

Paradise Recreation and Park District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Terry Ashe Recreation Center
October 11, 2023

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Vice-Chairperson Robert Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice-Chairperson Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 ROLL CALL:

Present: Robert Anderson (Vice- Chairperson), Mary Bellefeuille (Secretary), Al McGreehan (Director), Jen Goodlin (Director).

Steve Rodowick (Chairperson) arrived at 6:16 pm.

PRPD STAFF:

Present: Dan Efseaff (District Manager), Kristi Sweeny (Assistant District Manager), Jeff Dailey (Recreation Supervisor), Scott Amick (Recreation Supervisor), Catherine Merrifield (District Accountant), Sunny Quigley (Administrative Assistant II) Sarah Hoffman (Board Clerk)

Present via zoom: None

1.3 WELCOME GUESTS:

Vice- Chairperson Anderson welcomed guests.

Present: John Stonebraker, Melissa Cantant, Katie Battaglia, Taylor Nilsson

Present via teleconference: None

**1.4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Taylor Nilsson Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC)-
Wildfire Safety Projects on the Ridge**

Taylor Nilsson gave a presentation on an overview of BCFSC along with past, present, and future projects.

The Board and staff then took turns asking Mr. Nilsson questions.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Citizen Stonebraker made a comment on the clearing work that was done on the Yellowstone Kelly Trail and asked about the timeline for the skills feature work that is being done on the trail. District Manager Efseaff provided feedback.

Citizen Cantant thanked PRPD for the barbeque at Crain Park. She also made a comment on a grant approval, and upcoming Christmas donations.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

3.1. Board Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 13, 2023

3.2. Payment of Bills/Disbursements (Warrants and Checks Report) Check # 56030 – 56173 and ACHs

3.3. Information Items (Acceptance only): Safety Committee Meeting of October 19, 2023

Chairperson Rodowick asked if there were any items that needed to be pulled for discussion. Board Clerk Hoffman asked to pull Item 3.1.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked for a motion for the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item 3.1

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda Items 3.2 and 3.3 **MADE BY:** McGreehan. **SECOND:** Bellefeuille. **Roll Call Vote: AYES:** 5 (Rodowick, Anderson, Bellefeuille, McGreehan, and Goodlin.). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

Board Clerk Hoffman reviewed brief corrections to the minutes. Chairperson Rodowick then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023, Board Meeting.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes from September 13, 2023, **MADE BY:** McGreehan. **SECOND:** Anderson. **Roll Call Vote: AYES:** 5 (Rodowick, Anderson, Bellefeuille, McGreehan, and Goodlin.). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4.1. Personnel Committee Meeting of September 18, 2023. – The Committee met to discuss potential Flexible Spending Account (FSA) providers.

Secretary Bellefeuille gave a brief report on the committee meeting and the FSA providers and stated that staff would discuss it again at the next Personnel Committee meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

5.1. Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration- Magalia Paradise Lake Loop Trail – Staff seek Board acceptance of the Magalia Paradise Loop Trail Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Recommendation: Accept the CEQA Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorize the District Manager to sign associated declarations on behalf of the District.

District Manager Efseaff introduced the item and explained the study. He also stated that the District will request a grant extension for the overall project.

The Board then asked questions about the item. The Board asked about getting feedback to Chico Environmental (Consultant), allowing an extra process and delay to allow for informal comment before the CEQA document is submitted to the State Clearinghouse for formal public review.

District Manager Efseaff provided feedback.

Chairperson Rodowick asked for public comment.

Citizen Stonebraker commented on several items including and few errors in the draft study report. District Manager Efseaff provided feedback.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any further questions from the public or the Board. There were none.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked for a motion.

MOTION: Accept the CEQA Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and authorize the District Manager to sign associated declarations on behalf of the District after making the stated corrections and soliciting public entities input. **MADE BY:** Bellefeuille. **SECOND:** McGreehan. **Roll Call Vote: AYES:** 5 (Rodowick, Anderson, Bellefeuille, McGreehan, and Goodlin.). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

6. NEW BUISNESS

6.1. Approve Resolution #23-10-1-532 for the purchase of property at 6220 Clark Road – Following the complete loss of the District’s maintenance shop during the 2018 Camp Fire, the District set up a temporary facility at Bille Park to house the crew, maintenance tools, and equipment. Because of potentially costly upgrades at the original facility, the District has sought and found property in a promising location to meet needs (6220 Clark Road, Paradise; APN 053-040-038). The District seeks authority to move forward with the rebuild process. Recommendation: (A) Approve resolution #23-10-1-532 and B) Authorize staff to forward with the development of a Design Build approach to rebuild the District Maintenance Shop

District Manager Efseaff introduced the item with information on the property, the criteria used to select the property, and funding sources for the acquisition and development.

