



Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Governing Board

Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date: October 22, 2024, 11:30 a.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Mark Arapostathis, Mayor, City of La Mesa
Andrea Beth Damsky, Director, Helix Water District
Sean Hill, County of San Diego
Michelle Metschel, Councilmember, City of El Cajon

Absent: Shelley La Fata, Grossmont Union High School District

Staff: Assistant City Manager Lee
Director of Public Works Throne
Director of Community Services Richardson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Arapostathis called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Board Member Damsky requested an update on the lawn mower purchase behalf of Helix Water District (item 5.4).

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 REPORT FROM CANINE CORNERS OFF-LEASH DOG RUN

Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services

Director of Community Services Sue Richardson provided an update on behalf of Canine Corners. She went over the project proposal from 2021

for park improvements, that has been put on hold due to funding. She stated Canine Corners is looking for more volunteers to help with the park.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the Board will not be able to discuss or take any action on the item at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

City of La Mesa resident Martha Bakkedahl, expressed her concern of students vandalizing and loitering in Harry Griffen Park. She has reached out to La Mesa Police Department for assistance as she as well as others do not feel safe in the park. She also mentioned drivers speed in the parking lot and suggested speed bumps.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

5.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT GOVERNING BOARD ANNUAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

There were no questions of the minutes from April 16, 2024.

Moved by Board Member Arapostathis

Seconded by Board Member Sean Hill

Approve the minutes

Yes (3): Board Member Arapostathis, Board Member Sean Hill, and Board Member Metschel

Abstain (1): Board Member Damsky

Absent (1): Board Member La Fata

Motion Approved (3 to 0)

5.2 PARK SECURITY CAMERAS

Lieutenant Hildebrand went over the recommended camera option for Harry Griffen Park. Board Member Metschel asked for clarification on what the function of the camera is. Lieutenant Hildebrand explained it functions like a security system camera and has the ability to pan and zoom to monitor the park. Board Member Metschel then clarified the pricing of the camera option. Lieutenant Hildebrand confirmed that the camera will

assist with enforcement in the park. Board Member Damsky then inquired if the bathrooms would be visible from the cameras and Lieutenant Hildebrand went over the options of where the camera will be able to view. Board Member Hill expressed support on behalf of the County of San Diego so long as the budget begins to flatline. Board Member Hill then asked when the prebudget meeting would be and Assistant City Manager Amanda Lee confirmed it would be in March 2025 where the Board would be presented with multiple budget options.

Moved by Board Member Arapostathis

Seconded by Board Member Metschel

Create two budgets, one including the cost for the three Flock "Condor (PTZ)", and one without, to present to the Board during the March 2025 prebudget meeting.

Yes (4): Board Member Arapostathis, Board Member Damsky, Board Member Sean Hill, and Board Member Metschel

Absent (1): Board Member La Fata

Motion Approved (4 to 0)

5.3 TREE PRUNING ALONG NORTHERLY PROPERTY LINE OF HARRY GRIFFEN PARK

Assistant Director of Public Works Jose Ornelas went over the proposal to have large eucalyptus trees trimmed in the park.

Moved by Board Member Arapostathis

Seconded by Board Member Damsky

Create two budgets, one including the cost for the additional tree trimming at the northerly property line, and one without, to present to the Board during the March 2025 prebudget meeting.

Yes (4): Board Member Arapostathis, Board Member Damsky, Board Member Sean Hill, and Board Member Metschel

Absent (1): Board Member La Fata

Motion Approved (4 to 0)

5.4 UPDATE ON MOWERS

Board Member Damsky asked for an update on what type of mowers were purchased for the park. Assistant Director of Public Works Jose Ornelas stated diesel mowers were purchased.

6. **STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board Member Hill stated Kelly Daniels will be the new representative for the County of San Diego Parks and Recreation beginning next meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Arapostathis adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.