

**GREENFEILD PUBLIC RECREATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM TIME: Adjourned: 7:32 PM

ROLL CALL: David Kong (Chair), Beatriz Diaz (Clerk), Raul Rodriguez, Clara Valdivia, James Thorp

- All board members attended the meeting and responded “here” when their name was called.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public will be afforded the opportunity of a **3-minute** public comment and may do so when the board opens public comments. “The board will normally not respond to public comments”. If an Item is not already on the agenda and you want to make a public comment, please save your comment when the item comes up.

1. Public comments:

- Steve Delgado - Representing the Greenfield Lions Club: Dear Greenfield Public Recreation District, on the service behalf of community members on the unacceptable and prolonged delay of the opening Greenfield’s Lions Club for use. This facility has been used as a corner stone of the community and yet despite previous recordings it still remains closed despite significant explanations. This situation is entirely unacceptable. Not only has it stopped all public access for the Greenfield Lions club, but the club members have been forced to pay out of their open pockets for water and electricity. It is completely unjust that individuals that have dedicated their time and resources to the community space are being hit with these operational costs. States while the facility remains unavailable for it’s intent purposes. Furthermore while the public has been denied access the Public Recreation District have chosen to hold their own meetings in this very building. Goes on to say that it’s a double standard and unacceptable with a space that’s unusable for community. States it should not be held for public meetings either. The community deserves transparency on the decision making process that has led to unfair situations. Demanded immediate answers on the certain issues on the Lions Club from reopening. What steps are being taken to resolve? Why is there no clear communication with the community? Expects a prompt response so this issue can resolve. The community has waited long enough. States the club will not continue to enact and thanked the boards for the matter.
- Michael Bloom – A community member, lions club member, and a veteran, one thing that he operates the Lions Club website. He has to post that the Lions Club building is not available for rentals. States he gets a lot of calls a day and is forced to tell individuals he doesn’t really know. His understanding is that it’s a community building for the purpose of rentals for smaller functions. Can accommodate small functions for groups of 200-300, as where the Memorial hall is for bigger functions and prices are more. States people rely on this building.
- Estabon Vargas – Resident and Lions club member. Asked Mr. Kong if he knows how many students in his district need eye glass assistance. David responded that he wasn’t aware. Estabon states its 278. So for many years, he has not been able to serve the students. He states they may not be typically able to help all students, but estimates that the Lions Club helps around 30 students per year. They have not been able to do so because they’re unable to get the funds due to the building being closed. Sports equipment is no longer serviceable. The club helps the ASB or student vet use and operate with a bbq fundraiser because they need assistance. Please they ask if they can sit and have a conversation with this building. It’s an asset and the last three years they have been unable to service due to no access to the building. They bbq there but the public does not come into the building.

2. Approval of Minutes for February 17th 2025

Motion by: Raul made a motion to approve the minutes from February 17th, 2025. Beatriz Diaz seconded. The board voted to approve this unanimously

3. GREENFIELD PARK DISTRICT MANAGER HECTOR GUTIERREZ REPORT:

- A. The oral report will be presented by Hector Guterrez.
 - Absent from the meeting.
- B. The board will comment and or ask any questions on report.
- C. The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
- D. The board will finalize their comments and question.

4. GREENFIELD PROJECT MANAGER JANET THORP REPORT:

- A. The oral report will be presented Janet Thorp.
 - The grant – basketball court project update was sent to the state by Janet. The progress report is pending David contacted Jimmy Pham. In the report it was stated the project would be complete by August 1st, 2025.
 - Jim and Janet have met with Jesus Perez and Galilea Silva from the city Rec’s department in regards to information about the pool and the 2025 season when it comes to the possibility of them running the pool (for a perspective bid). Also she’s been in contact with Frances Bengston from the Soledad Mission Recreation District in regards to the pool and answering questions and providing info for a bid.
 - Been corresponding with JGBay pools when it comes to any questions when it comes to the pool project.
 - In contact with Mattie Barrington from the Arroyo Seco Wireless internet and security system being installed. Some of the cameras were installed and the system is being built out in the pool office area. Pending more information and the next steps. Asked for keys to the house.
 - Priced cash registers for the ticket booth and presented the board with information about the cash register.
 - Hector got more statement of charges.
 - Website total: 1617 clicks.
- B. The board will comment and or ask any questions on report.
 - Board member Jim commented: In regards to the grant. David needs to tell the state that he needs to sign the forms. States he has the deed restriction recorded? Could not get the CEQA recorded. The state is saying that he does not have the authority to sign these documents. It needs to be changed and he is the one that has to do that. Asked if there was letter head.
 - David acknowledged about the state and letter head, also went on to state he wanted it for uniforms and potential merchandise.
- C. The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - No comments were made by the public.
- D. The board will finalize their comments and question.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- The board will hear a presentation from Soledad Mission Recreation District’s Andy Sarabia on the possibility of their department running the up and coming 2025 swim year at the Oak Park.
 - A. The oral presentation will be presented by Andy Sarabia.
 - Gave everyone a proposal. Introduced himself and stated he was the operations manager for the district/swimming pool. The recreation heard from Janet that they heard Greenfield was in talks to reopen the swimming pool. It led them to a conversation about the possibility of collaborating and partnering with the district. They really understand the financial strain. The Soledad District was established in 1962 and the taxing measure has not been changed since then. They’re running on a tight budget. In 2018 they started looking into moving that process forward. Still in the process and in the beginning. They started partnering with school districts to alleviate costs and utilize their funds to offer programs for the youth within the community. One of the proposals is to rent out the pool to offer swim lessons to the Greenfield Community school districts students, but there is also

