

St. Tammany Parish Recreation District #4
Board of Commissioners' Meeting via ZOOM
Minutes of Meeting
April 21, 2021

Present: Chairman, Al Hamauei; Vice Chairman, Gerrin Narcisse; Wendy Batiste, Jimmy Laurent, Steve Muller, Shannon Menard, Antoinette Wright

Absent:

Counsel: Laurie Pennison **Staff:** Executive Director, Jordan Johnson

Guests: Karen Raymond, Councilman Jimmy Davis

With the required quorum noted and guests introduced, Chairman Hamauei called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm and led those present through the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Approval of the March 17 minutes was tabled until the May meeting on a motion by Gerrin Narcisse, seconded by Antoinette Wright. All were in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

With no question on the finance report, Antoinette Wright, seconded by Gerrin Narcisse, motioned to approve the March financial statements. All were in favor. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Johnson welcomed Jimmy Laurent as a new board member. He also gave an update on T-ball and the upcoming food giveaway.

Johnson read the annual 2020 Sexual Harassment Report, which resulted in zero findings. The annual report was filed on January 28, 2021.

Johnson reported on meeting with the Director of the Juvenile Detention Center on a program of upkeep on the cemetery property, should RD4 be able to obtain the property. Hamauei voiced concerns with legalities, liabilities, and expertise on finding a group to take care of the cemetery.

Johnson reported on networking and communications with a long list of contacts on upcoming goals which proved to be fruitful. RD4 is now a member of the St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce

Johnson reported officials of the Crescent Multimedia Solutions were at the recent town hall meeting, who have now offered free services to upgrade the microphone system. Johnson publicly thanked the company for their efforts in supporting RD4.

OPEN THE AGENDA TO ADD A REPORT ON THE ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE TO NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Jimmy Laurent, seconded by Steve Muller, the agenda was opened to add a report on the Adult Softball League. All were in favor. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

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FAMILY MEMBER DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Hamauei stated Pennison is formulating a document to forward to board members to enable everyone to list family members and relationships. This reporting is required for all public servants of state and local governments.

OLD BUSINESS

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN – TABLED UNTIL THE MAY MEETING

BASKETBALL COURT/KELLER FIELD UPDATE

Hamauei stated the board previously approved moving forward with Keller Field and the basketball court in stages. Muller reported on improvement plans for the basketball court to be located parallel to Fish Hatchery Road, on the north side of the park. There are location issues with oak trees and drainage issues to resolve. Hamauei reminded the board of its previous commitment to move forward with this project. Johnson asked the board for funding contacts.

Muller reported plans with Keller Field are progressing as expected. With the new septic system in place, bathrooms are operational, and water is assessable. The facility is ready as-is for play this year, however, the concession stand is currently undergoing renovations, so it will not be operational for the season. A concession table will be set up under the awning.

OLD LIBRARY

Hamauei stated a change of architectural firms. Jimmy and Steve to draw up new plans for office space which will be reviewed at the next meeting. Lawnmowers and other equipment can be stored in a storage container.

AWNINGS AND DOORS -no action done; no action taken

WALKING TRAIL

Narcisse reported on a conversation with Michael Dumaine who indicated, due to the workable parts of the existing path, the cost of the project will be closer to \$220,000.

BOND ISSUE

Narcisse stated at last month's meeting it was discovered that a \$300K bond can be obtained at a cost of \$20K per year and asked for a solid discussion on this issue. Board members expressed individual views and opinions.

CULTURAL PLAYGROUND

Karen Raymond, President of the Bayou Lacombe Museum stated a memorandum of understanding (MOU) from the museum in support of the Cultural Playground is forthcoming.

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TIER 2.1 PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Hamauei reminded everyone the statement is due May 17, 2021. Pennison is available if anyone needs assistance in completing the form

URGENT CARE DRIVE

A vaccination drive was held in the parking lot. Pennison stated that anyone using RD4 property MUST have a MOU.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gerrin Narcisse, seconded by Steve Muller, motioned to move into Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

At conclusion of the Executive Session, Gerrin Narcisse, seconded by Steve Muller, motioned to return into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE – discussion regarding whether to offer an adult league; discussion was tabled and no action taken

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon DeLong.