



**Advisory Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Via Zoom Meeting ID 896 4665 4858**

- Call to Order:** 5:30 pm by Chairperson Rothberg.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Announced by Chairperson Rothberg.
- Roll Call:**
- MORPD Directors Present:** Rothberg, Nguyen, Evans, Todd and Alcalay.
- MORPD Staff Present:** Barton, Hichborn, Tierney, Woodland, Ballis, Curtola, Dahlberg and Paredes-Banville.
- Public Present:** Ross Villegas, District resident, Garima Pathak and Sanwar Harshwal of Harshwal & Co. LLP, CPA
- Chairperson’s Comments:** The census report is due out soon; staff will need to start to explore the masterplan process and engage in conversation.
- Board Comments/Discussion:** Director Todd thanks staff for cleanup efforts after the January 27 wind and rainstorm.  
Director Nguyen requests the definition of conflict of interest from the Districts standpoint for vendors submitting request for proposals. District Administrator will provide that information. Also, would like to know why the recent teen Adulting 101 program didn’t have the same incentives as the Adulting 101 program had last year. This will be discussed during the Recreation report.
- 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:** Ross Villegas, Eastern Oak Park area resident, comments on the use of the futsal, basketball and pickleball courts at all hours of the day, starting at 6 am. Balls and park users are coming into his backyard or knocking at his door to return balls from his yard. The noise from participants is loud and has heard that people want lights added to the courts. Adding lights will only increase the park usage during hours the park is closed. The courts are being used inappropriately; soccer is being played on futsal courts and doubles are being played on the pickleball courts, which is currently prohibited by the current health order. Director Alcalay invites Mr. Villegas to attend the Facilities Committee meeting on February 10, 2021 at 6 pm.

**Information:**

1. Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District (MORPD) Park Patrol Reports for January 2021 by J.R. Hichborn. Spoke with FEC police regarding parking citations. Other violations such as off leashed dogs have increased.  
Director Alcalay spoke with District Administrator Barton Daniel about FEC park patrol report. MORPD staff must go to the FEC website to pull park patrol reports, they are not provided to us. He doesn't need to hear about off property citations unless they are near or in front of a park. Superintendent Hichborn explains dog citations are only given to repeat offenders, for safety reasons, we need to keep our parks safe.
2. Monthly Budget Report, September 1-30, 2020, Period 3, FY 2020-21 by Finance Manager Darren Woodland.
3. Administrative Division Report by District Administrator Barton. Staff has discussed having the Adulting 101 program with other ideas for Teen programs, which will be brought to the Recreation committee. Vice Chairperson Nguyen asks about the change in the incentives for the newer program for teens. In the previous program it was clearly stated the teens would be paid for participating, so why aren't there financial incentives offered again? This item will be discussed at the Recreation Committee meeting soon. District Administrator Barton will send the information regarding the conflict of interest tomorrow to Vice Chairperson Nguyen.
4. Recreation Division Report by Supervisor Danny Curtola. Director Evans would like to see more information about MORPD programs in the Arden Arcade publications in the future. Director Alcalay requests staff monitor photos we advertise in the future; the photos used for Fortnite were alarming.
5. Parks Division Report by J.R. Hichborn, Parks Superintendent. Director Alcalay compliments he observed Saturday at EOP; he saw Fidel Baker wearing a mask while cleaning up.
- 6.. Personnel Committee Reported. Direct Evans Robert reports. The Personnel Committee will be updating the policy personnel policy.

**Consent:**

7. Approval of January 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**Action:** After discussion, on a Motion by Director Evans, seconded by Director Todd, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve the January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Rothberg, Nguyen, Evans, Todd and Alcalay approve the motion.

**Action:**

8. Appointment of 2021 Advisory Board Officers and Committee position assignments.

**Action:** After discussion, on a Motion by Director Alcalay, seconded by Director Evans, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to appointment the 2021 Advisory Board Officers and Committee position assignments as recommended. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Rothberg, Nguyen, Evans, Todd and Alcalay approve the motion.

9. Approve Resolution 2021-01 Declaring that Governing Body Members and Volunteers Shall be Deemed to be Employees of the District for the Purpose of Providing Workers' Compensation Coverage for said Certain Individuals While Providing Their Services.

**Action:** After discussion, on a Motion by Director Alcalay, seconded by Director Evans, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve Resolution 2021-01 Declaring that Governing Body Members and Volunteers Shall be Deemed to be Employees of the District for the Purpose of Providing Workers'

Compensation Coverage for said Certain Individuals While Providing Their Services. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Rothberg, Nguyen, Evans, Todd and Alcalay approve the motion.

10. Approve agreement for personal services to perform the Districts Audit.

**Action:** After discussion, on an amended Motion by Director Nguyen, seconded by Director Alcalay, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve the agreement for personal services to perform the Districts Audit and include a review of the pension liabilities, and, to review the cost of living adjustment and merit increases and how they increase the budget base compared to the current revenue that is coming in, and to include an interview with the Board Chairperson during the audit process. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Rothberg, Nguyen, Evans, Todd and Alcalay reject the amended motion.

**Action:** After discussion, on a Motion by Director Alcalay, seconded by Director Evans, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to approve the contract with Harshwal and Company to perform the Districts Audit. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Rothberg, Nguyen, Evans, Todd and Alcalay approve the motion.

Chairperson Rothberg directs staff to work with Harshwal and Company to review the cost of living adjustment and merit increases and how they increase the budget base compared to the current revenue.

**Staff Comments/Reports:**

**Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:30 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.

**Adjournment: 7:17 pm**      Riva Ballis      April 13, 2021  
Riva Ballis, Interim Clerk of Board      Date