a proposal about a management contract as well. The start is who they are and who they are as people and introduced their team. They have a lot of experience in the aquatics area. They have a lot of confidence in working with Greenfield Rec District to put on a rocking summer for the Greenfield Community. In the proposal they had a list of different roles put in place to run the summer season. Talks about state regulations ratios and their department does a little less than state requirements. They do their own in-house training for their instructors and the lifeguards are trained by the Red Cross. There why is really passionate about trying to reach the most amount of people possible. With the partnership with the schools and it's still an opportunity with the Rec District to still reach the youth that may or may not have the opportunity to be a part of the swim program. Their program covers everything including: swim suits, towels, and programming. They also asked us why and what we want for our program.

- Andy states the rentals is the best way to reach the kids in the community with 0 cost to them. Asks them to please not change that schedule.
- B.** The board will make any comments and ask questions.
 - The board (Jim) responded to the question of our why as follows: The board wants to provide a space for the youth to learn how to swim outside of other areas names mainly the Arroyo Seco River, San Antonio, and Nacimiento lake.
 - Clara goes on to state that Greenfield has nothing and to offer for a place to go and has that opportunity.
 - Raul states time is pretty tight and is glad that they brought the proposal and hopes to decide soon.
 - Jim asked about pricing. Andy clarified that is up to the board. He states that most of the costs go into staffing.
- C.** The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - Rico - An amazing an idea and states his students often go to Soledad.
- D.** The board will finalize their comments and questions.
- The board will hear a presentation from the arborist Daniel the board hired last year after his inspection of the tree's at the Oak Park.
 - A.** The oral presentation will be presented by Daniel.
 - This item was tabled due to the arborist being unable to make the meeting.
 - B.** The board will make any comments and ask questions.
 - C.** The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - D.** The board will finalize their comments and questions.
- The board will discuss the updates on the process of the Oak Park Pool. The repairs and any information pertaining to the up and coming 2025 season.
 - A.** The oral report will be presented by Jim Thorp; the board will make comments and ask questions.
 - Jim states that the district could not pull the permit until there was an inspection for asbestos or led. Nothing was discovered. The pool contractors removed and replaced tile around waterline and skimmers, they replaced all the cracked plaster, so now they waiting for good weather. They'll sand it, acid wash it, and fiberglass it.
 - The pumps electric motor was not operational. Jim pulled the pump it because it costs \$7,500.00 brand new. The electric motor costs around \$1,300.00, and he'll resemble it with a new pump kit. States it should be done by the end of the week.
 - The pool will be guaranteed for 10 years and the new electric motor is going to be brand new.
 - Janet added that she did pick out tile close to the color already there and has been in contact with Andrea for any other questions she may have.
 - Jim donated labor to paint the office.
 - B.** The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - Michael Bloom asked about the time frame for the pool. He states it'll be fantastic.
 - Janet stated that we should eventually petition for the public to create a mural on the outside of the office/restroom.

- C. The board will finalize their comments and questions.
 - The board asks about the water and when the pool will be filled.
 - David also inquired about the pump and whether it would work after that. Jim responds with they'll have to test it once water is put in the pull, but does state there can and will be other hiccups because the pool has been sitting for five years.
- The board will discuss updates on the grant and basketball project – the progress, the report, and the bids being made.
 - A. The item will be presented by David Kong/James Thorp; the board will make comments and ask questions.
 - David stated he had copies of bids to redo the basketball courts. The price points need to be discussed on closed session.
 - David states that the project is moving forward: removing cement, need to re-cement, and paint/stripe the lines.
 - B. The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - Jesus Perez asked about if they were basketball courts at the Oak Park. He is looking for quotes/additional quotes for the Patriot Park.
 - Estabon asked if there is a possibility of adding a third half court. Extra grass area.
 - C. The board will finalize their comments and question.
 - The Grant – does not include the third court, but states in the future we may look into the third court.

