

**Ladera Recreation District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm at the LRD**

**Board Roll Call:** Bob Felderman, Brian Wall, Randy Cook, Jen Coleman, Calin Thomas  
**Also attending:** Di Gow, Ada Braun, Bruce Beron

**Public Comment**

- Bob shared a letter received from longtime Ladera resident and frequent swimmer Madelene Wong, praising Di and all of her efforts at the LRD. Thank you for the note Madelene, and thank you Di!!!

**Minutes From Prior Meeting Approval**

- Motion made to approve meeting minutes from June 8th, 2020; seconded; 5-0 approved

**Election Discussion**

- Per San Mateo county election board rules, a board vote on a resolution stating that the LRD will be part of the 2020 election cycle is required.
- Both Jen and Randy's terms will be complete in November.
- Board Member Randy Cook resigns as of the end of the July 13th meeting.
- Motion to pass the resolution; 2nded, approved 5-0.
- Board members must be a registered elector who resides in Ladera.
- Di to make an announcement to the neighborhood email list-serv with details about the upcoming election.

**Finance**

- Research to be done re: opportunities to improve FDIC coverage of our financial assets
- Review of financial information from Hilda
  - Expenses are less, income is less; residence memberships are relatively consistent with last year, slightly down; non-resident memberships off budget by about \$100k (more details in managers report section)
  - Di to meet with Hilda to explore an amended budget given the ongoing pandemic and its significant impact on our 2020 budget.
  - Swim lessons - won't be at the same scale compared to last year
  - Discussion about possibility of doing another camp session; has been quite successful this summer
    - Per regulations our current understanding is that sessions must go for 3 weeks
    - Given the decent chance of many kids not returning to school in the fall, perhaps there are "camp-like" opportunities to explore?

- Water expenses are up; anticipating a rebate from CalWater

## **Managers Report**

- Membership recap
  - Currently have 111 family memberships, compared to 128 at this time last year.
  - 40 non-resident members vs 92 from last year.
- Swimming
  - Keeping busy; lanes typically booked, especially family rec time on weekends
  - About 95% utilization on lanes
  - Lap swimming has been going great with steady demand
  - Dolphin swim - has been popular, extended an additional week
- Swim lessons started the week of July 6
- Camp
  - A camper noticed he wasn't feeling great due to a suspected allergic reaction and self-administered an Epi Pen. 911 was called as is our protocol and everybody was ok!
- Winter swim
  - A couple folks have approached Di about seeing if we can try again for a winter swim program.
  - Exploring options, have decent expenses to consider (e.g. ~\$48k)
    - e.g. perhaps a sliding scale based off how many members commit
- Normal July 4 activities at the LRD due to the pandemic didn't happen. Mr Softee ice cream truck was a hit on Friday night. Looking forward to next year.
- A big thanks to Matt Garlinghouse for analyzing our solar panel data, identifying two panels that were out of commission, and for leading the charge on installation when the new panels arrive.
- From CAPRI - our insurance company - we received an award - The 2019 District Safety Award; highest rating possible
- Di had initial discussions with the new neighborhood DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) committee
- We passed the San Mateo County Environmental health inspection with 0 violations
- Di and team adequately staffed and covered after Steve's departure

## **Pool Committee Update - Jen/Calin**

### **Status**

- Feasibility study complete with Terracon
  - Goal was to help get additional levels of detail on pool construction costs and requirements (e.g. bathrooms).
  - Confirmed that we will need 4 toilets for women
  - And 2 urinals and 2 toilets for men
  - For pool and bathroom; 2.2M
- Adams Pool quote was ~\$1.5M
  - Adams quote was for a private entity, not public
  - As a public entity there are additional labor and bid requirements that are

- expected to increase labor costs significantly
- Confirmed these bidding and labor requirements with our legal team and an additional attorney
- Worked with Meg Thomas on a revised anticipated total project cost; e.g. Geotech, Civil engineering, permits/fees, bathroom and deck work, contingencies; when all layered in we are approaching 3M
- In progress on contract details for soil study and topographic analysis
- Still working on a 1 to 2 year horizon
- Agreement that our current plan is to invest more to learn more and firm up details
- With additional details our plan will be to regroup more publicly with the community; details TBD (e.g. Community meetings, Crier updates, etc.)
- Discussion about the possibility to use reserve funds to help with additional costs identified
  - Funds we receive from San Mateo county/taxpayers - are a fair portion of our annual revenue. These funds have enabled us to save significant dollars annually in our reserve funds.
  - Discussion about the argument that these funds can and should be used to re-invest in our key community asset (the rec center).
  - Agreement that the board will discuss and research this topic further.
- Discussion about the scope of CAPRI insurance (e.g. earthquake, fire, etc).

### **Closing Topics**

Thank you Randy for your service on the board since 2015!!

**Public Meeting adjourned at 8:46**

### **Next meeting:**

Planned for 7:00 pm on Monday, August 10th, 2020

Respectfully submitted: Brian Wall