

ORANGEVALE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors November 8, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orangevale Recreation and Park District was held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the District Office.

Director Stickney called the Closed Session to order at 5:35 p.m.

Directors present: Meraz, Swenson, Brunberg, Stickney, and Montes
Staff present: Greg Foell, District Administrator
Horacio Oropeza, Park Superintendent
Jennifer Von Aesch, Finance/HR Superintendent

3. **CLOSED SESSION** a) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:
Evaluation of Employee Performance: Park Maintenance III
4. **RESUME PUBLIC SESSION & ANNOUNCE ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION** No action was taken but direction was given to staff. Closed Session ended at 6:10 p.m.

Director Stickney called the Open Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

Directors present: Meraz, Swenson, Brunberg, Stickney, and Montes
Staff present: Greg Foell, District Administrator
Horacio Oropeza, Park Superintendent
Jason Bain, Recreation Supervisor
Jennifer Von Aesch, Finance/HR Superintendent
Melyssa Woodford, Administrative Services Supervisor

7. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Brunberg, the agenda was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Brunberg, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Abstentions or Nays.
MOTION #1
9. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** There was no public discussion.
10. **MINUTES** a) Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2018 Meeting (pg 1-6):
MOTION #2 On a motion by Director Meraz, seconded by Director Brunberg, the minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Brunberg, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye.

There were no Abstentions or Nays.

MOTION #3

- b) Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2018 Meeting (pg 7-12): On a motion by Director Meraz, seconded by Director Swenson, the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0-1 with Directors Swenson, Brunberg, Meraz, and Montes voting Aye. Director Stickney Abstained. There were no Nays.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION #4

- a) Confidential Envelope – Attorney Billing September 2018: On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Meraz, the attorney billing was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Brunberg, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Abstentions or Nays.

MOTION #5

- b) California Association for Park & Recreation Indemnity (CAPRI) Election Ballot for 2018 (pg 13-27): For the Upper 1/3, the Board nominated Scott Holbrook. On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Stickney, the ballot was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Brunberg, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Abstentions or Nays.

MOTION #6

For the Middle 1/3, the Board nominated Colin Miller. On a motion by Director Brunberg, seconded by Director Meraz, the ballot was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Brunberg, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Abstentions or Nays.

12. CONSENT CALENDAR

No consent items were discussed.

12.1 CONSENT MATTERS GENERAL FUND

No report.

12.2. OLLAD CONSENT MATTERS

No report.

12.3. KENNETH GROVE CONSENT MATTERS

No report.

13. NON-CONSENT MATTERS GENERAL FUND

No report.

14. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Administration and Finance: No report.
b) Maintenance and Operation: No report.

- c) Recreation Committee: No report.
- d) Personnel & Policy: No report.
- e) Government: No report.
- f) Planning Committee: No report.
- g) Trails Committee: No report.
- h) Ad Hoc Disc Golf Committee – Recap of October 10, 2018 Meeting (pg 28-29): Directors Meraz and Montes attended this meeting. The Board reviewed the minutes for this meeting and Director Montes asked that her last name be edited to be spelled correctly.

15. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a) Monthly Activity Report – October 2018 (pg 30-33): Admin. Foell said this has been a busy month. The District was still working on the Electric Greenway Project, and the first community meeting will be in January 2019. This trail will be from Sunrise Marketplace to Wachtel. Director Stickney enjoyed the Halloween event. The tree lighting event is on December 7th.
- b) Update on the Land Swap with San Juan Unified School District (verbal): Admin. Foell will sign the final documents soon.
- c) Update on Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Surplus Land Sale (verbal): Metro Fire's Economic Development Manager, Jeff Frye told the District that they were the only entity expressing interest in this sale of the fire station on Main Avenue. The District wanted to inquire into the sale to see if it would benefit the District.

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None discussed.

