

MINUTES
Board of Directors of the Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District
December 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular December Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Langle.

ROLL CALL: Directors Langle, Deacon, Duncan and Soltysik were present. Director Menna was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ian Guthrie thanked the Board members for serving on the Board. Juli Powel noted that the July Community Board/County meeting was not well attended and believes there should be a larger community outreach program to educate the residents about fire safety/danger. Should EMID invite the "bucket brigade" volunteers to speak to EMID and the community? EMID asked that they forward information for discussion. The matter will be placed on the next agenda.

ACTION CALENDAR:

MINUTES:

ACTION: *The Board approved the November, 2019 regular meeting minutes as amended on a motion made by Director Duncan, seconded by Director Deacon and passed (4-0).*

DOG PARK: Discussion continued relative to the need, placement, goals of creating and maintaining a dog park on EMID land, specifically Tecolote Meadows. Director Duncan stated that there have been no decisions made relative the proposed project. She continued to report that the site would require wood chips, bathrooms, fencing, shade and water to be a well run facility. She further showed a placement option overview.

Director Soltysik noted that the fencing would be daunting and asked if residents with acre lots really needed a dog park, continuing that residents may be unconvinced of the need for a dog park in our community. Director Duncan noted that EMID has 1.3 M\$ and that money should be spent on projects that the residents want, further that the project would promote social interaction. Larry Ramos asked about benefit in general and Doreen Suchman noted that dog parks are listed on websites and would attract many people from outside of the area to the community. Matt Mathews asked about "unintended consequences" to the project. He wishes the land to remain a "natural park". Juli Powel cited increased traffic on Farren Road, homeless intrusion and increased fire danger as objections. Scott Whitely went on record as opposed to the project. Kirkman Gardiner also stated opposition. Kirkman Gardiner asked that a Neighborhood Watch project should be placed on the next agenda.

President Langle thanked Director Duncan for her work on the proposed project, but said the project should not be pursued further at this time.

SNAKE AVOIDANCE DOG TRAINING: Director Deacon moved to approve a second springtime training on the Tecolote Meadows, subject to proper liability insurance and space availability. Director Soltysik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

FLOOD CONTROL: Staff will meet with County Flood Control about current flood control plans in the District. Juli Powel asked that the current debris flow maps be updated. Staff noted that the maps are being updated and new information will be reported when received.

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS: Director Soltysik proposed that EMID participate in local plans. Director Deacon and Juli Powel will form a committee to research how to proceed, including recruiting other agencies, ranches and communities, and creating an outline and template. The issue will be placed on the next agenda.

Security Cameras: Director Menna will continue to research security camera options including, types, placement, and costs. Matt Mathews stated that he is in favor of cameras at both entrances to the canyon.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Director Soltysik presented the Finance Officer's report.

ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS:

ACTION: Director Soltysik moved to accept the AOC in the amount of \$13,676.47. Director Deacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (4-0).

MANAGER'S REPORT: The report was read into the record, including correspondence, maintenance and repairs reports. Tree trimming and removal projects continue.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS: Director Soltysik mentioned that the Tecolote Creek rain gauge reported the highest in the county at over 6 inches.

President Langle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Approved _____
President

Clerk of the Board

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