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MUIR BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018

OFFICIAL MINUTES ONLY UPON APPROVAL

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Item 1 Call to Order:

Hamilton-Rivers called the meeting of the Muir Beach Community Services District Board of Directors to order at approximately 7:06PM.

Hamilton-Rivers thanked those who contributed to the agenda and encouraged all to participate in setting future agendas.

Directors present: Gary Friedman, Victoria Hamilton-Rivers, Peter Lambert,

Steve Shaffer, Leighton Hills

Staff present: Mary Halley, District Manager Leslie Riehl, District Treasurer

Adoption of Agenda: Item 2

There was public and Board discussion on how agendas are created and who is involved in that process. It was clarified that any item on the agenda can be an actionable item. Previous features of time allotted for an item and whether an item is a discussion item or an action item are no longer included.

> MOTION: To adopt the agenda as submitted.

Moved:

Shaffer, seconded by Hills

Vote: AYES: Unanimous

Item 3 Approval of Consent Calendar:

A. Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 2/28/18, as submitted.

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MOTION: To adopt the consent calendar. Moved: Shaffer, seconded by Lambert

Vote: AYES: Unanimous

Items Removed from Consent Calendar:

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

<u>Item 5 Treasurer's Report:</u>

Treasurer Riehl recapped her written report. Amendments to the recent round of audits are being worked on. She hopes to have a draft budget to present to the Board next month. After some research, she was able to clarify that the annual \$300 parcel fee is for water capital improvements only. Reserves will be established. She's working on a 40% allocation of operating expenses to Water and WCI. As of the end of February, she believes there is \$256,000 available for non-water projects. She wants to open three additional bank accounts soon in order to separate Water funds from Government funds and also in consideration of FDIC limits.

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Treasurer's Position - Bonding Requirement and Proposed Job Description:

A draft job description for the treasurer position was included in the Board packet. Public and Board discussion clarified that the Treasurer must be bonded; a bond is not required for the District Manager. Government Code specifies that the District Manager and the District Treasurer must each report directly to the Board. One comment from the public related to having the job description make clear which functions are to be taken by the Treasurer and which by the District Manager. John Lavine said he would like to come up with specific language for the job description later in the evening. Hamilton-Rivers suggested that after the meeting would be fine and John said he would have the draft language for the next meeting.

Item 7 District Manager's Report:

Halley provided highlights of her written report which included: an update on the water permit modification; the ADA upgrades have been completed, noting that the cost of the ramp and bathroom upgrades was \$6,000 and that a grant paid for \$5,000 of that cost; a new page has been added to the CSD website showing parcels that the District owns; the handrail and stair repair project approved last month is underway; the \$8,000 grant for strategic planning is being processed; the anticipated \$8,000 FEMA grant has been received.

Halley requested that the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee become an advisory committee to assist her with prioritization of repairs needed at the Community Center.

Hamilton-Rivers noted that the Sunset Way project should be incorporated into the strategic plan.

Item 8 Closed Session 4/25 at 6:30PM:

MOTION: To schedule a closed session on 4/25 at 6:30 PM in order to perform an

employment evaluation of Mary Halley.

Shaffer, seconded by Hills Moved:

AYES: Unanimous Vote:

Item 9 **Fire Department Report:**

Item 10 Bylaws:

Chief Gove reported. April 17, at 7:00 PM, a Firesafe Marin seminar with Marin County Fire in attendance will be held at the Community Center. There have been discussions regarding possible installation of a warning siren to be located at Green Gulch Farm. Gove will submit an MOU to the Board laying out what is being proposed. Turnouts for the new crew members have been ordered. Gove will be asking for money outside of the budget for the cost of training the new members. The BBQ planning is going well. He and a resident of Green Gulch Farm are researching a grant to clear 250 trees inside the borders of Muir Beach and also to clear and widen one mile of trails. He will work this month to make progress on the new firehouse

Hills detailed the few changes that had been incorporated into the draft bylaws since the time of the prior meetina.

Resident Bob Jacobs read a lengthy statement. He had made a proposal which he requested be added to the agenda and it had been included in the comments to the bylaws rather than on the face of the agenda itself.

