



Rancho Santa Fe

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Whispering Palms Community Services District was called to order by General Manager Chuck Duffy at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Byron Hanchett
Bill Haynor
Doug Manatt
Kathy McHenry

ABSENT

GUESTS

Janet Reed
JoAnn Katz
Tomer Gutman
Uvaldo Martinez

STAFF

Chuck Duffy, GM
Paula Melendrez

2. Public Comment – None.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Discussion of Board Vacancy Action by the County of San Diego.

General Manager Chuck Duffy reported that Director Haynor had informed him that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors took action to appoint Janet Reed to the CSD District board on March 14, 2017, to fill the current CSD board vacancy. At that time, Mr. Duffy stated to Director Haynor that he didn't believe that the appointment was in accordance with Government Code 1780, but he would check with District Counsel to confirm. Director Haynor suggested that Chuck contact County Counsel as well. Subsequently, County Counsel Tom Montgomery contacted District Staff and stated that it did not appear that the appointment was in accordance with Government Code 1780, and that the Board of Supervisors would likely rescind the appointment at their April Board of Supervisors meeting. The District's counsel also was of the opinion that the appointment was not in accordance with Government Code 1780. There were several comments from the public regarding the motion to appoint Janet Reed. Uvaldo Martinez stated that if the rescission item appears on the docket of the next Board of Supervisors meeting, it will be pulled for discussion and will be the subject of litigation, including obtaining a temporary restraining order if necessary. General Manager Chuck Duffy then recommended that since the CSD Board may be under threat of litigation, the Board should cease discussion of this item until the district has a chance to confer with District Counsel.

ACTION: Director Haynor moved that the Board of Directors of the Whispering Palms CSD allow Janet Reed to be seated. Director Manatt seconded. The Motion failed 2-2, with Directors Haynor and Manatt in favor, and Directors McHenry and Hanchett opposed.

4. Consideration of Potential Landscaping Project for Road Right-of-Way In and Along Cancha De Golf and Via de la Valle.

The board discussed the palette of tree options provided by landscape architect Pat Caughey at the last board meeting, but did not come up with a consensus for a tree selection. They would like landscape architect Pat Caughey to provide them with some additional choices for the next meeting. The board also discussed putting grass in the area between the curb and the sidewalk in front of the Palma de la Reina development. Director Hanchett requested that the item be considered on the next agenda so that the members of the board could walk the area and make an informed decision.

ACTION: Director Haynor moved to put grass in the existing dirt area between the curb and the sidewalk in front of the Palma de la Reina development, along Cancha de Golf and Via de la Palma. Director Manatt seconded. The Motion failed 2-2, with Directors Haynor and Manatt in favor, and Directors McHenry and Hanchett opposed.

Adjournment.

There being no further business of the Board, the March 28, 2017 Special Meeting of the Whispering Palms Community Services District Board of Directors was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Paula Melendrez, Secretary

Chuck Duffy, General Manager

Date Approved by Board: May 9, 2017