**17. NEW BUSINESS
MOTION #7**

- a) Public Hearing: Ordinance 18-11-003, Adopt Ordinance Regulating Encroachments Upon District Property to be Included in the Ordinance Code of the Orangevale Recreation & Park District (pg 34-49): Admin. Foell summarized the ordinance and its wording and gave an example of a past application within the District. A resident had built a fence on park property and negotiated with the District to pay a fee in order to revise their fence line. He recommended the District adopt this ordinance.

The public hearing was officially opened and closed, with no public comments made.

On a motion by Director Montes, seconded by Director Swenson, the ordinance was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Brunberg, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye.

There were no Abstentions or Nays.

MOTION #8

- b) Public Hearing: Approval of the Orangevale Community Park Master Plan (pg 50-62): Admin. Foell noted that the Board has had several Board meetings discussing this topic, as well as community meetings and public outreach. He felt the District had received good feedback and some changes have been made as a result. Admin. Foell clarified that the current horse trails were not being removed. The District will be changing some accessibility aspects in the park to be ADA friendly. For example, a more accessible pathway will be built from Elm Avenue to the horse arena. One aspect of the plan is to have a trail and small parking lot near the horse arena to open more access to the interior of the park. Peter Larimer, the District's landscape architect, presented the Master Plan. He summarized the Master Plan objectives which included making a Master Plan based on community and Board feedback, a finance list to prioritize needs and wants of the community and District, and to provide pathways and playgrounds. The Oak and Filbert area will include a destination playground including fitness equipment, water spray park, shade structures, and additional picnic tables. This park area also included a new horse pathway and additional restroom. The Filbert Avenue nature area will have more developed natural trails and educational components. Oak Avenue nature area will be renovated in order to reactivate it as an educational nature trail and inviting part amenity. The horse arena will include an accessible route to the amphitheater and other nearby areas which would include a small parking lot and small one lane pathway. The playground would include logs and rocks and have more natural looking elements. The Elm Avenue entrance would provide a more accessible and safer route for school age students, in addition to ADA accessibility. The disc golf area included provisions for a parking expansion and new restroom. The tennis court will be renovated.

A question was asked about the play structure being so close to the horse arena and horse trails, and about the safety of the children being that close to the horses. Another attendee felt that putting horse trails and pedestrian and car pathways may be unsafe for the public, especially children. She also felt that the play structure was too close to the horse arena because it would distract the horses from being trained properly. Director Meraz recommended visual barriers around the horse arena. Director Stickney explained that this Master Plan will take years to complete, as money becomes available. Director Montes explained that ADA access was an important part of the plan. Several individuals discussed paving the Oak Avenue parking lot instead of using gravel. Admin. Foell noted that Oak Avenue was scheduled to be repaved in 2019, and he had requested the County also pave the park entrance.

The public hearing was officially opened.

A member of the public expressed that they were concerned about safety.

Dave Aguilar was concerned about safety at the horse arena. He also questioned as to why they want to attract more people, and he said he moved to Orangevale due to the ruralness of the area. The Board reiterated they were only wanting to make the park more accessible for ADA reasons. He recommended they pave less roads.

Susie Hurst said there were 5,000 horses in Orangevale, and there are no other areas where they can use their horses.

Patti Bell appreciated the Board's efforts and is interested in having the equestrian lifestyle at the park maintained.

Kris Ranallo felt this neighborhood was special, because of the ruralness and peace. She does not want Orangevale to become like Roseville.

Debbie Atabaha asked what it meant for the Board to approve the Master Plan. Admin. Foell said it meant to approve the concepts that were being discussed. In the future, the concepts would become more detailed before actually being done.

Kimberly Crocco was also concerned about safety of the public. She was pleased they were including equestrians in the park plans. She said the Oak and Filbert area was being utilized and did not need more tables.

Andrea Silva showed the Board a picture of her horse, River. She utilizes the horse arena and round pen to train him. She understood the need and want for the playground and ADA accessibility, but suggested it be done on the other side of the park.

