

**Special Meeting  
Joint Meeting of Advisory Board of Directors  
Mission Oaks and Carmichael Recreation and  
Park District Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 1, 2016 at 6:30pm  
Mission Oaks Community Center,  
4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608**

MORPD Directors Present: Nguyen, Price, Ontiveros, Donnelly and Alcalay

CRPD Directors Present: Rockenstein, Dax-Conroy, Arredondo-Carroll, Younger and Borman

MORPD Staff Present: Harrison, Newman, Ross, Paredes-Banville and Tierney

CRPD Staff Present: Smith, Penney, Maddison, Reneau and Massey

Public Present: Kimberly Sharp, Nicole Friedrich, Jill Bailey, Chris Faria, Terri McAdam, Ken Matsumoto, Joe Vieira, John and Rosie Vega, Ann Kerr, Eileen Johnson, Dan Barton, Wayne and Susan Breese, Matt Moreland, Jackie Kelso, Arlene Abbott, Frasier Fortnor, Jim Pelzman, Ellen Gillen, Rob Ford, Alex Peterson, Pat Sieberg, Mariana Marin, Nancy Lapp, Kenneth Bender, Sharon Hoyt, Kyle Packham, Kim Prewitt, Carolyn Elder, Pam Banks, Bev Davis, Mary Joy, Marc Johnson, Lynn Haley, Toni Heaton, Dennis Cherpack, Liz Petersen, Mike Klein, David and Niki Martasian, Diane and Tom Currier, Cathy Cook, Meg Halloran, Edmundo Velez, Maria Carraza, Linda Hax, Peter Kneeder, Helen Magnuson, Polly Hunt, Lena Lem, Robert Cervantes, Elaine Bickford, Suzan Prewitt, Andrew Finnecey, Ken and Penny Zacher, Karen Padilla, Mary Harger, Suzi Kneidler, Joan Jordan, Barry and Barbara McGee, Jerry Eppler, Ruth Schindler, William Vanusen, David Philips, Patrick Larkin, Bonnie Wright, Karla and Gene Moore, Sharon Doughty, Gaye Massey, Sharon Brough, Carol Rose, Mike Giles, Pam Pinkston, Jane Kilpatrick, John Riordan, Kathy Clay, Linda Martin, Dev Berger, Joan Ontiveros, Pat Hara, Shaun Dillon, Nancy Nelson, Linda Melody, Keith Maddison, Peter Tateishi, Greg Gillen, Nina Mancina, Don Moneau, William Crans, Nancy Baker, George Guillen, Bev Davis, Cathy Cook, Carey Mastain, Lee Hollingsworth and Bob Canady.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:35pm by Chairman Nguyen.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Welcome and Advisory Board Member Introductions**

Welcome by Nghia Nguyen and Mike Rockenstein, Chairs of the Mission Oaks and Carmichael Advisory Boards welcomed the community and district residents to public meeting. Nghia described the purpose and background, while Rockenstein described the process of the meeting regarding the Consolidation Feasibility Study prepared in May 2016.

Introductions by Advisory Boards:

Carmichael Recreation and Park District - Gayle Dax-Conroy, Member; Karen Borman, Member; Mike Rockenstein, Chairman; Joyce Arredondo-Carroll, Vice Chairman; and Dave Younger, Member

Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District - Barney Donnelly, Member; Debbie Price, Vice Chairperson; Jerry Ontiveros, Member; and Michael Alcalay, Member.

**4. Information Item:**  
Carmichael and Mission Oaks Consolidation Feasibility Study

**Public Comment:**

Nina Mancina, MORPD resident, feels the primary function of local government is to create a sense of place for its residents. MORPD has created a sense of community; CRPD is not a part of the community. Requests that the Advisory Board choose not to consolidate.

Linda Martin, MORPD resident, asked a series of questions of both boards, focusing on the process and their decision-making approach. Her final statement asked the Boards to envision the ultimate result of consolidation and what the future might be.

Peter Tateishi, CRPD resident, stated he enjoyed both Districts. Encouraged the Board to vote for consolidation on the premise that it will enhance services and preserve, protect and enhance parks, as well as provide better services to area at large. He asked that the Board consider all things that will impact budgets over the next six years, minimum wage increases.

Meg Halloran, MORPD resident, is concerned that CRPD saddled with old facilities, loss of their own benefit assessment, and a refund \$1.3 million to residents is an additional burden that Mission Oaks should not have to bare. MORPD has historically been better funded and planned. If the consolidation is recommended there is no guarantee that the County will not see the surplus of \$500,000 and divert it to other areas of the County.

Dev Berger, MORPD resident, stated that she does not know enough about the options, and wants to know the difference of “having increased partnerships” versus the second option of modified consolidation. It is not clear in the study. Why not increase partnerships if it will increase the efficiency, effectiveness and enhance our parks better, why not do it? Second question, she is not aware of the public involvement process so it leads her to the question of, how frequently does it take place?

