

Paradise Recreation and Park District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Magalia Community Center
October 12, 2022

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chairperson Al McGreehan at 6:05 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairperson McGreehan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 ROLL CALL:

Present: Al McGreehan (Chairperson), Steve Rodowick (Vice-Chairperson), Robert Anderson (Director),

Present via teleconference: Mary Bellefeuille (Secretary)

Excused: Dennis Ivey (Director).

PRPD STAFF:

Present: Dan Efseaff (District Manager), Kristi Sweeney (Assistant District Manager), Mark Cobb (Park Supervisor), Jeff Dailey (Recreation Supervisor), Catherine Merrifield (District Accountant), Sarah Hoffman (Board Clerk), Lori McCoslin (Recreation Specialist), Sunny Quigley (Administrative Assistant II), Lorrennis Leeds (Administrative Assistant I)

Present via teleconference: Chris Thomas

1.3 WELCOME GUESTS:

Chairperson McGreehan welcomed the guests present.

Present: Chris Rauen (Magalia Community Center), Calli-Jane (Butte Fire Safe Council), John Stonebraker, Bill Reeves, Jill (Last name unknown)

Present via teleconference: Patrick Farr (Melton Design Group), Kim Jacobi, Laura Miles,

1.4 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Wildfire Safety Progress and Programs on the Ridge - Calli-Jane West (Butte Fire Safe Council)

Calli- Jane gave an in-depth presentation on the Butte Fire Safe Council. She talked about their mission, the programs they put on, and the problems they are trying to solve

She mentioned about the council working on a forest management plan and interest in an Adopt-a Forest.

Calli-Jane also talked about the success of the Inaugural Grazing Festival.

Citizen Stonebraker asked about the Wildfire Summit and Calli-Jane informed him that it would be on December 7, 2022.

Vice- Chairperson Rodowick asked how well of a connection Butte Fire Safe Council has with the Fire Service. Calli- Jane provided feedback.

Chairperson McGreehan asked about fuel reduction target areas, environmental compliance exemptions and the nature of the grant funding. Calli-Jane provided a response on the exemptions and explained some grant funding resources.

B. Update on Magalia Community Park (MCP) – Chris Rauen

Chris gave a presentation on Magalia Community Center (events, upgrades, future plans and upgrades to the center.

Chairperson McGreehan stated that the presentation was very thorough and asked about his board appointed committee's work progress regarding a future MOU between Magalia Community Park and PRPD.

Both District Manager Efseaff and Recreation Specialist McCoslin commented on the hard work from the Magalia Community Park and Chris Rauen to get the building in order.

Citizen Jill also expressed her gratitude to Chris.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Citizen Stonebraker made a public comment regarding facilities within Magalia should take input from people within that community.

3. CONSENT AGENDA :

1. Board Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 14, 2022
2. Payment of Bills/Disbursements (Warrants and Checks Report)
Check #054420 – 054530 and ACH payments
3. Information Items (Acceptance only): Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from September 15,2022

Chairperson McGreehan asked board members for any items to remove from the consent agenda. Seeing none, Chairperson McGreehan then asked attendees and the online audience if they had any input on consent genda items. There was no input received.

MOTION:

Vice-Chairperson Rodowick moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Director Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 4 ayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairperson McGreehan, aye; Vice-Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille. Aye; Director Anderson, aye.

Chairperson McGreehan asked for board concurrence to move item 6.2 to after item 3. There was board concurrence.

6.2. Real Estate Donation of 5636 Feather River Pl. (Miles Property). – The District has the opportunity to accept the donation of real estate in Paradise from Laura Miles (APN # 054-250-054). The property could be used as the initial property for park expansion in this high fire risk area. *Recommendation: Approve Resolution #22-10-2-518 to authorize the District Manager signatory authority to finalize the acquisition of Feather River Place property donation with the completion of vegetation work to meet Town of Paradise standards.*

District Manager Efseaff gave a report on the property.

Vice- Chairperson Rodowick stated that he visited the property and noted his field observations including new construction.

Chris Thomas gave information on the Town of Paradise’s Draft Housing Element, which this project would support. Chairperson McGreehan stated that when the draft is approved, this matches well with the buffer project provided additional properties are added.

Kim Jacobi (realtor) gave some further insight on the project and that she was receiving bids to get the property up to compliance (Certification of town Vegetation).

