

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 28, 2016 4:00 P.M.

Morgan Run Resort Clubhouse

5690 Cancha De Golf, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Whispering Palms Community Services District was called to order by Board President McElfresh at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT

Nancy McElfresh
Kathy McHenry
David Nugent
Bill Haynor
Jack Wasserman

ABSENT

GUESTS

Pat Caughey

STAFF

Chuck Duffy, GM
Paula Melendrez

2. Public Comment – None.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Consideration of Landscaping and Landscape Design Proposal from Wimmer, Yamada, and Caughey for the Whispering Palms Entryway and Road Right of Way Along Via de la Valle.

Landscape architect Pat Caughey provided the board with handouts showing the proposed plant palette and three options for the Whispering Palms entryway and road right of way along Via de la Valle. The three options utilize the same plants that will be used in the medians as well as similar patterns. There was general agreement among the board that new date palms should be planted at the entrance, the fountain shall remain the same, and the existing monument signs would be replaced in favor of boulder-signage to give it the “Rancho Santa Fe” look and feel. There was also discussion concerning the fact that fruitless olive trees, previously thought to be resistant to the disease attacking other olive varieties, have now shown a susceptibility to the disease. Pat Caughey will bring an updated planting scheme to the next meeting, with alternatives to the olive trees.

ACTION: Director McElfresh moved to approve the design proposal from Wimmer, Yamada, and Caughey. Director Wasserman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1, with Director Haynor opposed.

Director McElfresh presented water color drawings for her suggestions on a proposed supplemental planting along the Crescent Right of Way Area between the golf club and Via de la Valle. The proposed plantings would utilize plants that are salt tolerant, drought tolerant, and safe for recycled water use: acacia, purple hopseed, and the ‘bottle-brush’ plant. Director Haynor suggested that the board delay this project until water restrictions have been lifted.

ACTION: Director McElfresh moved to direct General Manager Chuck Duffy to obtain a bid from Joe Diaz for a supplemental planting alongside the existing privet

hedge in the Crescent area. Director McHenry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1, with Director Haynor opposed.

The Board directed staff to have District Counsel send a follow-up letter to the County of San Diego, with a copy to Burt Quick, reminding them of the potential hazard to drivers posed by the County's drainage ditch in the crescent area on the westerly side of the road.

- 4. Consideration of Proposed Landscaping for the Cancha De Golf Road Right of Way.** Staff provided an update on the proposed planting and sidewalk relocation in Cancha De Golf.

Adjournment.

There being no further business of the Board, the April 28, 2016 Special Meeting of the Whispering Palms Community Services District Board of Directors was adjourned at 5:43 p.m. by Board President McElfresh.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Chuck Duffy, General Manager

Nancy McElfresh, Board President

Approved: May 10, 2016