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Marin City Community Services District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Marguerita C. Johnson Senior Center
640 Drake Ave., Marin City, CA 94965
Thursday, March 2, 2017
6:30p

Nancy Johnson, Board Chairperson Everett
Brandon, Board Vice-Chairperson
Gerald Norman, Director
Royce McLemore, Director
Donald Parker, Director

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call – 6:30 – N Johnson, E Brandon, G Norman, R McLemore, D Parker**
- 2. Review and approval of minutes from January 2017 Board meeting Correction to show Feb Minutes – Approved to show correction that February minutes were read**
- 3. Board Comments –** R McLemore glad to see so many people; E Brandon spoke regarding survey put out to community
- 4. Open Forum / Public Comment –** Due to size of audience limited to one minute
Jamal Graham wants comment time as regular time. Evelyn Hayes represents Star of the Sea catholic parish noted the basketball teams were started by Paul Austin listed his accomplishments. Alena Maunder, sister, stated that current director wasn't vetted, questioned director and Howard Smith positions, outside individual who supports her children who lives here in the community, supports Paul listed his accomplishments. Said children in community have abandonment issues. Asked what happens if rec is boycotted. Wants to know what CSD does to vet next candidate for the position. Wants to know if other staff members are safe. Dr. Melissa Cadet stated that over 100 people were interviewed for Target positions, 40 people actually hired. Lorenzo Bynum supports Paul says CSD is about "divide and conquer" Henry Mims grew up with Paul and gave history, supports Paul. Dana Pressin supports Paul says she disappointed and if Paul isn't here, her daughter won't be here. Kahaya Adams supports Paul wants board to take into consideration that kids are losing people in their lives, cited MLK/Bayside and now Paul. Novena FiFi said the children are losing with Paul. Said children are the money. Latina member is supporting Paul, said Paul is a brother, a friend. She said that she can call anytime and he would answer. Randy Raven supports Paul says the kids are here because of Paul. Kunta Kambi stated Paul's impact is international. His efforts have made a difference to others in other countries. London, a child, said that Paul was her favorite. Rokiya Culkelvin supports Paul and said she grew up under Paul. Said she's disappointed because she feels he's very important taken away from kids. Unidentified member in support of Paul said that Paul is the only role model that some of the kids have. Jackie Detrick says the children are being stripped of teachers and urged people to go to school board meetings. Ora Hatheway asks if people can have a community meeting to get answers about what or why it happened. N Johnson reiterated that board can't discuss personnel matters as stated by law. Apologized that they can't respond. Alena asked to be put on agenda topic is community. Jamal stated he is disappointed. States that all board members know how important Paul is to the community. Wants Paul to be reinstated. Bruce Edwards lives in Mill Valley. Said Paul has been an inspiration to him. Josh Barrow observes that CSD needs to dialogue with or without Paul about his position and how to remedy this situation because Paul is needed. Shamila Austin Logan addressed kids and noted that Paul loves the kids. Wants the kids to know that he is there for them. Says the community rallies around the kids. Jeremy Thomas recounted an incident with John Jr and Paul and a group of kids. Says Paul is an inspiration. Says he touched the kids. