



**Advisory Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 5:30 pm  
Via Zoom Meeting ID: 810 8691 8603**

- Call to Order:** 5:30 pm by Chairperson Evans.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Announced by Chairperson Evans.
- Roll Call:**
- MORPD Directors Present:** Evans, Todd, Alcalay, Bannister and Rothberg.
- MORPD Staff Present:** Barton, Tierney, Hichborn, Woodland, Curtola, Dahlberg, Hawthorne and Steven Shankar.
- Public Present:** Rick Heyer from Sacramento County Counsel, Ed Espinosa and Anthony Hernandez from Francisco and Associates, Mike Grace from the Sacramento Parks Foundation, Chad Kennedy from O'Dell Engineering.
- Chairperson's Comments:** Evans requests a moment of silence for the children killed in the Uvalde, Texas shooting last month, and the police officers killed on June 14th.
- Board Comments/Discussion:** Rothberg states his gratitude to staff for responding to issues in MORPD parks quickly and efficiently. Bannister thanks staff for an educational tour around MORPD parks and community centers.
- Announcement by Chairperson:** Members of the public may address the Board on District topics not listed on this agenda. It is a violation of state law for the Board to discuss or act on non-agenda items. Board members may only briefly ask clarifying questions or refer matters to staff. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes.
- Public Comment:** None.
- Brown Act Training:** Training by Rick Heyer, of Sacramento County Counsel.
- Staff wants to know if traveling to another state and attending a meeting by Zoom will affect AB 361 rules.
- Consent:**
1. Approval of May 10, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
  2. Adopt Resolution 2022-08, Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for June 14, 2022, to July 14, 2022.
  3. Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District Park Patrol Reports for May 2022 from Fulton El Camino Police, Sacramento County Sheriff Off Duty Patrol, and Tiger Security.

4. Monthly Budget Reports, April 1-30, Period 10, FY 2021-22.
5. Administrative Division Report.
6. Recreation Division Report.
7. Parks Division Report.
8. Staff Work Plans.

**ACTION:** After discussion, on a Motion by Director Alcalay, seconded by Director Rothberg, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve all consent items. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Evans, Todd, Alcalay, Rothberg, and Bannister.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**Action:**

14. Approval of Resolution No. 2022-09 Approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessments and Ordering the Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for the Mission Oaks Parks and Recreation Maintenance and Improvement District.

**ACTION:** After discussion, on a Motion by Director Todd, seconded by Director Alcalay, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve Resolution No. 2022-09 Approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessments and Ordering the Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-23. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Evans, Todd, Alcalay, Rothberg, and Bannister.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**Information/Reports/Presentation:**

9. District Administrator Report.
  - Recreation Report (Verbal).
  - Facilities Report (Verbal).

*Hichborn introduces Steven Shankar as a new full time Parks employee.*

*Curtola reviews the recreation division report. Dahlberg introduces Joselyn Beadler, new intern through Rio Americano CIVITAS.*

*Director Rothberg states that MORPD staff was on the local news recently announcing a staffing shortage for summer camps and questions staff on where the recreation division is with hiring employees for camps.*

*Staff states that hiring is extremely difficult because people are not applying. Staff notes that camps have coverage from the seasonal employees that have been hired as well as the Leaders in Training who volunteer to assist camp staff.*

10. Recreation Committee Report. (Verbal)  
*Director Rothberg reviews what was discussed at the Recreation Committee meeting.*

*Director Alcalay suggests labeling agenda items to specify between the recreation staff report and the recreation committee report.*

11. Facilities Committee Report. (Verbal)

*Director Evans reviews what was discussed at the Facilities Committee meeting.*

12. Presentation by O'Dell Engineering. (Verbal)

*Chad Kennedy gives presentation.*

**Discussion:**

13. Discussion of emPOWERment Park by Sacramento Parks Foundation.

*Director Alcalay questions if the Sacramento Parks Foundation ever reached out to the owner of the house that has been surrounded by the park to see if they would sell.*

*Mike Grace, of the Sacramento Parks Foundation, states that the purchasing of the duplex on the corner was not a part of the plan for the lot that was purchased because it was not in the budget. Grace states that the foundation had to go through several steps just to purchase a piece of the land from both sides of the duplex on that street to create the easement for parking. Grace notes that the foundation did go door to door before purchasing the lot to inform neighbors of the incoming park and everyone was very excited.*

*Director Evans questions if the Sacramento Parks Foundation is a 501c3 and if so, can they ask the owner of the house if they would be willing to donate the duplex to the foundation in exchange for a tax write off.*

