



ARDEN PARK RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 20, 2026

7:00 pm – Arden Park Community Center

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome

B. Roll Call and Announcement of a Quorum

Akroyd called meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced a quorum.

C. Agenda Approval

- **Weatherford questioned why agenda item VI was not included with agenda item II. Miller replied that item VI is a New Business item so that is where it was included on the agenda.**
- **Shetty motioned to approve the meeting agenda, Weatherford seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.**

II. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS LAUREN ERICKSON AND ROBERT LEMMON

III. 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 – resident

- **The prior meeting minutes noted that Miller was meeting with Supervisor Desmond. Why was this not included on the agenda so the public can hear how the meeting went?**
- **There were a couple of issues at Cresta Park during the week between Christmas and Easter when employees were off. Fence posts were down but not repaired, and leaves were blowing from the park into lawns of residents. She was told when she brought it to the park's attention that the leaves were not the park's responsibility.**

Janet Van Sicklen – resident

- **Reiterated her concern about the lack of transparency on the closed session agenda item, referencing closed session requirements to first address the issue in an open session and to list the names of the**

negotiators before moving to a closed session. She also questioned why Cresta Park is now listed as a property location.

- **Akroyd committed to having an open session when details are available. Our agency negotiator is Colin Miller; this wording is required per the Brown Act. We are not required to list the other party's negotiator. Akroyd recommended adding an open session item to next month's agenda to resolve some of the perceived transparency issues.**

IV. 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 December 16, 2025
- B. Financial Reports-
 1. Revenues
 2. Salaries
 3. General Fund Bills
 4. Benefit Assessment Bills
 5. Fixed Asset Bills
 6. Cash in Treasury

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and possible action to approve a Memorial Donation policy
 - **A Memorial Donation policy with a map of proposed bench sites was presented. The policy reflects changes requested by the board at a prior meeting.**
 - **Shetty questioned if board approval is required for new bench requests.**
 - **Weatherford replied that he is fine with no board approval if the bench location is on the map. Board approval is only necessary if a new site is requested.**
 - **Lemmon asked how the new sites were chosen. Miller selected them. Lemmon is okay with park staff approving sites on the map since it is now made public. He agrees that approval is only necessary if a new site is requested.**

- **Miller reported that there are currently 2 bench requests in the queue.**

Public comments:

- **Randi Olson – Some sites appear to have been erroneously thrown out there, as some are located near houses and in designated open space per the Master Plan. She does not feel that only one person should be making the placement decisions. What is the liability if a soccer player hits one of the benches by the soccer field?**
 - **Arienne Lyons – The Megan’s Law database should be referenced when bench requests are made.**
 - **Weatherford commented that the map is helpful to show the number of new benches so any community concerns about too many benches is alleviated. The number seems reasonable.**
 - **Shetty asked if the benches are metal - no, they are concrete. One does not have a plaque, but it is not possible to add one now as they must be recessed into the concrete.**
 - **Dominic Campanelli- He suggested that stakes can be put in the ground per the map so residents can see the proposed locations. Lemmon asked how long the stakes should be up; a month at most should be sufficient.**
 - **Akroyd confirmed that proximity to the soccer field was considered when selecting sites. Benches near the soccer field would face inward.**
 - **Shetty requested putting the bench issue on next month’s agenda to allow time for public feedback.**
 - **Akroyd wants to ensure there is screening done during the approval process relative to the inscription and the individual being remembered.**
 - **Miller will have numbered stakes put up at proposed bench sites with a QR code that will go to a survey on our website so residents can comment on the locations.**
- B. Discussion of proposed soccer schedule for Arden Park Soccer
- **The 2026 Arden Park Soccer schedule is essentially the same as last year, with the exception of a league meeting and a pre-season coaches meeting that were moved from Cresta Park to Arden Park due to capacity issues.**

- Shetty asked if there were any issues or problems last year in terms of any damage to the fields or the parks due to soccer usage. Miller responded no.
- Weatherford asked if any data was collected on number of cars and parking issues during games. Miller replied that there was no staff available to do this.

Public comments:

- **Joyce Williams** – She counted 136 cars on one game day. Less spaces are available now due to new fire hydrants. Residents are only asking for soccer to scale back. For example, the seeding tournament should not be held at Cresta Park as it creates a safety issue. She would also like to note that an AP Select team held an official practice at Cresta Park without a field permit.
- **Randi Olson** – In discussions of the soccer schedule last year, she requested that the Saturday game times end at 2 pm to allow more people to have access to the parks; she would like to repeat this request. She would also like the club to be more transparent on their field usage requests to prevent field overuse.
- **Dominic Campanelli** – Soccer families should carpool as much as possible to lessen the parking issues.
- **Rebecca Horvath (AP Soccer Board President)** – She would like to address a comment made in the last meeting that there was no recourse for incorrect information that she gave about an emergency response letter and soccer field usage. She manages a board of 20 individuals that she trusts to do various jobs, so when questions are asked of her as a participant at a board meeting she may misspeak because she has no idea what is going to be asked of her. She requests a little grace if she does misspeak.
- She would also like to point out the following AP Soccer efforts to collaborate, address concerns, and support the community:
 - Only 6 out of the approved 8 U6 fields were used at Cresta Park
 - Achieved a 16% reduction in U8 programming
 - 2 meetings moved from Cresta Park to Arden Park at Miller's request

