

Ladera Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 17th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm at the LRD

Board Roll Call: Bob Felderman, Brian Wall, Calin Thomas, Leslie Anglada

LRD Team: Jane Worden, Sue Suesser, Sarah Gutierrez

Public: None in attendance

Public Discussion

- No public in attendance

Minutes From Prior Meeting Approval

- Review of March 5th 2024 Regular Meeting Notes as amended
 - Motion to Approve; Seconded, Approved 4-0

Finance Review

- Working through some checks that have not been cashed
- Budget discussion
 - Driveway paving mishap; reimbursed by CAPRI + company
 - Driveway/Parking Lot sealant - contractor redo/tune up + repaint
 - Driveway + Sidewalk actual expenses (in 2024 capital expenditures) will likely increase
 - Need to seal coat driveway every 3 years
 - Good to put in capital improvements tracker
- Percent of budget year-to-date numbers
 - Aquatics income - significantly over budget (260%)
 - Landscaping - over budget but have had significant work (fence repair, new pool related work)
- Water / Gas
 - Gas meter replaced - hadn't been charging us - it's now up-to-date and working
 - Water - more reasonable this past round; YTD at budget
- Additional costs to cover new pool final items
 - Will need to monitor and discuss as needed

Pool Report

- Baby pool is open - amazing!
 - Current hours: 11:45 - 2 and then 4 to 6 (check website for updates!)
 - Working through plan to extend hours as we come out of normal “winter” season
- Summer Lifeguard coverage
 - Summer lifeguard coverage is looking good
 - Discussion of desk greeter to help cover hours
- Waterpolo
 - Continues through early May
 - Has worked out well; Ladera kids in program, at off hours, financial benefit
- We have an official temporary approval for main and wading pools through October 14th
 - Based off 2021 permit and parcel numbers
- Two open items
 - Bioswale - paperwork odd and ends. Not viewing it as a significant hurdle to overcome.
 - Larger issue - Geotechnical approval
 - Turnover/handoffs between companies + missed communication + no current ownership on remaining companies willing to sign
 - LRD had Construction Services do the inspection; passed based off the design specified by Terracon
 - County won't approve until engineer of record signs
 - Next steps
 - In touch with original Terracon members (now at RSM) and Tricon
 - Regroup early May

Manager's Report

- Memberships - community 121; had 137 at this time; a bit behind from last year
 - Likely Canada College facility impact; significantly different experience
 - Team working through various membership drive ideas
 - Comparing last years memberships to figure who haven't signed up yet - doing some sort of communication
 - Signage (e.g. at entrance to Ladera; “Baby pool open!”)
 - If community sign ups don't increase open up more non-resident membership spots
 - Crier + Ladera List serve notifications (broaden communication to list serve)
 - New residents - some sort of Welcome in mailboxes?
 - Early season open to the community day / replacement for our “Neptune Day”
 - Optimistic with youth committee ideas; kids excited about opportunities/structure of program
- Programming
 - Much appreciation for the amazing newsletter; lots going on
 - Broaden the audience to list serve?
- Administration
 - Lights are in - have some tune ups needed; in progress

- New heaters/AC are in for the main room/office to replace the old broken ones
- 4th of July schedule in progress
- Summer hiring complete
- Quotes received for resurfacing Tennis Courts 3 and 4
 - \$95k / \$97k / \$25k options - to work through details/analysis/next steps
- Landscaping: playground area and parking lot bumper tune ups
- Pool hour discussion
 - Current plan is to be consistent with last years hours
 - Soon to be transitioning from traditional early season hours to busier season
 - Lifeguard staffing during day is a consistent challenge
 - To consider ways to enhance coverage/open hours
 - E.g. hire additional staff?
- Membership dates discussion
 - Need to tune up disconnect between sign up date and membership start date (e.g. you purchase membership on Feb 15 but membership doesn't start to April 1st)
 - Had some folks understandably think their membership started when they signed up
 - To consider ways to handle for next year
- Camp attendance in last 3 sessions usually a bit lower
 - To explore some marketing; e.g. Los Lomitas, Oak Knoll school updates
- Board/Management vision discussion check in
 - New pool, grounds, programming, communications - all super positive
 - Keep feedback coming in
- Work on mailing
 - Content from Board could be of benefit
 - Push to increase Ladera community memberships
 - Possible inclusion of survey
- Mothers Day - May 12 - usually a busy day
- Audit
 - Audit distributed; board to read through/send feedback

Adjourned at 8:48 pm

Next meeting:

Planned for 7:00 pm on Monday May 13th 2024

Respectfully submitted: Brian Wall