Sally Crocco waived her request to speak. Caroline spoke, and was worried about the safety of children and horses interacting too closely together. A child may cause a horse to react in a dangerous way. She appreciates the plans being made but wanted to come up with a better solution to accommodate everyone.

Jalaina Ogden thought Orangevale was a great horse community and a combination of rural and urban. She also stressed safety.

Giovanni Cox appreciated the park but she was concerned about the roads and parking lots being recommended.

Nathan Beech, a landscape architect, said there was a flaw in the

plan because a horse facility should not be near a park. Horses, children, and cars do not interact well together.

Steve Grabenauer asked what the District would do if they had unlimited money to spend. Director Stickney would like to build a pathway from Orangevale to Folsom Lake.

Heidi Guirch had horses and ran a daycare. She felt putting a playground near horses could result in a bad situation.

Brittany Borsch was a member of 4H and stated they used the horse arena to improve their riding. She was concerned about young children riding horses, and horses being that close to children playing. There are also horse shows at the arena and they must provide available parking.

Mary Blue had a horse, and she entered the park near the proposed playground near the round pen. She added that she felt most of the Master Plan contained great ideas. She also commented that the sprinklers do not work in the horse arena.

Gail worked for Orangevale Happenings, and she felt the advertisement of the Master Plan was done well. She recommended the public attend more meetings.

Debbie moved to Orangevale because of the horse friendly community. She also walked dogs in the park, and she would like a designated space for off-leash dogs.

The Public Hearing was officially closed.

Director Meraz recommended to the public that they keep stating their opinion on wanting to remain a horse community. He reiterated that the Master Plan was a conceptual outline. Director Montes loved that Orangevale had a horse area and was an equestrian community. She felt they should find solutions to accommodate everyone's wants and needs. Director Swenson appreciated the public's comments and agreed they should not have a playground near the horse arena. Director Brunberg assisted in developing horse trails in Orangevale. She suggested the horse owners be responsible owners and only take the horses they know would be comfortable into certain areas. She felt the District facilities were not meant to be a training facility, but as a facility for the community to enjoy with their horses and to share with other community members. Director Stickney said the Board was interested in having trails and developing more trails to connect surrounding communities with Orangevale. Director Montes encouraged the attendees to attend more meetings.

On a motion by Director Brunberg, seconded by Director Meraz, the Master Plan was approved by a vote of 3-2-0 with Directors

Brunberg, Meraz, and Stickney voting Aye and Directors Swenson and Montes voting Nay. There were no Abstentions.

18. DIRECTOR AND STAFF COMMENTS

Supervisor Bain said they had a craft fair coming up soon, as well as the Polar Bear Plunge.

Recreation Supervisor Oropeza will be attending Maintenance Management School in Southern California.

Coordinator Woodford had 22 attendees in the travel program.

Director Stickney was pleased with the Halloween events. He thanked everyone, including Peter Larimer.

Admin. Foell spoke of the items for the next agenda.

Director Swenson thanked the staff for their hard work.

Director Montes appreciated all of the staff and their work.

Director Meraz was excited about the craft fair. He also talked about the issues involving electric scooters.

Director Brunberg heard more employees were participating in the high deductible healthcare plan. She also asked to have the sprinklers checked at the horse arena.

19. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a) County of Sacramento Hazel Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project: The County was purchasing a piece of property and the plans will be submitted to the Board. He would like the Board's advice regarding fencing between the playground and bus stop.
- b) Disc Golf Pay to Play
- c) District Finance Plan Options: Annually in May, the Board had been updating their capital project list, beginning from the Master Plan in 2008.

20. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #9

With no further business to discuss, the general meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. On a motion by Director Brunberg, seconded by Director Montes, the motion to adjourn was approved by a vote of 5-0-0 with Directors Swenson, Brunberg, Meraz, Stickney, and Montes voting Aye. There were no Abstentions or Nays.

Mike Stickney, Chairperson