Board members then asked various questions about the property like:

1. How long would it take to get the property up to compliance?
2. Who would maintain the property?
3. Is there a chance PRPD could get surrounding property?

Both District Manager Efseaff and Kim Jacobi provided feedback to the questions. District Manager Efseaff noted that long-term management may be a concern and that if revenue mechanisms do not work out or the if property becomes a burden for the District, it could be sold.

Citizen Stonebraker also made a comment about the property and did not see it as something the District should take on.

Chairperson McGreehan the asked if there was any further input on the matter from board members and those in attendance (in person and online). With no further input received, Chairperson McGreehan returned the matter to the board.

MOTION:

Vice- Chairperson Rodowick moved to approve Resolution# 22-10-2-518 and to authorize the District Manager signatory authority to finalize the acquisition of Feather River Place property donation. Secretary Bellefeuille seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 noe.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairperson McGreehan, aye; Vice-Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille. Aye; Director Anderson, no.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4.1. Recreation and Park Committee Special Meeting. – There was a special meeting held on September 13, 2022, to discuss Lakeridge Park Updates and the “Coming Soon,’ sign design.

Secretary Bellefeuille asked when the sign will be going up. District Manager Efseaff said that it should be up by the end of the month.

4.2. Recreation and Park Committee Meeting. – The Recreation and Park Committee met on September 27, 2022, to discuss Feather River Place, grant funding at Lakeridge Park, Camp Fire outstanding claims, and Eco Green Solutions, along with some closed session items.

Director Anderson asked why the Camp Fire outstanding claims was on a Recreation and Park Committee Meeting and not a Finance Committee Meeting. District Manager Efseaff stated it would be on a future Finance Committee Meeting.

Chairperson McGreehan asked for board concurrence to accept the reports. The board concurred.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 PRPD Sponsored Community Recreation and Assistance Grant. – Staff seek feedback, direction, and possible approval of a new grant program to be sponsored by the Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD, District) to fund community recreation events, programs, and/or classes.

Recommendation: Provide direction on the PRPD Sponsored Community Recreation and Assistance grant and potentially authorize staff to solicit applications.

Assistant District Manager Sweeney gave a brief oral presentation on the item

Chairperson McGreehan asked Assistant District Manager Sweeney to give a brief explanation on the grading rubric. District Manager Efseaff added some additional information.

Board members then took turns making comments about the grading rubric and suggested changes. Assistant District Manager Sweeney took note of the changes. The changes are as followed:

1. Make the Concow/Yankee Hill area worth 2 points, just as Butte Creek Canyon is.
2. Reduce the scoring weight for “Participants from Underserved Populations” worth only 20% instead of 25.

3. Reduce the scoring weight for “Participants from Underserved Locations within the District” to 20% instead of 25.
4. Increase the scoring weight for “Coordination/Collaboration with Additional Partners” worth 15% instead of 5.

Chairperson McGreehan then asked if anyone desired to speak on this agenda item. Citizen Stonebraker made a comment about the rubric percentages. Acknowledging no further public input, the Chair returned the matter back to the board.

MOTION:

Chairperson McGreehan moved that the board approve the new grant program and authorize staff to solicit applications. Director Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 4 ayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairperson McGreehan, aye; Vice-Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille. Aye; Director Anderson, aye.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Real Estate Donation of 6221 Forty Oaks Lane (Thompson Property)– The District has the opportunity to accept the donation of real estate in Paradise from the Thompson Family Trust (APN# 051-060-035). The property is adjacent to Bille Park and could be used for further park expansion. Staff seeks authority to complete the acquisition. *Recommendation: Approve Resolution #22-10-1-517 to authorize the District Manager signatory authority to finalize the acquisition of Forty Oaks Lane property donation.*

District Manager Efseaff gave an oral presentation on the property.

Many questions were asked by board members about the properties next to it (if PRPD could acquire it), what was being build near it, (a house that was already finished), and about the access to the property via the trail from Bille Park. District Manager Efseaff provided feedback to these questions.

Chairperson McGreehan also asked if the owner had received fuel vegetation clearance from the town of Paradise for this property. Christ Thomas didn’t have an answer but said he would find out.

Both Director Anderson and Park Supervisor Cobb made comments about this being a park enhancement and the opportunity to accept the land was more than worth it.

Chairperson McGreehan then asked if anyone from the audiences had input on the agenda topic.

