



Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

November 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was convened by Chair Trina Hudson at 6:30 p.m. at the Ambrose Community Center, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, CA.

1. **Opening Ceremonies:**

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Torlakson, Garcia, Torres, Hudson
Board Member Absent: Lopez-Garcia
Staff Present: Chalifoux, Iniquez
Audience Present: 8

2. **Pledge of Allegiance;**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Hudson.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Approve the Agenda.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Garcia

Action: Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Torlakson, Torres, Garcia, Hudson **Noes:** None
Absent: Lopez-Garcia **Abstentions:** None

4. **Consent Calendar:**

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Torres

Action: Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Torlakson, Torres, Garcia, Hudson **Noes:** None
Absent: Lopez-Garcia **Abstentions:** None

5. **Presentations/Introductions:**

None

6. **General Manager's Report:**

The General Manager gave brief reports on the following topics:

1. Green Infrastructure Project – the District has been granted the \$2.7 million Prop 1 Implementation grant for the Ambrose Center Park; it will enhance park facilities and provide environmental benefits; will have a community outreach in spring of 2025
2. Ambrose Park – consulting with Pittsburg engineers for Ambrose Park Phase II whom have provided a list of quality certified design consultants that the District can RFP for designs
3. Clearland Property – now in escrow
4. Recreation Programs/Events –
Haunted Hallway: 250 participants; youth did an amazing job
Day of the Dead/Dia de Los Muertos: over 300 in attendance; was very well received by the community
Turkey Giveaway – November 22nd at the Ambrose Community Center
Breakfast with Santa: December 7th at the Ambrose Community Center from 9a-11a
Toy Giveaway: December 19th – with Supervisor Glover and Contra Costa County Sheriff

There were a few questions from the Board.

7. **Legal Counsel Report:**

None

8. **Public Communications:**

None

9. **Board Matters:**

a. **Neighborhood Community Input on Converting Tradewinds Park from a Passive Park into a Dog Park.** Neighbors of the area are opposed to converting park into a dog park. Director Hudson appreciated the public for coming and speaking on the item. She stated that she and her fellow board members would never want to move ahead with a project without hearing from the neighbors first. Director Torres suggested the community brainstorm on what they would like to see at Tradewinds Park. He encouraged the residents to bring their ideas back to the Board.

b. **Consider Options for Utilizing ARPD Warehouse as Historical Building.** Mrs. Chalifoux was contacted by the Historical Society, who were looking for an available building. She suggested taking a portion of the concession stand/garage on the community center grounds. Director Torres is concerned about the safety of having a historical museum there without proper security. Director Torlakson remembered that it was already agreed, at a past meeting, that they would be leasing the roundhouse at Ambrose Park for \$1.00. She would rather the Historical Society use the roundhouse instead of the community center grounds because of recreation activities offered there. Director Hudson would like to keep the space for the expansion of new sports/activities that will use the area and believes there is better place for the museum. Mrs. Chalifoux will speak with Supervisor Glover and come back with other ideas at a future meeting.

10. **Public Hearing:**

None

11. **Closed Session**

None

12. **Committee Reports and Board Comments and Items for Next Agenda:**

The Board thanked the Tradewinds community for speaking at the meeting. They also thanked staff and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

13. **Closing Ceremonies:**

Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Torlakson **Second:** Torres

Action: Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Torlakson, Torres, Garcia, Hudson **Noes:** None

Absent: Lopez-Garcia **Abstentions:** None

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____

Signature of Board Member