



**Advisory Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Meeting ID: 814 0779 3907
4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608**

- Call to Order:** 6:01 p.m. by Chair Michael Alcalay.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Announced by Chair Michael Alcalay.
- Roll Call:**
- MORPD Directors Present:** Alcalay, Rothberg, Todd, and Evans.
- MORPD Directors Absent:** None.
- MORPD Staff Present:** Barton, Hichborn, Curtola, Friedrich, Woodland, and Hawthorne.
- Public Present:** Garima Pathak from Harshwal and Co., Andy Brown, Coral Dickinson, Craig Gifford, and Julie.
- Chairperson’s Comments:** Chairperson Alcalay regarding staff taking care of district parks. Alcalay requests the Board receive weekly email updates for emPOWERment Park and the signage installation at Ashton Park.
- Board Comments/Discussion:** Director Todd regarding staff taking care of district parks and attending the County of Sacramento Board and Commissions appreciation training event on behalf of MORPD. Rothberg regarding staff taking care of district parks and keeping staff updated on construction for emPOWERment park.
- 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 two (2) minutes.
- Public Comment:** Brown regarding the MORPD master plan process.

Consent:

1. Approval of October 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District Park Patrol Reports for October 2024 from Sacramento County Sheriff Off Duty Patrol and Tiger Security.
3. Monthly Budget Reports, September 1-30, Period 3, FY 2024-25.
4. Administrative Division Report.
5. Recreation Division Report.
6. Parks Division Report.

7. Staff Work Plans.

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

AYES: Alcalay, Rothberg, Todd, and Evans.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Information/Reports/Presentation:

8. Staff Reports.

- Recreation Report. (verbal)
- Parks Report. (verbal)

Discussion:

9. Decide on continuing Zoom in MORPD Advisory Board and Committee Meetings.

Public Comment: Brown regarding supporting MORPD continuing Zoom at Advisory Board and Committee meetings.

Director Rothberg requests staff look into a way to get in-person public involvement at meetings.

No action is taken.

Action:

10. Review and adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 approving the District's Annual Report and Five-Year Findings Report for the Park Impact Fee Program.

ACTION: After discussion, on a motion by Director Todd, seconded by Director Rothberg, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 approving the District's Annual Report and Five-Year Findings Report for the Park Impact Fee Program. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Alcalay, Rothberg, Todd, and Evans.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

11. Review and accept the 2020-21 fiscal year audit by Harshwal & Company.

Pathak states there are no findings in the 2020-21 FY audit.

Alcalay requests that all audits be shared with the Board and a call be made to the chair, from the auditing company, before it is presented at the Board meeting.

ACTION: After discussion, on a motion by Director Evans, seconded by Director Todd, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to accept the 2020-21 fiscal year audit by Harshwal & Company.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Alcalay, Rothberg, Todd, and Evans.
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

12. Review and accept the 2021-22 fiscal year audit by Harshwal & Company.

Pathak states that there are no findings in the 2021-22 FY audit.

ACTION: After discussion, on a motion by Director Todd, seconded by Director Evans, the Advisory Board of Directors voted to accept the 2021-22 fiscal year audit by Harshwal & Company. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Alcalay, Rothberg, Todd, and Evans.
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Staff Comments/Reports: None.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. 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: 7:17 p.m.

Shayne Hawthorne January 14, 2024

Shayne Hawthorne, Clerk of Board Date



FW: Public Comment letter to Nov 12, 2024 MORPD Advisory Board Meeting - Agenda Item 9 - Decide on Continuing Zoom in MORPD Advisory Board and Committee Meetings

From Julie Gabele
Date Tue 11/12/2024 2:57 PM
To Board Clerk <boardclerk@morpd.com>
Cc Nicole Friedrich <nfriedrich@morpd.com>; Shayne Hawthorne <SHawthorne@morpd.com>

Nov 12, 2024

Subject – Public Comment letter to Nov 12, 2024, Agenda Item 9 – Decide on Continuing Zoom in MORPD Advisory Board and Committee Meetings

Dear Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District (MORPD) Advisory Board,

Please kindly confirm receipt and distribute to all MORPD board members for Nov 12th, 2024 advisory board meeting.

As a constituent of MORPD, **I request the board support the continued the use of Zoom for Advisory Board and Committee Meetings and to ensure constituents and the public can continue to use Zoom to remotely attend, participate and provide public comment live via Zoom.**

- Maintaining a hybrid model for public participation is widely adopted by local governments, boards, commissions, committees, etc. and leaders are welcoming public participation and insights to achieve better decisions and outcomes for the public served by the governing body and advisory.
 - See Attachment A below – for list of the many local governments, districts, boards, and commissions leading the way on this (i.e.. using Zoom and hybrid meetings to engage public).
- Zoom provides an important path of communications and transparency between constituents, district staff, board members, consultants, and others.
- Use of hybrid model of combined Zoom and in-person meetings is widely adopted in the public, it is low cost, and easy to use.
- In a technology enabled world MORPD needs to keep up and embrace use of Zoom (and similar technologies) used routinely in government, schools, and our daily lives.
- The public expects this hybrid live meeting access inviting them to participate remotely from leading organizations interested in better serving and keeping pace with needs of the public they serve.
- While MORPD started using Zoom during pandemic, the tremendous untapped benefits and new information to the district has enabled and it is vital to your success.