Citizen Stonebraker made a brief comment about the trail leading to the property from Bille Park.

Acknowledging no further public input, the Chair returned the matter back to the board.

MOTION:

Vice-Chairperson Rodowick moved to approve Resolution# 22-10-1-517 to authorize the District Manager signatory authority to finalize the acquisition of Forty Oaks Lane property Donation. Secretary Bellefeuille seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 4 ayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairperson McGreehan, aye; Vice-Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille. Aye; Director Anderson, aye.

6.3. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Thermalito Water and Sewer District (TWSD). – Over the past few months, Staff have discussed a potential partnership with TWSD to explore the feasibility of recreation at Concow Lake. The Feasibility Report will be presented to the respective boards with recommendations in December 2023. TWSD approved the agreement at their September meeting. Recommendation: Adopt the MOU as presented.

District Manager Efseaff gave a brief description on the MOU and what it was about.

Chairperson McGreehan asked if this was just something PRPD was exploring. District Manager Efseaff stated that it was and that he was just gathering information and thoughts.

Director Anderson made comments about past recreation out at Concow Lake.

Chairperson McGreehan then asked if anyone from the audiences had input on the agenda topic.

Citizen Stonebraker said he thought it was a great idea.

Acknowledging no further public input, the Chair returned the matter back to the board.

MOTION:

Secretary Bellefeuille moved to adopt the MOU as presented. Director Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 4 ayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairperson McGreehan, aye; Vice-Chairperson Rodowick, aye; Secretary Bellefeuille. Aye; Director Anderson, aye.

6.4. 2022 Recreation Program Review (Oral) (Information only). – Historically, Staff have presented an End of Year Report summarizing Recreational Program accomplishments. While that will be forthcoming in 2023, staff wanted to focus on programs related to Magalia and seeks BOD recommendations on content for the End of Year Report

Recreation Supervisor Dailey gave an oral presentation on the many programs PRPD has run up in Magalia in the last year and in the past.

Chairperson McGreehan also asked about District programs we offer at Camp Coutolenc. Jeff provided feedback.

Recreation Specialist McCoslin then gave a brief oral presentation on some of the programs she has run up in Magalia at the Community Center.

Secretary Bellefeuille and District Manager commended McCoslin and noted appreciation for the work she does.

7. REPORTS:

7.1 District Report:

- Park Supervisor Cobb gave a short update on the Aquatic Park and that park maintenance are using the sludge for new tree planting. He also mentioned that park staff will be fixing the boat ramp to make it an easier access to the water and they would make it so there was a set place to launch and patrons wouldn't try to launch from the shoreline.
- District Manager Efseaff gave a brief report on current projects.
- Assistant District Manager Sweeny took time to speak on Lakeridge Park and how she obtained the feedback on what the community wanted to see at the park. She then went over the Lakeridge Park Plan. Secretary Bellefeuille made a comment that outreach will also come when ground is broken at Lakeridge.
- Chair McGreehan and Vice- Chairperson Rodowick commented staff on a record-breaking Johnny Appleseed Day.

7.2 Board Liaison Reports:

- Secretary Bellefeuille stated she met with PATCH and they are moving along. She said they had a Pumpkin Patch at Johnny Appleseed Days. Mandala where community members brought different things and plants from their yard to add to the Mandala on the ground, and they worked with Camp Fire Collaborative to do a seed exchange, it was very successful. They are also working with a consultant to help with some capital campaign ideas.
- Vice Chairperson Rodowick mentioned that Northern Greenwaste facility is now open but has limited hours. The recycling center is also going to be open around the first of the year.
- Chairperson McGreehan briefly talked about the Board Candidate Debates that the League of Women Voters put on for those running for the. He also informed those present that he attended a LAFCO meeting where they discussed some of annexations in Chico and the lawsuit behind them and that LAFCO and the City of Chico has come to an agreement. He also mentioned he and some other board members attended Johnny Appleseed Days.

8. BOARD COMMENT:

- Vice-Chairperson made a brief comment on the status of Paradise Animal Shelter Helpers.

9. CLOSED SESSION: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business, the regular meeting of the Paradise Recreation and Park District Board of Directors was adjourned at 9:41 p.m. by Chairperson McGreehan until the next Regular Board meeting scheduled on November 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Terry Ashe Recreation Center

Al McGreehan, Chairperson

Mary Bellefeuille, Secretary