

**FEATHER RIVER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT  
1875 FEATHER RIVER BLVD., OROVILLE, CA 95965**

**DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

Regular Board Meeting  
November 28, 2017

*Location: FRRPD Board Room*

Approved Minutes Closed Session 4:30PM/ Open Session 5:30PM

*The public portion of the meeting was recorded by Executive Assistant Victoria Anton-Teague.*

**Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 4:34pm**

**In Attendance**

Chairperson Victoria Smith	<u>Present</u>
Vice Chairman Gary Emberland	<u>Present</u>
Director Scott Kent Fowler	<u>Present</u>
Director Marcia Carter	<u>Present</u>
Director Don Noble	<u>Present</u>

**The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.**

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)(3)(A);  
Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation; Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against District which are not yet known to the plaintiff or plaintiffs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Nothing to report out of closed session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A gymnastics parent read an email she sent to the Board regarding the gymnastics program, the absence of Shaw Carter, and safety concerns on the gym floor.

Another gymnastics parent spoke in support of Shaw Carter and his involvement in the gymnastics program.

A gymnastics parent questioned if Shaw was willing to return to coach, why he wasn't there.

Legal Counsel stated that it was a personnel issue and could not be discussed. He also suggested moving the Gymnastics Program Report up to discuss now.

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### **Gymnastics Program Report**

Chairperson Smith read the Gymnastics Program Report by Nina.

A member of OGBC stated that she felt it was a “slap in the face” for Nina to say that FRRPD staff set up the equipment on the gym floor, and that it was an effort by OGBC families.

Another member of OGBC stated how frustrating it was to hear about the coaches that are stepping up to help. She explained that the coach working 3 days a week has never worked with the optionals. The Saturday coach works at another gym, so during competition season those hours were going to diminish.

A gymnastics parent believes the report put out by Nina is untrue.

A gymnastics parent states that the Boys Head Coach shouldn't be put in a position where he is taking his attention away from high level boys to spot high level girls. She feels that he doesn't know how to spot girls since he is a boys coach.

Another gymnastics parent stated that a boys coach got pulled from the boys to coach the optional girls.

Director Noble asked the gymnastics parents if they felt it was safe to continue with the status quo, to which the parents said it wasn't. Director Noble then asked what the options were.

Many parents said that bringing Shaw back was the answer.

There was discussion regarding General Manager Ramage, Director Carter, and the situation with Shaw Carter. District Counsel stated that it was a personnel matter and that the Board and Management would not respond to Personnel matters.

Director Noble stated that he was in the dark as the positions the District was trying to fill.

A gymnastics parent questioned who was making decisions if Apryl was not available. District counsel assured her that the District had a management team, which consisted of Deborah, Victoria, and Nina.

A gymnastics parent wondered if management had already made a plan in regards to the head coach position in gymnastics or if Shaw was a lost cause. If he was, she stated that the gymnastics parents needed to know so that they could move on. It wasn't fair to anybody involved.

Director Noble questioned that given the void does Nina have the authority to hire within the gymnastics program, to which the gymnastics parents said they were told she did.

District counsel reiterated that there was a management team in place. He also stated that the Board needed to decide who would be making decisions if the General Manager was out any longer.

A gymnastics parent stated that the Board is sacrificing the gymnastics program for themselves. She stated that she drove an hour only to be told her daughter couldn't practice because there was nobody qualified to spot her.

District Counsel stated that the Board has to act according to rules.

Another gymnastics parent stated that Shaw applied for the Head Coach position, and wondered what was being done about it. She also questioned whether Nina was qualified to hire a head coach. She expressed her frustration with the inconsistent practices, to which multiple other parents agreed with.

A gymnastics parent stated that if OGBC leaves, there will not be any more meets hosted at the Activity Center. There were other facilities that they could host them at.

There was discussion regarding the timeline of Shaw quitting and another head coach being hired.

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Another gymnastics parent stated that the day after Shaw voluntarily resigned, Nina volunteered to assume the Gymnastics Director position; she is now the interim Gymnastics Director, yet has none of the qualifications needed. She questioned why the job hadn't been posted yet.

Another gymnastics parent stated she asked Nina at a meeting what was being offered to bring in qualified applicants to the position and was told \$20 per hour.

A gymnast gave her perspective on her impressions of Shaw as a coach and her perspective of not having Shaw on the gym floor anymore with an upcoming competitive season.

Director Noble stated that he highly valued the gymnastics program and he expressed concern with the financial disaster that would come if the program left. He stated that he supports gymnastics. Chairperson Smith agreed.