The suggestion to investigate discontinuation of Zoom was first initiated by Chair Alcalay at the Feb 13, 2024 advisory board meeting (as recorded in the minutes). It followed a heavily attended Facilities Committee meeting where multiple methods of participation and public comment were used for benefit of the meeting. Unfortunately, MORPD went on to suggest and find ways to reduce **public comment time from 2 min to 3 min**, to **remove existing option of a public comment letter read into meeting by staff** (an option many of my own neighbors used in fear of retribution and/or not able to attend due illness), **as well as a change to meeting minutes format which summaries now are so sparse that little-to-no useful information about what actually occurred in meeting discussion, facts, public comment, board comment, discussion, reasoning or otherwise could be known (unless you attend live meeting)**. Entitles who use the limited meeting summary format, that are committed to be transparency, provide recordings of full meetings to public online (including Sacramento County Board of Supervisors). **The point is this latest effort is more of same and it's not helpful. It is exhausting and the wrong path to solve issues and achieve success.**

How about actually keeping line of communication open, meeting us where we are by letting us continue to attend and participate remotely, actually working on problems together, being open to ideas that help resolve this, and find a way to be supportive and good neighbor... instead of trying to control the narrative and impede?

I hope that wisdom prevails over this latest course of action, and the entire board instead support the continued use of Zoom as stated above. Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,

Nov 12, 2024 Public Comment Attachment A– List of relevant local public entities who use Zoom in most instances and support hybrid meetings, remote participation of public, of which many post full meeting recordings online for public to access and stay informed.

Sacramento County Public Entities Meetings	Use Zoom for Public Meetings (allowing public to join remotely)	Allows public to attend live via Zoom & provide public comment remotely (during live meeting)	Other Live Meeting - via live stream on Cable, webcast, etc.	Publishes recording of meeting to public	Time allowed for Public Comment per each (per each agenda item, per general comment period, per each hearing item)
Adult and Aging Commission	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	allow 3 min each item
Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	not specified
Arden/Arcade Community Planning Advisory Council	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	not specified
Sacramento County -Area 4 Agency on Aging - Advisory Council	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	not specified
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District	Yes	Yes	Yes, cable & webcast	Yes	not specified
Sacramento Public Library Authority	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	allow 3 min each item
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors	While the Sac County Board of Supervisors does not use Zoom - they instead broadcast live via cable and online webcast instead.	Yes - Public can attend live meetings as they occur remotely via cable, webcast, etc. No live remote comments - requires in person, via email, and/or via special accommodations.	Yes - cable, webcast, other	Yes - recordings posted on cable, YouTube, podcasts(iHeart radio, Spotify, apple podcast)	allow 2 min each item
Carmichael Recreation and Park District	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	allow 3 min each item
Cemetery Advisory Commission	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	allow 5 min each item
Disability Advisory Commission	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	allow 5 min each item
Health Authority Commission	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	allow 2 min each item
Veterans Advisory Commission	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	not specified
Sacramento County Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council	Yes - conducting meetings via Zoom (not in person currently)	Yes - welcome participants to ask questions, provide comments	N/A	N/A	not specified
Sacramento County Employees Retirement Board	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	not specified
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council	No Zoom, but allows remote attendance & comment	Yes, via Teleconference	n/a	Yes	not specified
Delta Citizens Municipal Advisory Council (CMAC)	No Zoom- but they do allow public live remote attendance by telephone	Yes - via remote comment, without prior accommodation	N/A	Yes	not specified
Other local entities in Sacramento region and CA					
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	Yes	Yes	Yes - cable & webcast	Yes + index	not specified

Sacramento Suburban Water District	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	allow 3 min each item
Carmichael Water District Board	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	allow 3 min each item
East Bay Regional Park District	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - video + full transcript	not specified
North Highlands Recreation and Park District	Yes	Yes		Yes	not specified
Rio Linda Elverta Recreation & Park District	Yes	Yes			allow 3 min each item
Placer County Parks Commission	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	allow 3 min each item
El Dorado Hills Community Service District (CSD)	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes- video + transcript	3 min each item
City of Alameda Council	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	not specified
City of Alameda Recreation and Park Commission)	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	not specified
City of Alameda Golf Commission	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	not specified
City of Alameda Library Board	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	not specified
San Diego County Parks Advisory Committee	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	not specified
Fulton El Camino Park District	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	allows 3 min each item

The staff had some other who were using Zoom for public participation, so tried to not repeat those. I did add column to show comment period and some other paths being used to get meeting details and recordings out to public.