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MINUTES OF THE HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK GOVERNING BOARD

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
La Mesa City Council Chambers
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jack Shu at 2:05 p.m.

Representatives from the following agencies were present constituting a quorum: Charles Gailband, County of San Diego; Jennifer Herrington, Grossmont Union High School District; Joel Scalzitti, Helix Water District; and Chairperson Jack Shu, City of La Mesa. Michelle Metschel, City of El Cajon joined at 2:10 p.m.

The following Lead Agency staff members were also present: Leon Firsht, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services; Lindsey Hurley, Administrative Analyst II; and Erica Pongun, Administrative Coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one public comment from Kerry Rauch.

“Canine Corners would like to submit the attached files to be included in Public Comment for the upcoming meeting. They represent the basic design and project estimate of the remodel of Canine Corners Dog Park located within Harry Griffin Park. At the May 4, 2021 JPA meeting Board Member Dan McMillan requested that we submit this Canine Corners Dog Park remodel information for the meeting. It is our understanding that Mr. McMillan wanted to help with some fund raising resources that he is familiar with.”

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2021

There were no questions of the draft minutes of May 4, 2021.

ACTION: Motioned by Mr. Scalzitti and seconded by Mr. Gailband to approve the draft minutes of May 4, 2021.

Vote:

Yes: Mr. Gailband, Ms. Herrington, Ms. Metschel, Mr. Scalzitti, Mr. Shu
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed 5-0.

2. WORKSHOP TO REVIEW HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS OF AUTHORITY AGREEMENT, BOARD STRUCTURE, AND AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Scalzitti began with a brief background of Helix Water District's involvement in the JPA since conception. He stated Helix Water District absorbed a portion of City of El Cajon's contribution to the JPA a few years ago due to a financial hardship and would like to revert to the original contributions. He also brought forth a system implementing a Vice Chair should the Chairperson be absent. Mr. Shu then summarized the two proposed amendments to the agreement.

Mr. Scalzitti shared a comment regarding the independent surveys taken by Helix Water District that found a balance of attendance among constituents that attend the park. There was discussion among Ms. Metschel and Mr. Scalzitti regarding City of El Cajon's past and present contributions, as well as the current contributions of other agencies. The location and boundary of the park within the City of La Mesa and City of El Cajon was discussed among Directors. Based off of the discussion, Mr. Shu suggested the City of El Cajon return to their original contribution as half of the park is located within the City of El Cajon. The month of October was selected to reconvene after Ms. Metschel goes back to her respected parties to discuss.

Mr. Shu volunteered the City of La Mesa to draft the amendment to implement a Vice Chair for the board based on a rotating basis rather than contribution amount.

ACTION: Motioned by Mr. Scalzitti and seconded by Mr. Gailband to propose language for two amendments as well as adjourn the meeting.

Vote:

Yes:	Mr. Gailband, Ms. Herrington, Ms. Metschel, Mr. Scalzitti, and Mr. Shu
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shu adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Erica Pongun
Administrative Coordinator