Pete Kneedler, CRPD resident, concerned and alarmed when he and his family learned of the study. He believes someone in the County has decided that it would be a good idea to merge the two districts in hopes it would have a positive effect on CRPD and save the County money. The success of MORPD is due to a small team of employees who work together effectively; this chemistry of competent managers continues to produce a wide range of programs and wide participations by the community. The consolidation and rearrangement of employees will alter the chemistry. Recommends that the two districts not be consolidated. Requests that CRPD receive an abundance of well planned, quality training and staff development opportunities.

Greg Gillen, MORPD resident, believes if the consolidation is approved, the Board of Supervisors will do everything possible to help CRPD to eliminate deferred maintenance and fund capital improvement projects to improve their level of service at the cost of Mission Oaks parks and programs. Strongly encourages the MORPD Advisory Board to vote against consolidation

Shaun Dillon, CPRD resident, encourages the Advisory Boards to listen to residents and those you serve. MORPD residents are opposed to this consolidation.

George Guillen, MORPD resident, he participates in MORPD programs and wants to keep the status quo.

Bev Davis, CRPD resident, in reviewing the study noted the three options and suggested that the Boards vote not to consolidate the districts but make select operational changes to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness of programs, services and maintenance of the parks and facilities.

Cathy Cook, MORPD resident and president of Mission North Neighborhood Association comprised of MORPD and CRPD residents. She requests that board postpone their votes until the association's next meeting on September 12 and is requesting that people come to their meeting that support both sides to explain what the consolidation means. Currently they oppose the consolidation.

Frasier Fortnor, feels there is no reason for MORPD to assume CRPD's debt load.

Mariana Marin, MORPD resident, is against consolidations, does not want to see MORPD parks and facilities maintained at a lower level. MORPD will see a reduction of services and fees will be increased. CRPD residents should raise revenues through a tax increase; it should be considered again and done properly this time around, the residents and businesses of CRPD voted a tax down, they should bear the consequences and not seek to consolidate with MORPD. MORPD residents voted to tax themselves in order to ensure a high level of parks and facilities maintenance when they organized the Maintenance and Improvement District.

Mike Klein, opposes consolidation. He is a McKinnley Park resident. His daughter attended MORPD Camp Have A Lot of Fun (CHALOF) for which he credits her academic success. Assumptions in data are highly flawed, no reference of a new business, many new start up costs which are not referenced in the study.

Wayne Breese, long time Sacramento resident of over 40 years, is a MORPD resident, is a retired Parks professional from California State Parks. Parks are here to serve the community not your own interests.

Carey Mastain, Retired teacher, attends MORPD tap classes. Wants the Advisory Board to know what their duty is; to the MORPD residents or Supervisor Peters? Has reviewed letters, everyone opposes the consolidation.

Kyle Packham, MORPD resident, is very proud to be a resident and currently does not have a position. He has questions and will forward them to staff. He wants to know what would be done to ensure the assessment funds are not diverted. Is there a possibility that both districts can become independent? He appreciates the opportunity for dialogue.

Robert Cervantes, MORPD resident, stated the true purpose of the consolidation is still mystery. If it is to provide efficiencies why not consolidate the smaller neighboring districts? The Consolidation Feasibility Study fails to reference the adopted 2012 Master Plan and the goals of the Master Plan. He is requesting the Advisory Boards halt the study of consolidating the districts.

Jackie Kelso, MORPD resident, urges rejection of consolidation. Her family has attended all of the community meetings for the planning of the Eastern Oak Park improvement plan. Represents MORPD residents and urges the Advisory Board to listen to the residents.

Don Mongeau, moved to MORPD in 1968. His children have attended recreation programs offered by MORPD, his daughter has worked for MORPD and went on to get a degree in Recreation, he has a

grandchild attending Camp Kids at Ashton Park now, he used to play baseball on Carmichael fields, quit playing, fields are not usable, he attends CRPD concerts, they are great, but the parks are not kept up. Thirty years later, the fields are still not being maintained. By consolidating, the District's it is not addressing the financial problem of Carmichael, but raiding MORPD funds.

Mary Harger, MORPD resident, directed the following question to the boards: "Who decided that the residents of each district shouldn't have a voice?"

MORPD Chairperson Nguyen stated she has not been contacted by Supervisor Peters regarding this issue except to receive the letter in October. Likewise, CRPD Chairman Rockenstein also stated that he has not been contacted by Supervisor Peters regarding this issue except to receive the letter in October. He has consulted with Mike Shellito, preparer of the Consolidation Feasibility Study.

**5. Future Scheduled Meetings:**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30pm at Mission Oaks Community Center

Regular Meeting, Thursday, August 18 at 6:30pm at Carmichael Park Community Clubhouse

**6. Adjournment: 7:55 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Tierney, Clerk of the Board  
For Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

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MICHAEL ROCKENSTEIN  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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Ingrid Penney, Administrative Services Manager  
for Clerk of the Advisory Board of Directors