

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Preserving and Protecting Parks and Open Space



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kelly Sorenson - Marina, East Garrison/Fort Ord,
north Seaside (**Ward 1**)

Shane Anderson – East Seaside (**Ward 2**)

Kevin Raskoff – Sand City, Del Rey Oaks,
west Seaside, central Monterey (**Ward 3**)

Kathleen Lee - Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach
west Monterey (**Ward 4**)

Monta Potter - Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur,
south Monterey (**Ward 5**)

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
Board Meeting

February 7, 2024
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- 1) **6:30 p.m. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:34.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken.
PRESENT: Directors Anderson, Lee, Potter and Raskoff
ABSENT: Director Sorenson (arrived at 6:37)
- 3) **Approval of Agenda** – Upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Sorenson, the Agenda was unanimously approved with the modification noted by Legal Counsel to identify Tucker Wisdom-Stack as labor negotiator for Item 8-D.
- 4) **Public Comments** – Darrell Stanaford spoke to the Board about “parkrun” and its benefits, encouraging the Board to allow events at District parks.
 - Svetlana Stanaford also touted “parkrun” and its benefits to help create community.
 - Pat Brew spoke about “parkrun”.
 - Esther Malkin spoke about her appreciation for the District’s participation in Laguna Grande Regional Park and its joint powers authority and encouraged continued action and attention to the park.
 - Mary Dainton noted that she heard about the District’s upcoming strategic plan and saw the date on the website but opined that there should have been more public outreach to advertise the meeting.
- 5) **Presentation** – Visitor Interpretive Experience Plan for Palo Corona Regional Park (*D. Wyatt*)
 - Environmental Education Coordinator Debbie Wyatt shared highlights of the VIEP.
 - Esther Malkin applauded the District for creation of the VIEP and commented that she would like to see similar things done at Laguna Grande.
- 6) **Consent Items** – Upon motion by Director Raskoff, seconded by Director Sorenson, Items 6-B through D were unanimously approved. Upon motion by Director Potter,

seconded by Director Anderson, Item A was approved, 4-0-1 with Director Raskoff abstaining.

- A. Approval of January 3, 2024 Minutes (*S. Parker*)
- B. Approval of Summary of Payments (*K. McCullough*)
- C. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report (*K. McCullough*)
- D. Approval of Report of Certified Public Accountants and Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 (*K. McCullough*)

- 7) **Division Reports** – All Division reports are informational only and may be written or oral.
- A. Monthly Financial Report (*K. McCullough*)
 - B. Monthly Staff Report (*R. Payan*)

- 8) **Identification of Closed Session Items** – President Lee announced that the Board would be going into Closed Session to discuss the noted items and solicited public comments.
- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). Two potential cases.
 - B. Instructions to Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 A.P.N. 015-162-009, 015-162-048 and 015-162-049 (Negotiators: Payan and Wisdom-Stack) (Under negotiation: terms and conditions)
 - C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), the Board will Provide a Performance Evaluation for the General Manager
 - D. Conference with Designated Labor Negotiators for the Position of General Manager Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

- 9) **Public Comment on Closed Session** – Esther Malkin spoke in support of the General Manager Rafael Payan and encouraged the Board to maintain his employment.
- Bruce Delgado announced his support for the General Manager and encouraged the District to purchase the CEMEX property in Marina.
 - Kathy Biala a resident of Marina read about some of the General Manager's accomplishments and asked the Board to maintain his employment contract.
 - Steve Lee a resident of Marina read comments from Lisa Fischer, asking the Board to renew the General Manager's contract for at least three years.
 - Christina Medina Dirksen attributed improvements to parks in the City of Marina to the General Manager.
 - Ann Tao spoke about the General Manager's accomplishments and encouraged the Board to extend his employment contract.
 - Donna Hardy a resident of Marina supported extending the General Manager's contract.
 - Yong Soo Oh a resident of Marina spoke in support of extending the General Manager's contract for two years and announced that he's looking forward to the Asian garden the General Manager has plans to create at Locke-Paddon Wetland Community Park.
 - George Powell encouraged the Board to maintain continuity at the District by renewing the General Manager's contract for at least three years.

- Mary Ventura a resident of Marina announced that the District has completed many projects under the General Manager’s leadership and urged the Board to maintain his employment so the Asian garden can be created at Locke-Paddon.
- Maria Dungo a resident of Marina spoke about the General Manager’s desire to create an Asian garden at Locke-Paddon and asked the Board to maintain his employment with the District.
- Theresa Cheung a resident of East Garrison spoke in support of the General Manager, asking the Board to extend his contract for at least three years.
- John Mott a retired California State Parks professional spoke about the General Manager’s experience with the National Recreation and Park Association’s Director School and urged the Board to extend his contract for three years.
- Jackie Nelson District’s Environmental Education Supervisor announced that the many recent achievements are due to the General Manager’s leadership.

10) Adjourn to Closed Session – The Board convened to discuss Items 8-A and B at 7:45 and returned to the Regular Meeting at 8:33, then went back to discuss Items 8-C and D at 9:10 and ended at 10:42.

11) Report on Return from Closed Session – Nothing to report.

12) Discussion/Action Items

- A. 2024 Election of Officers and Board Appointments (*S. Parker*)
 - After discussion and upon motion by Director Sorenson, seconded by Director Lee, Kevin Raskoff was elected as President, Shane Anderson was elected Vice President, and Monta Potter was elected Secretary/Treasurer.
 - Upon motion by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Potter, all committee and liaison assignments remain as before: Community Outreach-Directors Monta Potter and Kevin Raskoff; Finance-Kathleen Lee and Kelly Sorenson; Monuments, Art & Exhibits-Shane Anderson and Kevin Raskoff; Personnel-Kathleen Lee and Monta Potter; Real Property/Land Use & Management-Shane Anderson and Kelly Sorenson; Kathleen Lee to the Special Districts Association of Monterey County; and Kevin Raskoff to the Laguna Grande Joint Powers Authority
- B. Consideration of Resolution #2024-01, Approving Palo Corona Regional Park Trail Realignment and Restoration and Accompanying Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement and Adopting Findings, Addendum, and CEQA Exemption (*C. Marsh*)

13) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:43.



 Shuran Parker, Recording Secretary