

MINUTES OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WASCO RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: Member Jones called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Member Jones led.
3. Invocation: Member McDaniel offered the invocation.
4. Roll Call, Present: Board Members Jones, McDaniel, Garland, Snow and Wymer
5. Presentation of Awards: Volunteer Service Appreciation Award to Board Member Aubrey Wimberly. Mr. Wimberly was not present, staff will deliver.
6. Board members left the board room to tour the Swimming Pool, Park Restrooms and Locker Room at Barker Park to assess the needs for determination of renovation project. Board returned back to the board room. Will discuss further on item 11 of tonight's agenda. No action taken at this time.
7. Public Comments and Communications: Cheri Hudson spoke to the board regarding the condition of the facility. None
Board Business:
8. Consent Calendar:
 - a) Approval of the December 12, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
 - b) Approval of the Bill Paying List for December \$22,295.57The Board of Directors were provided an amended Bill Paying List for December \$27,269.10 for approval.
Vice-chair Garland made a motion to approve the consent calendar with the amended bill pay list, Member McDaniel seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried – 5-0-0
9. Report, Discussion and Possible Minute Action Re: Grand Jury Report for 2013
District Manager Hight went over the findings and recommendations from the 2013 Grand Jury Report. After brief discussion the board asked that a response letter from the District of the findings and recommendations from the Grand Jury report be prepared by District Manager Hight and presented at the February Board of Directors meeting. No action taken.
10. Report, Discussion and Possible Approval, RE: Little League Contract 2014
District Manager Hight presented a draft of the Little League Contract 2014. League President Martha Garcia and David Villalpando were present on behalf of the Little League organization. There was brief discussion.
Member McDaniel made a motion to amend the past agreement to add that Little League will chalk their own fields for daily games. No other amendments to last years agreement was made. Vice-chair Garland seconds the motion. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0
11. Report and Possible Approval RE: Barker Park Restroom/Locker-Room Renovation project.
There was brief discussion regarding the contingency allocation and how it may impact the Districts payout to the project.
City Manager Dan Allen was present to answer any questions.

Wasco High School Swim Coach Castillo was present and spoke to the board about the pool. Member McDaniel made a motion to approve the Barker Park Restroom/Locker-Room Renovation project. Member Wymer seconds the motion stating that reconstruction of the existing bathrooms was needed. All in favor motion carried 5-0-0

12. Report, Discussion and Possible Minute Action RE: Resolution to a Resolution of the Wasco Recreation and Parks District approving a change in the process of receiving signatures in district initiated checking accounts and limiting the board's exposure by requiring the Board Chairman, and or the Vice-chairman along with the District Secretary to affix signature to the District initiated checks.

Member McDaniel made a motion to approve the signatures of Chairman Gary Jones, Vice Chairman Gilbert Garland and District Secretary Chris Serna. Member Snow seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carried 5-0-0

13. Reports from District Staff:

Program Coordinator Tillman informed the Board about the Basketball program the district is currently starting and upcoming information on the softball and baseball programs that will be presented at the February meeting.

14. Report from District Manager:

District Manager Hight reported the status on PG&E and Utility Cost Management regarding the light bills.

Policy for Shelter rentals requiring deposit will be on the February agenda.

Pre-construction meeting at Barker Park at 8:15 a.m. on January 22nd Board members welcomed to join. Will keep what grass is taken out for any dry spots around the parks, use at Southgate to put with sprinkler system.

A lift will be rented sometime next week to fix the Little League scoreboard antenna and staff will also utilize for the replacements of lights around the parks if any board members know there are lights that need to be replaced at Barker, Westside please provide staff a list.

15. Reports from Board Members:

Member McDaniel requested a report on solar panels for the pool. District Manager Hight informed she had appointments next week to meet with 3 different companies.

Chairman Jones requested drain gutters at the pool be fixed/blocked off. Pool entrance to be made where it is safe to enter.

16. Closed Session: None

17. Adjournment: Chairman Jones motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM

Gary Jones, Chairman
Wasco Recreation and Parks District

ATTEST:

Chris Serna, District Secretary

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
Wasco City Council and
Recreation and Parks District
January 23, 2014 - 6:00p.m.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280

This meeting was moved to the court house training room located at 810 8th Street

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cortez called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Cortez, Members: Espitia, Martin, and Wegman

Present: Chairman Jones, Directors: Garland, McDaniel and Wymer

Absent: Member West and Director Snow

Also Present: City Manager Allen, District Manager Hight, City Clerk Rodriguez, Public Works Director Paris, Planning Director Mobley and Senior Planner Cobb

3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cortez led the flag salute.

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

5) Report and Discussion, RE: Urban Greening Parks and Open Space Master Plan Status

Director Mobley reported that the plan is being funded by a grant and consultants did the study. The purpose of the study is to clarify the policy of the park and open space and the park needs. With the study they hope to have a more comprehensive plan.

Consultants Jim Pikel and Mark Sillings with MIG were present and introduced themselves. They went over the agenda and the project goals.

Member Wegman left at 6:10p.m.

Consultants also discussed the planning process, draft goals and recommendations.

Member Wegman returned at 6:29p.m.

Some of the items discussed were park deficits, urban greening, conservation and connectivity. The next steps are capital improvement plan, funding and implementation, administrative master plan and plan adoption.

Member Espitia asked the consultants what they believe the soccer park needs. They feel that the park needs permanent restrooms, designated parking, an area for the kids to play, lights, and larger turf area.

Director Garland asked about cost and funding. Consultants will get that information to Director Mobley and Senior Planner Cobb.

6) Discussion of Recreation & Parks District Opportunities and Needs.

Member Espitia reported that the parks need maintenance and lighting. He suggested that the city lend equipment to the park if needed.

Director Jones mentioned that the city and the park are working together now.

Director McDaniel wants the city and the park board to have a better relationship, feels the contract is one sided and the park district should not have to pay for trash because the community generates the trash and not the park district.

Member Wegman left at 6:50p.m.

City Manager Allen informed the park board that the city does give the park district a discount for the trash and the city also loans equipment as needed.

Member Wegman returned at 6:52p.m.

Director McDaniel mentioned he was never aware that the park district received a discount for the trash. City Manager Allen mentioned that the city grant writer is helping and looking for grants for the district. There was some discussion on the park district wanting to keep the pool. Mayor Cortez asked for a cost analysis for the pool. City Manager Allen and staff will look into pre-fab restrooms and then report to the council and park board.

7) CONCLUDING REMARKS

Director Garland thanked the city and the City Manager for their help. He would like school representatives invited to the next joint meeting.

Member Wegman would like for the city and the park board to move on and work together.

Member Espitia would like for the city and the park board to work together for the best of the community.

Director Wymer would like for the city and the park board to work together.

Manager Hight would like for the city and the park board to work together for the community.

Member Martin would like for the city and the park board to work together for the community.

Mayor Cortez mentioned that the parks are the first impression for anyone moving to the community and everyone has the same goal.

8) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Cortez adjourned the joint meeting at 7:33p.m.

Duviet Rodriguez, City Clerk

Tilo Cortez, Jr. Mayor