

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Cameron Park Community Services District
2650 Cameron Park Drive, Suite 170, Cameron Park, California
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, 2004
DAVID JOHNSON, President
ALAN CLARKE, Vice President
Directors KEN CATER, DALE GERGER, and PAUL RYAN

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President David Johnson at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: President Johnson, Directors Clarke, Cater, Gerger, Ryan
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Director Ryan to approve the Agenda; seconded by Director Clarke. Motion passed 5-0.

OPEN FORUM: A resident asked if there would be a formal report on what will be done at Cameron Park Lake in terms of maintenance and upgrades, projects to be accomplished. President Johnson deferred the question to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Director Cater responded that there would be a report.

MOMENT OF RECOGNITION: Director Clarke stated that April 24 was the Second Annual Community Cleanup in Cameron Park. Two sites (Christa McAuliffe and Green Valley) were open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They received over \$400 in donations. Director Clarke recognized the following individuals for their help: Director Gerger, who worked at the Green Valley site; Valerie Kaufman and Greg Stanton, El Dorado Waste Management; Bill Randall, Capital Investigations, who donated the money for the pizzas after the cleanup day; Lori Tuthill, Cameron Park Fire Safe Council; Key Club of Ponderosa; Round Table Pizza for a discount on the pizza; and the Latter Day Saints Church, Bass Lake Ward, who helped at both sites. A special thanks to Bob Gilbert for coordinating the event.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion was made by Director Ryan to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Director Cater. Motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT MATTERS:

- Christa McAuliffe Skate Park:** Bob Gilbert stated that the District had entered into an agreement with Gen Base Boarding in November for them to take over operation of the skate park for a one-year period. The contract stated that they would be responsible for setting the hours of operation, supervising the facility, doing maintenance, and selling concessions. Gen Base have not met the terms of the contract. Mr. Gilbert recommended that the skate park be opened as an unsupervised facility. It would be maintained by both

the Parks staff and a part-time employee who is there now to help out and do general maintenance. Approximately 90 percent of Skate Parks in California are unsupervised.

Director Cater asked if Gen Base had been given 30-day termination notice. Mr. Gilbert stated that they had not. Director Cater stated that he had seen many skateboarders without helmets and a very casual enforcement. **Director Cater made a motion to terminate this contract and to give Gen Base a 30-day notice forthwith, at least by this week. The motion was seconded by Director Ryan.** President Johnson asked for discussion.

Mr. Gerger stated that he had visited the skate park several times and had never seen Gen Base there. He stated that a sign should be put up that says Unsupervised Skate Park. Also, kids are not wearing helmets. He does not feel that the contract with Gen Base is benefiting the District.

Director Clarke stated that he had also seen a lack of supervision and supports terminating the agreement.

President Johnson asked for public comments.

Irene Arnold wanted to know about putting up signs that skaters would skate at their own risk and require helmets.

President Johnson stated that discussion should be held until after the vote on terminating the contract. President Johnson brought the item back to the Board and called for the vote. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Director Cater gave a brief history of the operation of the skate park. One of the recommendations on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee is to go back to no supervision. He stated that he recognized that vandalism, rule violations, crime and bullying, etc., might take place, but not sure the District should be in the business of self-policing the skate park.

President Johnson commented that if we know the skate park has been a problem in the past, and if it goes unsupervised and then there is a problem, what about liability on the part of the District. He questioned whether putting up "Skate at Your Own Risk" signs mean anything legally. He stated that this needs to be run by the attorney for ramifications.

Mr. Gilbert commented that liability exists at all of CSD parks.

Director Gerger stated that if 90% of skate parks in California are unsupervised, there must be some protection from liability. Parents are going to have to take an active role and responsibility for their children. Bullying, etc. could take place anywhere.

President Johnson asked for public comments.

Irene Arnold stated that she was wondering about surveillance cameras.

A public member asked if there was a group that might be able to take over.

Mr. Gilbert stated that if the Folsom group took over, they would want to charge admission. He said the CSD had charged an admission before, and park usage decreased substantially.

President Johnson asked if Placerville's skate park was supervised.

Mr. Gilbert stated that they are somewhat supervised. Placerville is going through a lot of problems – they have a different type of population. If we charge \$2, kids will go to Folsom to skate in their \$3 million facility with lights. Going from charge to an uncharged back to charge would not work.

President Johnson asked for further public comments.

Irene Arnold stated that she did not want to see a charge. Director Cater stated that he did not want to see a charge either.

Jack O'Cam stated that he would like to see a phone available so that if there is an emergency, 911 can be phoned.

Director Cater stated that there is a phone in the park by the bathrooms.

President Johnson restated that the recommended action is to terminate contract, which has been approved.

Director Cater stated that the CSD needs to make a decision soon about what to do as the next step. He asked if the skate park should have hours similar to those of Cameron Park Lake.

President Johnson asked if this should be on the next meeting agenda.

Director Cater asked if Gen Base had any property in the kiosk.

Mr. Gilbert commented that they had a small amount.

Director Cater asked if it will be business as usual for the next 30 days or will Gen Base abandon the park.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he did not know but suspects it will be a mutual parting. He did not know if Gen Base would leave sooner than the 30 days.

Director Cater asked if staff could be delegated to open the skate park if Gen Base does not show up. He commented that not only does the skate park need to be opened up, but it

needs to be closed up at night. If the skate park goes to unsupervised, he would like to hear reports back from the General Manager and her staff about the progress at the next board meeting (if the Parks and Recreation Committee is recommending that it be unsupervised).

Irene Arnold stated that she would not want the park opened without adequate liability and signs in place.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the skate park was originally set up as an unsupervised park. The signage up there now is by code and states that skateboarding is regarded as a dangerous recreational activity. You are skating at your own risk. All the legal terms are listed on the sign at the skate park. He said he would confirm our liability protection with Dennis Timoney.