MOTION: To approve the bylaws as submitted, along with a revision to have a

listing of agenda items not included on an agenda be reviewed as a consent calendar item. Any item reinstated by the Board could be heard at that meeting, or if more preparation by staff is then needed in order for

the item to be heard, at a subsequent meeting.

Moved: Shaffer, seconded by Lambert

Vote: AYES: Unanimous

<u>Item 11 Water Rates – Ellison, Schneider & Harris LLP Transmittal – Legal Fees Incurred:</u>

The Board received correspondence from resident Richard Kohn requesting to see all correspondence between the attorneys at Ellison, Schneider & Harris as mentioned at the last public meeting. Hills reviewed the correspondence with Richard. The issue at hand is transparency and since community money was spent on these opinions, Richard feels the community has a right to know what the opinions were.

After lengthy discussion, and in order to not compromise attorney/client confidentiality by making the correspondence public, Hills offered to paraphrase the content of the emails and opinions and make them available. Halley will pinpoint the date of the audio recording of the attorney's presentation to the community.

Item 12 Trail Committee Report:

Dave MacKenzie presented. Varied uses of the community's trails - by bikes, hikers, horses, etc. – sometimes create problems. The goal of the Trails Committee was to do an inventory, formulate recommendations and map the trails. The inventory has been completed and recommendations made. The task of mapping has been complicated by the various types of property - private, district, parkland, etc. – and has not yet been completed.

Specific trails have specific issues. Considerations for the Board are: steps and railings, possible minimal signage, encroachments (patios build on trails, houses on easement land), interconnecting different routes and allowing volunteers to pull invasive, non-native plants.

Dave's report will be posted to the website.

<u>Item 13 Road Policies – Sunset Way Project – Greene Lane – Public/Private Status of Public Roads – Escheat Law:</u>

Hamilton-Rivers reported. The current estimate from an ILS engineer for the Sunset Way project is \$1,488,000. The median income of Muir Beach residents disqualifies the CSD from receiving most grants for this project. There are some portions of the project that may qualify for a grant. To begin applying for grants, finalized plans, several competitive bids and a community strategic plan that demonstrates long-term financial planning are needed. Hamilton-Rivers would like an action committee formed to work on this.

MOTION: That the work on Sunset Way plans continue under the stewardship of

Hamilton-Rivers. Halley. Shaffer. Matt Silva and Chris Gove and finalized

plans, along with bids, be presented to the community as soon as

possible.

Moved: Shaffer, seconded by Hills

Vote: AYES: Unanimous

Chief Gove proposed installing a fire hydrant at the end of Greene Lane to serve the several houses there.

MOTION: To allocate \$10,000 to upgrade the water main and install a fire hydrant

at the end of Greene Lane.

Moved: Shaffer, seconded by Hills.

Vote: AYES: Unanimous

There was a discussion on the applicability of escheat law as it pertains to the issue of whether Sunset Way is a public or private road and whether the February 16, 1982 road maintenance policy was superseded by the road policy contained in the November 13, 2013 meeting agenda. Minutes of that meeting have not been located but it was determined to the satisfaction of the Board that the policy had been adopted, thereby superseding the 1982 policy.

MOTION: To re-affirm the adoption of the November 13, 2013 road policy, with the

additions that any expenditures potentially required under that policy are to be subject to the District having adequate funding, and an absence of

other higher priority projects needing District resources.

Moved: Shaffer, seconded by Hills

Vote: AYES: Shaffer, Hills, Friedman, Hamilton-Rivers

Abstained: Lambert

<u>Item 14 Easement between Sunset Way and Pacific Way:</u>

Continued to next meeting.

Item 15 Dog Park:

Ann Jeschke spoke with Scott Bender, who was made aware of interest in a dog park at the Community Center while the playground was being built. There was some public and Board discussion and some questions raised. This item will be included in next month's agenda so that the Board can make a decision on it.

Item 16 Security Cameras at Community Center:

Continued to next meeting.

Item 17 Public Open Time:

Kathy Sward wondered when the Board will be discussing raising water rates again. Treasurer Riehl responded.

Item 18 Recognitions and Board Member Items:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25. The meeting to set the agenda is scheduled for April 18.

Item 19 Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
Moved: Hills, seconded by Shaffer
Vote: AYES: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:18 PM.