

Arden Manor Recreation and Park District

Board of Directors September 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Board Members present:

Mike Grace, Board Chair

Christine Arden, Member (6:42 pm)

Lauri Defazio, Vice Chair

Warren Harding, Member

Darcy Skala, Secretary

Staff present:

Mike Cottonwood, Maintenance Supervisor

Kelly Lewellen, Interim District Manager

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 6:34 p.m.

#3 Public Comment:

Mike Cottonwood: "Kelly is doing an amazing job stepping into the District Manager role."

Warren Harding agrees.

1.Consent Agenda;

Warren requests an amendment to the August 18, 2022 minutes: "Darcy and Christine leave office 12/2/2022 at noon.

Motion to adopt made by Warren Harding, Seconded by Laurie DeFazio --

Motion	4 Ayes	0 No	1 Absent
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Minutes adjusted

Motion to adopt consent agenda:

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2. New District Manager Search

Mike Grace: Full Board to do the interviews.

Warren Harding: Personnel Committee should vet candidates and set up interviews.

Christine Arden: are we looking at applications? How many are there?

Mike Grace: 4 applicants. Upon close of posting period send applications to personnel committee.

Christine Arden: Personnel Committee can complete in less than a week

Mike Grace: shooting for an 11/1/2022 start date, review and set up interviews for 9/29/2022 in order to give one month's notice.

Christine Arden: We should open us to Zoom to get candidates interviewed more quickly.

Mike Grace: We can make it an option, but its hard to get a good feel for a person over Zoom.

Warren Harding: I agree

Mike Grace: Set up Special Meeting for panel interviews by Board for September 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Jeremy Cullifer: Is that a closed session

Christine Arden: Yes it is a personnel matter so should not be an open meeting.

Mike Grace: It is not a closed session as it is a hiring meeting. Closed would be negotiating salary.

Warren Harding: It should be closed.

Mike Grace: We will check with legal counsel.

3. 70th Anniversary Committee Update:

Warren Harding asks Jeremy Cullifer to be on the committee. Jeremey accepts.

Warren Harding: Would like to do a video of pictures throughout the years, including the history of the District.

Mike Grace - we can tie it into other activities.

#7 Board Discussion

Warren Harding: concerns regarding the little libraries, and the doors getting broken. Also there has been a lot of dog poop in the parks

Mike Grace: Ground breaking for Empowerment Park will be October 3 or 4, 2022. The park is still about \$500,00 shy of full funding.

Warren Harding: Compliments Mike Cottonwood and Kelly Lewellen on the Parks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.