7. **Pedestrian Bridge at Rasmussen Park:** President Johnson stated that the pedestrian bridge at Rasmussen Park was completed in March of 2004 and Mr. Rasmussen says that he had a verbal agreement with the previous General Manager, Larry McBride, that the District would assume responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of the bridge. He stated that Mr. Rasmussen wants to have a written agreement with the District.

Director Cater felt that this needed to go to the Parks and Recreation Committee if there are things to be replaced and maintained on it.

President Johnson felt that the problem is that Mr. Rasmussen is stating that he had a verbal agreement with the previous General Manager.

Director Cater felt that this bridge fell under the same category as the benches near the gazebo at Cameron Park Lake. The CSD handles the upkeep and maintenance of those.

President Johnson stated that he did not feel that a signed agreement for the bridge was even an issue.

Director Cater felt that a thank you letter should be sent to the Rasmussens, signed by the General Manager, which incorporates the words “we will do the upkeep and maintenance and this is greatly appreciated.” President Johnson agreed.

Director Cater made a motion that the General Manager be directed on the Board’s behalf to send a thank you letter to the Rasmussens, making a commitment that the Cameron Park CSD will do the maintenance and upkeep on this bridge, and we are gratified for the donation. It was seconded by Director Ryan. President Johnson called for discussion. There was none. Motion passed 5-0.

8. **Waste Management Service Option Proposal:** Director Gerger asked if the waste management service ever sent the Cameron Park proposal. Director Clarke stated no and explained that the proposal in the binder was for areas outside of Cameron Park. He said the Board of Supervisors and committee wanted the CSD to adopt a formal resolution for the Cameron Park portion. Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Paine and Mayor Kathy

Lischman adopted an option plan, keeping a tight rein on future increases. He mentioned that he, Director Gerger, and the General Manager are scheduled to meet with El Dorado Waste Management on Thursday, May 25. The CSD should come out with a very good plan that will give all Cameron Park residents an option to keep prices down, an option for residents to go to bigger cans or stay with what they have, and give unlimited green waste.

Director Gerger stated what the CSD is proposing is that a resident could keep the 96-gallon can for trash, or can choose a smaller one. The resident can get rid of the little blue bucket and get a bigger recycling container. They would have the option of 96-gallon or 54-gallon green waste can. No per bag charge. He told Waste Management that the CSD would not accept a price increase except for the standard cost of living increase across the county, which is 2.3 percent, which brings rate from \$19.31 to \$19.75, which was already going to happen in July.

Michelle stated that they should receive a written proposal by end of business on Tuesday.

President Johnson stated that Cameron Park is still negotiating back and forth. At the next Board meeting it is likely a proposal will be brought to the Board then. Director Clarke stated that it would be on the June Board agenda for adoption by the Board.

9. **Planning Matters:** No items.

10. **Committee Reports:**

A. **CC&R:** No report.

B. **Parks and Recreation:** The committee will probably meet the first week in June.

C. **Budget/Finance:** Director Clarke stated that he and Michelle attended the CSDA Legislative Day. He said there will be a cutback for all special districts in California, probably a 25 percent cut on the Parks and Recreation side and a 3 percent cut on the fire side. This is a two-year deal. He stated that the Budget and Finance Committee had its first meeting to begin to work on the 2004-05 budget earlier in the week.

A public member asked how that would affect projects that are already started.

Director Clarke stated that the Budget and Finance Committee was in the process of assessing that. Projects that are funded through June 30th are okay because they are under this year's budget. He said the cuts will impact next year's budget which starts on July 1st.

A public member asked if this would impact the building of the community center.

Director Clarke stated that if it is passed on the November ballot, it is still two years down the road before the community center would be finished and that there are optimistic signs that things will improve in a couple of years.

Irene Arnold asked if the CSD gets to keep any of the increased property tax revenues.

Director Clarke stated that yes, they do come back and is the main source of revenue.

Irene Arnold asked what percentage of CSD revenue comes from property taxes.

Director Clarke stated that the biggest percentage comes from property taxes allocated through the county.

- D. **Fire and Emergency Services**: Director Ryan stated that there was no report but a meeting is scheduled for the week of May 24th concerning the fire station and budget.
- E. **El Dorado County Regional Prehospital Emergency Services Operations Authority**: Director Cater commented that he appreciated the General Manager's efforts to put a whole lot of information specific to that in all of the packets.
- F. **Cameron Park Fire Safe Council**: No report. Director Gerger stated he was out of town when they met.

Chief Silva stated that weed abatement is a busy time. They may have a grant coming in through the Fire Safe Council for the next fiscal year - tentatively \$90,000.

- G. **NCSDIA**: Director Clarke stated that the NCSDIA had a very good year, invested well, and had very few losses. He mentioned that the CSD may have a dividend.
- H. **Community Center Research**: Directors Clarke and Gerger invited the Board and public to the next design workshop meeting on May 20th at Carlton Engineering, 3883 Ponderosa Road at 7:00 p.m.
- I. **Chardi Corner Committee**: Director Cater stated that a couple of months ago, the Board reviewed a plan that was provided by County Planning that was an intrusion on Chardi Corner at Country Club and Cameron Park Drive. Directors Cater and Ryan volunteered to have a meeting with County Planner, Ray Pesses, who was receptive. Mr. Pesses approached the traffic engineers to present CSV's issues. Mr. Pesses contacted Director Cater and stated that the cutout that was originally going to be 30 feet will be reduced to about 7 feet. He said it was a verbal report but there may be some further discussion and negotiations.

MATTERS TO AND FROM DIRECTORS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD: None.

ADJOURNMENT: President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Attest:

President, Board of Directors

Secretary to the Board of Directors