we develop that site. Board Member Ortega said that this has been going on for quite some time and the parties, PHBA included, have adequately addressed the concerns, the purple option seems to be the best option. She stated that the organization is a huge success in the community and she hopes the District continues their support of PHBA. She said this is one of the ways to show our support. She understands the neighbor's concerns and it is not easy.

She thinks it is our responsibility to decide how to move forward and what is best for the community.

Board Member Glover thanked everyone for coming out during this time and speaking. He thanked the General Manager for reaching out to the neighbors and the foresight to pull the application and come forward with a compromised proposal. General Manager Lacy stated she needs to work with PHBA on a final design that will address the concerns voiced by all the parties and bring it back to the Board for final approval before submitting an application to the City.

**DESIGNATE NOMINEES FOR THE PLEASANT HILL RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT'S 2017 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND BOARD APPRECIATION AWARDS (Attachment D)**

The General Manager stated the Board must approve the nominees for both the Board Appreciation Award and the Community Service Award.

Board Chair Glover said he would recommend both Sarah Cuff and Liberty Dimick for their hard work for working on the Wine, Women and Shoes event for the Board Appreciation Award. He thought that Patrick Remer for the Tinker and Thinker event for the Community Service Award. Board Member Bonato asked if there should only be one being awarded, but General Manager Lacy commented that there have been more than one nominee in past years. Board Member Ortega said she agrees with the recommendation of staff to nominate Sarah Cuff and Liberty Dimick for the Board Appreciation Awards and said she was impressed with the Pleasant Hill Dog Owners Group. They have done so much and thinks they stand out for her for the Community Service Awards. She does feel that Patrick Remer is a gem, but was impressed with the DOG group. Board Member Pierce said what stood out to him was that Patrick Remer planned and executed the Tinkers and Thinkers in coordination with District staff. It is such a wonderful event. He also mentioned that he drives by the Paso Nogal Park where the dog park is and stated he thinks it is such a popular park and it is a testament to the Dog Owners Group. He is leaning just a little towards the group for the Community Service Award. Board Member Bonato commented that Sarah Cuff and Liberty Dimick do a lot behind the scenes for Wine, Women and Shoes. She would like to present both with the Board Appreciation Award. Sarah is also the coordinator for the Blues and Brews Event as well. Bonato said that we reached for a group that has been with us from the beginning when the community wanted a dog park. She has been impressed with how they raise funds and her vote would be for the Dog Owners Group. Board Member Shess stated he picked Liberty Dimick and said she does so much along with having three kids. He is impressed and would also like Sarah Cuff to be awarded. He thought he would be the lone wolf and say the Dog Owners Group are the group for the Community Service Awards. He said we will still have the Tinkers and Thinkers event and will for many years and maybe in the future can honor Patrick Remer.

Upon motion of Bonato, seconded by Shess, the Board unanimously approved to award both Sarah Cuff and Liberty Dimick for the 2017 Board Appreciation Award.

Upon motion of Shess, seconded by Ortega, the Board approved to award the Pleasant Hill Dog Owners Group for the 2017 Community Service Award.

**VERBAL REPORT FROM COMMITTEE CHAIR AND OPPORTUNITY TO SET MEETING DATES**

- a. Land and Facilities Committee – TBD
- b. Personnel Committee – TBD
- c. Budget & Finance Committee – TBD
- d. Program Committee – TBD
- e. District/City Liaison Committee - TBD

General Manager Lacy stated there are no dates yet for upcoming Committee meetings.

### **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO STAFF**

**Shess** made the following announcements/questions:

- He looked at Wine, Women and Shoes sites and the descriptions in other areas. He mentioned that the San Francisco event has on its website, that the event is benefitting healthy children and families in the community. He stated that the language is more appropriate than how we have our event currently advertised. Lacy commented that is a good suggestion.
- He asked about the dress attire for the Board retreat tomorrow. Lacy said to dress down and be comfortable.

**Pierce** made the following announcements/questions:

- He is looking forward to the Board retreat tomorrow.
- He looks forward to the Master Plan community meeting on February 13.
- He attended the Civic Action Committee meeting where Martin Nelis went out of his way and talked about our great Board and staff and is looking forward to what's coming in the future.

**Ortega** made the following announcements/questions:

- She won't be able to make it to the majority of the Master Plan meeting due to a prior commitment and is disappointed. She will try and make it for the last part of the meeting.
- She thanked staff for all their hard work to promote the event; the graphics for the Master Plan are beautiful.

**Bonato** made the following announcements/questions:

- She won't make the meeting on February 13 due to a previous engagement. She said the electronic invite is colorful and captured what the spirit of the District is about. She asked if the meeting will be videotaped and Lacy said it will be taped and will be on our website.
- She asked about the serious issue at 100 Boyd Road and questioned the public response notification. She said that CERT is big on getting agencies encouraged to get engaged with the County, so there is some type of warning system. She asked if there is a way for the District to get engaged.

**Glover** made the following announcements/questions:

- He will be missing the March 8 Board Meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Glover adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Michelle Lacy, Clerk of the Board