*Grace states that yes, the Sacramento Parks Foundation is a 501c3. However, it would be highly unlikely that the owner of the duplex would be willing to donate their property.*

*Staff states that a notice for an RFP will be published soon to accept bids for the construction of a new inclusive park. Currently Sacramento Parks Foundation is 1.5 million short of the amount needed to construct the park with the features selected.*

*Director Rothberg questions if staff can reach out to the State to see if they will allow flexibility for obtaining the elements that are required in the park since it has become increasingly difficult, due to the pandemic.*

*Chad Kennedy, of O'Dell Engineering, states that if the Sacramento Parks Foundation were to go to the State to ask for amendments that weren't originally agreed upon, then the process for the park would have to start over from the beginning.*

*Director Alcalay questions if it is possible to build the park in phases and begin with construction now since the Foundation has enough money for certain park elements to be built but not everything. Then, over time, the Foundation can work on getting more money while work is underway on completing the park.*

*Kennedy States that this is an option, but only for the amount of time the grant life has, which will end in July of 2024.*

*Director Alcalay makes several suggestions as follows:*

- 1. Raising the contingency.*
- 2. Staff return to the next scheduled Advisory Board meeting with a request for MORPD to give \$500,000 of its own funds and include a clear justification of what that amount is going towards.*
- 3. Staff create a marketing strategy with a list of companies staff is hoping will provide funds, so that a plan can be created to reach the \$1.5 million that is still needed.*
- 4. Possibly reach out to a grant finder who can help with finding more money through grants that are currently available.*
- 5. Putting a five-to-ten-year limitation on the naming rights of the park just in case features in the park need to be replaced and the Foundation needs more money, as well as possibly selling sections of the park for naming rights.*
- 6. Reaching out to the marketing team of the Sacramento Kings to set up a meeting and see if they are willing to provide the Foundation with a list of names who might be willing to give money.*

*Director Alcalay suggests that the Foundation be straight forward and as transparent as possible when asking for money and the amount of money that they need. This will help keep the integrity of the original plan for the park.*

*Director Todd questions if anyone has reached out to the City of Sacramento regarding the all-inclusive Southgate Park that was just recently finished, to see how they were able to raise the money. Todd also suggests reaching out to SMUD for more money.*

*Director Rothberg states that they have been talking with the man behind raising the money for Southgate Park and he is willing to help the Sacramento Parks Foundation with ideas and connections for raising money.*

*Barton states he will return to the Board with quotes submitted for the construction of emPOWERment Park.*

*The Board and staff thank Chad Kennedy and Mike Grace for their presentation and information.*

**Action:**

15. Approval of Resolution 2022-10 transferring \$59,109.30 from the Mission Oaks Impact Fees to the General Fund.

*Director Alcalay request that staff research Impact Fees and bring back a recommendation on whether those fees are transferable. Director Alcalay requests to have that recommendation placed on the agenda for the next Advisory Board meeting.*

**ACTION:** After discussion, on a Motion by Director Alcalay, seconded by Director Todd, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve Resolution 2022-10 transferring \$59,109.30 from the Mission Oaks Impact Fees to the General Fund. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Evans, Todd, Alcalay, Rothberg, and Bannister.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

16. Approve attached Resolution 2022-11 approving the employment contract with Daniel Barton to serve as District Administrator of the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District for the term of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2025.

**ACTION:** After discussion, on a Motion by Director Rothberg, seconded by Director Evans, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve Resolution 2022-11, approving the employment contract with Daniel Barton to serve as District Administrator of the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District for the term of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2025.

AYES: Evans, Todd, Alcalay, Rothberg, and Bannister.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**Staff Comments/Reports:**

Staff recommend postponing the July meeting until the first week of August, since staff need the time to meet with the Finance Committee and finalize the final budget before it is sent to the County of Sacramento.

The Board states that several Directors will be traveling during that week.

Staff states that they will gather the dates the Directors will be traveling and will come up with a date for the next Advisory Board meeting.

Staff reviews a previous email sent out to Directors regarding a SDLA conference set for later in the year.

The Board states that they will review the information given in the email and inform staff, later, if they are interested in attending or not.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, August 08, 2022, at 6:00 pm. As of the date of this notice, social distancing measures are in effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parties interested in participating in the public hearing should visit the District's website at <https://www.morpd.com/advisory-board-meetings> for current information on how to provide public comment.

**Adjourn: 7:48 pm.**

*Shayne Hawthorne*  
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Shayne Hawthorne, Clerk of Board

August 8, 2022  
Date