



ARDEN PARK RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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Board of Directors

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 17, 2026

7:00 pm – Arden Park Community Center

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome

Akroyd called meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Miller welcomed 2 members of Rio Americano High School's Civitas program.

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum

Akroyd announced a quorum.

C. Agenda Approval

Lemmon motioned to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Weatherford. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

II. PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. Any member of the public who requests to address the Board on any item which is not on the agenda may do so at this time. Any matter that requires action by the Board will be referred to the staff for action or staff will be asked to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting. Comments pertaining to scheduled agenda items will be heard when that item is discussed by the Board. Comments are limited to three minutes per person unless further time is granted by the presiding officer.

Joyce Williams – Lighting issues at Cresta Park came up at the ad-hoc committee meetings but have not been discussed lately at a board meeting. Akroyd noted that this issue will be addressed in item IVB.

Debbie Skalisky - Is insurance required if alcohol is served at an event or rental? Miller replied no, except in instances where alcohol is sold at a park event.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by a single action of the Board of Directors, unless a Board Member requests separate consideration of the item. If such a request is made, the item may be heard as an action item at this meeting.

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 17, 2026

B. Financial Reports-

1. Revenues
2. Salaries
3. General Fund Bills
4. Benefit Assessment Bills
5. Fixed Asset Bills
6. Cash in Treasury

Shetty motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Weatherford. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Memorial Donation Policy Process

- **Responses from the bench survey are included in the agenda packet, with the exception of 2 responses that were received today, 3/17/26.**
- **One comment noted that the bench near the basketball court at Arden Park was in the field of play for softball, so that will have to be moved.**
- **A total of 8 responses were received, along with some clarification questions from a resident.**
- **Resident Randi Olson had the following comments:**
 - **Miller was the only person deciding on the bench placements.**
 - **She is opposed to the placement of the bench near the basketball court at Cresta Park due to safety issues since it is located at the end of the court.**
 - **There is one bench location in the middle of Cresta Park in an area with no shade and in a spot where children and families play.**
 - **The design of the benches makes them a good place for homeless to sleep. Smaller benches with a low back would be a better design.**
- **Miller recommended the following changes to the map based on resident and maintenance staff feedback:**
 - **Removal of 2 benches around the Cresta Park playground due to slope issues**
 - **Moving bench locations at the basketball courts at both Arden Park and Cresta Park**
- **Shetty would like to review the map again before making a decision.**
- **Weatherford would like to make a decision at the next meeting. Clarified that if the map is approved then there is no need to have board approval for every bench. He also pointed out that Maintenance staff was consulted on bench locations and residents had input, so the location decisions were not made in a vacuum.**

Public Comments:

Joyce Williams – The Cresta Park map needs to be revised to reflect the changes.

Randi Olson – Reiterated her concern that Miller did not consult with others before drawing up the map.

B. Discussion of Ad Hoc Security committee recommendations

- **Miller was pleased with the work done by the Ad Hoc Security Committee. The issues were well-thought-through and discussed. The committee recommendations are included in the agenda packet.**
- **Miller is currently getting proposals for new lighting at both parks based on a community crime prevention review of our parks by the sheriff's department. He is considering solar lighting due to less expensive installation costs and possible electrical capacity limitations.**
- **Miller received a \$7,000 proposal for security camera installation (5 cameras) at Cresta Park. He feels the cost is warranted because the cameras at Arden Park have been a valuable resource. We will have to work on connectivity issues.**
- **The procedure to change our park use ordinance to add prohibitions of fireworks and open fires (with exceptions) and to make changes to the park hours was also discussed.**
- **Miller thanked Shetty and the committee members for their participation and hard work.**
- **Summary of items for next meeting:**
 - **Action on agenda statement IV items 1. a. – d.**
 - **Park lighting pricing with diagrams (if available)**
 - **Start readings for revised Park Use Ordinance**

Public Comments:

- **Randi Olson – When will park hours go into effect? Ordinance readings will be done at the next 2 meetings. She is unsure if the original ordinance change had 2 readings.**
- **Joyce Williams – One light at Cresta Park is on a SMUD pole. Perhaps that can be used as an option for more lighting. Loves the ideas of cameras at Cresta; one facing the picnic gazebo would be good for checking capacity limits.**

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- C. Follow up discussion of financial procedures questions
- **During the audit discussion at the February meeting, questions arose about our separation of duties when processing financial transactions and payroll. A summary of how we perform these tasks was included in the agenda packet. At least 2 employees are involved in all financial transactions and payroll. Miller will ask our auditor what else we should be doing to address the concern about separation of duties since the concern is written up by the auditor every year.**
 - **Resident Lyons feels that the auditor may be raising a red flag unnecessarily.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and possible action on an insurance claim presented by Christina Hayden
- **The insurance claim was submitted to our insurance company, who recommended that the board deny the claim. Miller suggests following the recommendation by our insurance company and legal counsel to deny the claim.**
 - **Unidentified #1– Has there been a valuation of the dollar amount of the claim? By automatically rejecting the claim, the money is just going to go to the insurance company and not the claimant.**
 - **Ariane Lyons – Denying the claim seems like a slap in the face to the accuser. Are there other options? She does have knowledge that the case has been referred to the DA and an Internal Affairs investigation is ongoing.**
 - **Jennifer Grady – Did the renter have a claim filed against them? Miller replied that he does not know.**
 - **Miller cautioned that if we go outside the procedure he suggested, any liability payment that may result will be our responsibility and not the responsibility of our insurance company.**

Weatherford motioned to deny the insurance claim presented by Christina Hayden, seconded by Lemmon. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Staff Report

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- **Our Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on April 4. Board member help is requested to flip pancakes.**
 - **140 people are registered for our Communicator.**
 - **Swim lesson registrations are in May. There are a few spots left in our 2026-2027 preschool program.**
 - **Feedback on our recreation programs is included in the agenda packet; parents are happy with our programs.**

B. Standing Committee Reports

1. HR

The HR committee is in the middle of the GM hiring process, with a pool of 7 applicants. Screening interviews are starting. Hiring action will be taken at the April meeting.

2. Facilities

Discussed in item IV B.

C. Security Report

- **Outliers are included in the agenda packet.**
- **Joyce Williams commented that our security company should be calling the Sheriff/CHP for e-bike issues. Pictures can also be sent to the Sheriff's Department.**
- **Weatherford would like to see the security report in summary form.**

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Akroyd – Has there been any progress on the storage shed issue? Miller replied no.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property Locations: 970 La Sierra Drive, 1000 La Sierra Drive

Agency Negotiator: Colin Miller

Negotiating Parties: Arden Park Recreation and Park District and Sacramento County Water Agency

Under Negotiation: Property Negotiations

B. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b)

Public Employment-General Manager

The Board entered closed session at 8:18 pm. The closed session ended at 9:04 pm. There was no reportable action from the closed session.

IX. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.



Board Chair

April 21, 2026

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