Board members commented on curb appeal and corrections on the resolution.

Chairperson Rodowick asked for public comments.

Citizen Stonebraker then stated he had no objections but asked where the funds to purchase the property would come from. District Manager Efseaff provided feedback.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any further questions from the public or the Board. There were none.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked for a motion.

MOTION: Approve Resolution #23-10-1-532. **MADE BY:** McGreehan. **SECOND:** Rodowick. **Roll Call Vote: AYES:** 5 (Rodowick, Anderson, Bellefeuille, McGreehan, and Goodlin.). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

6.2. Approve Resolution #23-10-2-533-State Parks Outdoor Equity Grant. – Anne Smith sought out an opportunity to receive grant funds through the Outdoor Equity Grants Program, that could provide additional funding for the Districts Elements program. The District is looking for authorization through a resolution to submit the application. **Recommendation: Approve Resolution #23-10-2-533.**

Assistant District Manager Sweeney gave a brief introduction on the grant.

The Board then asked a series of questions (such as, how much grant funding is the District asking for? When will the District know if they are awarded? What is the District track record of getting reimbursed? Staff provided feedback to the Board.

Chairperson Rodowick asked for public comment.

Citizen Stonebraker stated that he supports the attempt at the grant funds.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any further questions from the public or the Board. There were none.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked for a motion.

MOTION: Approve Resolution #23-10-2-533. **MADE BY:** Bellefeuille. **SECOND:** McGreehan. **Roll Call Vote: AYES:** 5 (Rodowick, Anderson, Bellefeuille, McGreehan, and Goodlin.). **NOES:** 0. **ABSENT:** 0.

6.3. Approve the Nexus Study Proposal. – Blair Aas from SCIconultingGroup (“SCI”) submitted a proposal to provide a Park Impact Fee Nexus Study Update (“Nexus Study”) and related consulting services for the District. The Nexus Study would establish the legal and policy basis for updating the District’s park impact fees. **Recommendation: Approve the submitted proposal and allow the District Manager to enter into an agreement with SCIconultingGroup.**

District Manager Efseaff introduced the item and briefly described the need for the study.

The Board then took turns making comments on the importance of this study and noted a correction in the cost of the work that is to be done.

Chairperson Rodowick asked if there were any public comments.

Citizen Stonebraker made a comment on the study.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any further questions from the public or the Board. There were none.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked for a motion.

MOTION: Approve the submitted proposal and allow the District Manager to enter into an agreement with SCIconultingGroup. **MADE BY:** McGreehan. **SECOND:** Goodlin. **Roll Call Vote: AYES: 5** (Rodowick, Anderson, Bellefeuille, McGreehan, and Goodlin.). **NOES: 0. ABSENT: 0.**

7. REPORTS:

7.1 District Report:

Recreation Supervisor Amick gave a verbal report on Fall Family Fun Fest.

Recreation Supervisor Dailey stated that there are 34 kids participating in Judo at Spring Valley school. He also gave an update on tiny Tots and the end of softball season.

District Manager Efseaff gave a brief update on the parks and all that the Parks Department has been doing.

District Account Merrifield gave a brief verbal report on District finances. Director McGreehan asked about the audit. District Account Merrifield provided some feedback.

District Manager Efseaff made a brief comment on funding for Lakeridge and the timeline.

Chairperson Rodowick then asked if there were any questions from the public or the Board. There were none.

7.2 Board Liaison Reports:

- Director Goodlin- Mentioned Make a Difference Day is on Oct. 20th and that the Camp Fire Collaborative is spearheading a trip to the Capital for the 5-year Anniversary of the Camp Fire to give an update on Paradise after the Camp Fire and to show gratitude.
- Secretary Bellefeuille- PATCH is having a summit with all the Board Members of the associated groups.
- Director McGreehan- Stated that he attended Fall Family Fun Fest on Sept. 23rd, attended an Upper Ridge Community Council meeting via zoom on Sept. 28th, attended the Concow barbeque on Sept. 30th, attended a LAFCO meeting on Oct. 2nd, volunteered at Johnny Appleseed days on Oct. 7th, and lastly, he attended a CARPD Board Meeting on Oct. 18th.
- Chairperson Rodowick stated that on Oct. 28th there is a benefit concert being put on by PASH down in Chico from 6-9 and that on Nov. 11th there will be a dog walk for the 5-year anniversary of the Camp Fire.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

District Manager Efseaff canceled the Closed Session

9. BOARD COMMENT:

Director Goodlin stated that she was excited that the bridge at Lower Bille Park was fixed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Rodowick adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. until the next Regular Board meeting, scheduled for November 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center.



Steve Rodowick, Chairperson



Mary Bellefeuille, Secretary