- **Reduced a large skills camp from 4 weeks to 2 weeks**
- **Sent multiple messages to families encouraging them to walk, bike, and carpool**
- **Unidentified 1 – Has no problems with AP Soccer**
- **Unidentified 2 – She loves soccer players and families; they give the parks life and joy.**
- **Arianne Lyons – She has never complained about soccer, but suggests that they could put flyers on cars and make other attempts to be good neighbors.**
- **Unidentified 3 – She lives on Cresta Way, loves soccer, and has never had a problem with the soccer club.**
- **Unidentified 4 – She is in favor of letting kids play soccer.**
- **Jennifer Grady – Reminded that we only have control over our parks, not the streets.**
- **Rebecca Horvath – Please let AP Soccer know if AP Select is using the park’s fields.**

Shetty thinks the schedule is workable and is okay with staff approving it. Akroyd clarified the Saturday game times, then gave her okay for staff to approve the schedule.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration possible action to approve Resolution No. 26-01-01, approving a revised FY 25-26 General Fund Budget

- **A budget amendment is proposed to account for the following expenses:**
 - **Increase to salaries to account for the upcoming General Manager retirement buyouts**
 - **Increase to security to account for extra weekend patrols and standing posts**
 - **Increase to equipment for purchase of a new pool heater. Our model is no longer in stock and is not repairable. Swim team starts March 1, so a new heater is needed by then.**
- **2 “nice to have” items were removed from the budget to help offset the new expenditures: a new lifeguard shed and a new mower.**
- **Question was asked if solar heat was considered for the pool. That option was explored, but we do not have a large enough roof, and it was cost-prohibitive to install panels in the parking lot.**

- We currently have 2 mowers, but one of them does not work well.

Lemmon motioned to approve Resolution No. 26-01-01, approving a revised FY 25-26 General Fund Budget. Shetty seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

B. Selection of board officers and standing committee members

The following board officer positions were proposed:

Chair – Rebecca Akroyd

Vice Chair – Brian Weatherford

Secretary – Lauren Erickson

Weatherford nominated the slate of Rebecca Akroyd as Chair, Brian Weatherford as Vice Chair, and Lauren Erickson as Secretary, Shetty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

The following standing committee members were named:

HR/Finance Committee – Rebecca Akroyd, Brian Weatherford

Facilities Committee – Robert Lemmon, Nora Shetty

VII. REPORTS

A. Staff Report

- **Upcoming events include the Valentine’s Family Dance on 2/13 and the Lego Bricks and Brunch on 2/21.**
- **We have 110 people signed up for our Communicator.**
- **Most of our recreation leaders and lifeguards will be returning this summer, including Carly Kissinger as Pool Manager and Shadi Shariff and Jordan Hernandez as Camp leads.**
- **A meeting was held on 12/15 with Supervisor Desmond and park agency heads that Miller was unable to attend. Elders from the Afghan community were present and have taken on the task of preparing literature on park rules that can be distributed. Ride-arounds to local parks with sheriff deputies will also be done by the leaders to educate their community on park usage expectations.**
- **Miller attended a meeting on 1/15 with Supervisor Desmond, park agency heads, and a sheriff lieutenant to discuss recent issues in the parks. These meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.**

B. Standing Committee Reports

- **HR – The General Manager Position was posted on 1/15 statewide. Applications will be accepted through 3/3, with a start date in April.**
- **Facilities – no report. The ad-hoc committee will meet on 1/26 to discuss security. The committee discussed rental procedures at a prior meeting.**

C. Security Report

- **Miller reviewed calls for service and outliers. Outliers were primarily people in the park after park hours.**

Public comments:

- **Rebecca Horvath – What are the Afghan issues that are discussed in the meetings with Desmond? Miller replied that since most Afghans are not accustomed to having access to park spaces. We have to find a way to communicate rules regarding trash disposal, pool attire, etc. A handout in their language would help explain the rules and teach them how to use our parks without causing problems.**
- **Janet Van Sicklen – Can the board make a No Smoking rule in the park and enforce it? How should residents respond if staff is not available? Shetty replied that the issue can be discussed in the ad-hoc committee.**
- **Joyce Williams – She tries to enforce the rules but no one listens. There is never staff at Cresta Park.**
- **Rebecca Horvath – She would like to request a shed at both parks for AP Soccer to hold balls, goals, and cones. The ideal size shed is 3 ft x 5 ft but she will take what she can get. A temporary one just during the season would also work.**
- **Weatherford asked for background on the prior shed request. Miller replied that the prior request was not approved. Shetty asked if other athletic teams that use our facilities have storage space. Swim team has 3 sheds that they maintain to the side of the pool deck, our gymnastics instructor has a small shed used to store her equipment, and we have a storage container near the baseball field for our softball and kickball equipment.**
- **Randi Olson – What if something gets stolen from the shed? Coaches used to just store things in their garage.**

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

- **Lemmon is happy to be a member of the board.**
- **Weatherford extended a welcome to the new board members. He also thanked the people who showed up to the meeting, adding that diversity of opinions is helpful to the board when making decisions.**

IX. 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, 4033 Cresta Way

Agency Negotiator: Colin Miller

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

Under Negotiation: Property Negotiation

The Board entered closed session at 8:43 pm. The closed session ended at 9:05 pm. There was no reportable action from the closed session.

X. ADJOURN

Weatherford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm, seconded by Akroyd. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.



**Board Chair
February 17, 2026**

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