Director Carter thanked all those that came to support the gymnastics program. She stated that Oroville Gymnastics has come a long way to be where it is now.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you Prospect High School for completing a cleanup day at Nelson Complex on October 24<sup>th</sup>. They did a great job working with FRRPD staff to get a lot done.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review and approve October 24, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes (*Appendix A*)  
Director Noble wanted to change the word "support" to "accept" on a closed session item.
2. Review and approve November 16, 2017 special Board meeting minutes (*Appendix B*)  
Director Emberland made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Director Noble seconded the motion.

**\*The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.**

### ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### ACTION ITEMS (Require vote)

#### **1. Review and approve Facility Use Agreement renewal between Feather River Recreation and Park District and Oroville ORCAS for use of Nelson Pool (*Appendix C*)**

There were a couple revisions to the bi-annual contract. In section 1 the dates of each season change, so it now reads "mid May" to "mid Aug". In section 3 the fee per hour was raised from \$14 to \$16.

Director Noble questioned the impact to the contract if the pool was not operational. District counsel stated that it would relieve either party from performance. The ORCAS are aware of the maintenance issues with the pool. There was discussion regarding other options for the pool, such as getting an appraisal and selling. It was determined that those options could wait.

Director Noble made a motion to approve the Facility Use Agreement renewal between Feather River Recreation and Park District and Oroville ORCAS for use of Nelson Pool as presented by staff.

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Director Emberland seconded the motion.

**\*The motion to approve Facility Use Agreement renewal between Feather River Recreation and Park District and Oroville ORCAS for use of Nelson Pool was approved by a 4-1-0 vote.**

## **2. Approve revised regular Board meeting schedule due to upcoming holiday.**

It was suggested to move the Regular Board Meeting to either December 12<sup>th</sup> or December 19<sup>th</sup>, due to the upcoming holiday.

A member of the public stated that the City Council has meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, so she suggested the 12<sup>th</sup> so that people could attend both meetings.

Business Manager Peltzer stated that the financials would not be done by the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chairperson made the motion to move the date of the regular board meeting to December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Director Fowler seconded the motion.

**\*The motion to move the date of the regular board meeting to December 19<sup>th</sup> was approved by a unanimous vote.**

## **3. Review and endorse the National Park Service Legacy Act (Appendix D)**

Director Noble made the motion to endorse the National Park Service Legacy Act.

Vice Chairperson Emberland seconded the motion.

**\*The motion to endorse the National Park Service Legacy Act was approved by a 3-2-0 vote.**

## **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Financials**

Vice Chairperson Emberland stated that the finance committee did meet and that they were fine with the current status.

Director Carter expressed concern with the staff cost going up and the program cost going down.

Chairperson Smith stated that other agencies were experiencing financial downturn, but it might not be for the same reasons.

The \$250K deductible was discussed. Director Carter stated it was great that we had nearly met the deductible.

Chairperson Smith questioned whether payroll was going down due to the open positions. Business Manager Peltzer agreed and stated that payroll was below budget.

A member of the public stated that she may stop giving credit for any possible reimbursement from FEMA on the deductible. She cautioned the Board that this excess money makes it look like the District is okay, but the Board needs to remember that the money isn't for any other purpose other than Riverbend Park.

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Director Carter had concerns with a jump in payroll. A member of the public and Business Manager Peltzer explained that the jump was due to having 3 pay periods in the month in question.

A member of the public went over the overall loss to the District for the programs for the last few years. She compared it to not being able to pay the mortgage on a house she bought. She stated that if you can't make the payments, you are going to lose it. Chairperson Smith clarified that she was talking about the Activity Center. She cautioned the Board to come together with regards to the Shaw resignation. She stated she has really tried to see this work. She tried to be very neutral in doing her report and based it on square footage.

#### **DIRECTOR, & COMMITTEE REPORTS, MANAGER, & STAFF REPORTS**

Director Noble reported that he volunteered at the Halloween Jamboree and gave kudos to the parents that put it together. He also gave kudos to Staff.

Chairperson Smith reported that staff was under a tremendous load and thanked them. She also attended the Halloween Jamboree and thanked the parents.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **A. STARS Patrol Request**

STARS offered more frequent patrols to Riverbend Park.

A member of the public asked if the Activity Center parking lot was ever patrolled. She says her husband was leaving a class and he caught someone trying to siphon gas. Executive Assistant Teague stated that the District had requested more patrols from VIPS and we continue to make those requests.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **BOARD ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

National Fitness Campaign: Fitness Court Grant Acceptance

Director Carter requested a special board meeting to discuss pressing District issues.

Update on Nelson Pool

Update on Riverbend Park

**Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:65pm.**

**Attest:**

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Victoria Smith, Chairperson

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Randy Murphy, General Manager

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