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

- The board will review the prices of the cash registers present to the board for the new cash register for the ticket booth the Oak Park.
 - A. The item will be presented by Janet Thorp; the board will make comments and ask questions.
 - Janet stated she provided with copies of cash registers with Office Max and Salinas Cash register – which are a little pricier. They will provide cash register(s) with various specs: including saving all receipts, saving for a whole day when it comes to checking a till, and there was just basic cash registers with card reader information's. There will be internet at the ticket booth so cards can be read there.
 - B. The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - Steve – suggested utiline.
 - Estabon – purchased one that one is pretty fancy. Purchased from amazon - \$2,000.00. Printer, cash register, and carder unit.
 - C. The board will finalize their comments and questions.
 - Board member Raul asked which one I'd recommend – He has more knowledge with cash registers. Janet states she has not worked with a cash register in a long time.
 - Board member Jim asked how much one with the card reader. They will come and hook it up and it comes with a card reader unit.
 - David suggested they digest it a little longer.
 - Raul stated we might want to go with someone local for installation and train us on all the features.
 - D. The board will vote on the motion of a purchase and purchaser of the new cash register for the ticket booth at the Oak Park.

Motion: No motion was made the item was tabled.

- The board will discuss the hiring of a previous manager Raul Sanchez to train employees and potential new hire at The Oak Park on Saturday's.
 - A. The item will be presented by Raul Rodriguez; the board will make comments and ask questions.
 - Raul states Hector is close to retiring and that Raul Sanchez can help train.
 - B. The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - Estabon remembers when Raul was managing the park. He did an amazing job with the facility and he would be more than capable. The work he does is amazing.
 - C. The board will finalize their comments and questions.
 - No further comments were made.
 - D. The board will vote on the motion to hire Raul Sanchez (a previous manager) for training purposes. Motion by: Raul made a motion to hire Raul Sanchez to train employees at the park. Clara seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried by all board members.

- The board will discuss the work alternative program training and the possibility of reapplying or getting the program reinstated down at the Greenfield Oak Park.
 - A. The item will be presented by Beatriz Diaz; the board will make comments and ask questions.
 - Bea stated that they trained them on working their required community service hours, workman's comp, what to do if someone gets injured working at the facility during this program, and the procedure calling in with attendance or lack thereof. They recommend to not have them drive a baco.
 - They have to finish community hours and their program at different times and locations.
 - B. The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - Someone stated things go a lot faster if these programs are utilized.
 - C. The board will finalize their comments and questions.
 - Raul asked if the work alternative program provides training for future management.
 - D. The board will vote on a motion for the potential of the work alternative program down at the Oak Park.

Motion: Raul made a motion that the district looks into getting back into this program again in the future. Clara seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT EXPENSE SHEET IS ATTACHED TO THE AGENDA.

- A. The board will make any comments or questions.
 - Jim asked about the Greens Accounting Bill and asked what it entailed.
 - Raul asked how long that may cover – it might be quarterly.
 - Davis stated he'll look into it for March bill.
- B. The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
- C. The final recognition of the expenses will be acknowledged and the expense portion of the meeting will be closed.

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS:

- Each member of the board will take 1 minute to add in any final comments or agenda items for the April meeting.
 - A. The board will make their final comments.
 - Raul – spoke with Hector and he couldn't understand him.
 - The board clarified he still does not have a voice.
 - David thanked the lions club for coming. Jim stated that we were all going to start to get costs for estimates for electrical and the bathroom door.
 - B. The board will turn the floor over to any public comment(s); one comment/response per individual.
 - Steve stated he was going to set up a meeting.
 - C. The final comments section will be closed and the meeting will be turned over to closed session. Adjournment pending if the session needs to be re-opened.

8. CLOSED SESSION:

- The board will discuss and review the Greenfield Public Recreation District employees.
 - The board discussed Hector, his severance, and retirement date.
 - The board discussed management and future employee's at the park. A basic job description was put together pending further approval to put an advertisement on the website and in the local paper as an advertisement to manage the cemeteries and the park.
- The board will have a discussion on the Lions Hall building.
 - The board discussed the Lions Hall building and the prospect for future repairs and different programs they could utilize for the building. There was nothing further to report on the matter.

9. OPEN SESSION BACK UP TO THE PUBLIC.

- The board opened the meeting back up and reported what was discussed in closed session. With no further comment the meeting was adjourned.