

SONOMA COUNTY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
Minutes of February 14, 2008



5:05 p.m. Chair Bob Anderson called the regular meeting of the Open Space Authority Board to order at 747 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Directors Present: Al Alys, Bob Anderson, Jean Kapolchok, Liza Prunuske, Mike Sangiacomo

Directors Absent: None

Nina Donofrio, Deputy Clerk/Recorder; and Jonathan Kadlec, Bookkeeper, present.

District Staff: Andrea Mackenzie, District General Manager; Maria J. Cipriani, Assistant General Manager; Misti Arias, Associate Open Space Planner, DeAnna Kamber, Open Space Technician; Maureen Middlebrook, Community Affairs Officer; Marta Puente, Open Space Planner.

Public Attendees: Susan Bendinelli, West County Skate Park; J.E. de Hub, resident of Sebastopol; Susan Kirks of P.L.A.N.; Jeff Petler, West County Skate Park; Mary Ann Petler, West County Skate Park; Sam Pierce, City Council member of Sebastopol; Miranda Pierce, Sebastopol; Kenyon Webster, City of Sebastopol.

1. Agenda Items to be Held or Taken Out of Order Off Agenda Items

Chair Anderson called for any items to be held, taken out of order, or off the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda moved on to Item 2.

2. General Announcements not Requirement Deliberation or Decision

District Manager Andrea Mackenzie announced that the Board of Directors recently approved the Colgan Creek project, a matching grant project in Santa Rosa. The matching grant cycle begins in March.

3. Public Comment. *(Items not on the agenda)*

Chair Anderson called for public comment on items not on the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda moved on to Item 4.

4. Bookkeeper's Report and Approval of Claims.

Resolution No. 2008-002

Jonathan Kadlec presented claims for expenses, and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for review and approval by the Authority. Mr. Kadlec noted that this month's report includes interest apportionment from the County Treasury Pool. Interest rates are beginning to decline in the Treasury Pool.

Motion by Director Alys and second by Director Kapolchok to approve the bookkeeper's claim for services and supplies. Motion carried.

5 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent

5. Approval of Authority Minutes

Chair Anderson called for comments/questions to the minutes of January 17, 2008.

Motion by Director Kapolchok and second by Director Sangiacomo to approve the minutes, with the following corrections:

Item 2 is to be corrected to read "Vice-Chair Anderson called for general announcements..."

6. Report from General Manager of the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

a) Sebastopol Skate Park and Community Garden Improvements Project

Resolution No. 2008-003

Deanna Kamber, Open Space Technician presented a slide show and itemized list detailing estimated construction costs of this project in response to the Authority's request for further details as to costs. The construction contract is for \$1,525,240; executed change orders total \$58,500 for a total of \$1,583,740. The requested District grant is for \$529,575. Aerial photographs show the property boundaries and plans for improvements.

Discussion and a question and answer session followed. Kenyon Webster of the City of Sebastopol noted that he felt it would be very likely that not all of contingency funds would be used.

Chair Anderson called for public comment. Jeff Petler expressed his support for the project, and noted that citizens are very happy at the multi-generational aspect of the proposed park.

Sam Pierce of the Sebastopol City Council also spoke in support of the project, stating that he hoped the Authority would likewise support this matching grant request.

Mary Ann Petler of the West County Skate Park noted that the number of people this park would serve would be more than any other park in the County. It would be a very busy, highly utilized park, and well worth this proposed investment.

Chair Anderson asked about parking, expressing his concerns about where vehicles will fit on the property. Mr. Webster responded that the project was approved without additional parking. He noted that generally there is ample street parking on Laguna Road. It is anticipated that many park guests will skate to the park.

Mr. Webster reported that there would be 14 raised beds for planting for the proposed community garden. Each of these will be reserved by citizens, to sign up to use at no cost. He commented on the interest in the garden, and that some citizens are already interested in signing up to plant in these raised beds. It is anticipated

that those gardening would assist in maintaining the landscaping of the park. The park would be an example in sustainable gardening.

Jeff Petler added that landscaping would include the use of as many native plants as possible. This garden and park is also to serve as an educational center. Fruit trees could provide a seasonal community harvest. He reported that the garden and skate park have been designed by the citizens, and represent a volunteer project by the community.

A summary of funding sources and the intended use of the funds was briefly reviewed by Mr. Webster. These include Partnership for Youth. Fund raisers have been held, to include pizza dinners, and fund raisers have been sponsored by the City of Sebastopol. Some grants are expiring because of the length of time the project has been taking to proceed.

Further discussion ensued regarding costs and funding sources. Following discussion, Director Prunuske moved to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

5 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent

b) *Action Item:* Minute Order appointing directors to serve on ad hoc Committees.

Ad hoc Committees were assigned as follows:

Fiscal Committee: Jean Kapolchok, Mike Sangiacomo
Executive Committee: Bob Anderson, Mike Sangiacomo
Appraisal Committee: Al Alys and Bob Anderson.

Chair Anderson volunteered to serve as alternate member of any of these ad hoc Committees in case of need for a quorum.

7. Closed Session

6:15 p.m. The Board convened to Closed Session RE: Conference with Real Property Negotiator for Sittenauer property.

6:40 p.m. Board reconvened to Open Session.

Report on Closed Session

Chair Anderson reported that the Board met in closed session and gave staff direction regarding negotiations for the Sittenauer property.

8. Suggested Next Meeting. March 6, 2008.

9. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Nina Donofrio
Deputy Clerk/Recorder
Open Space Authority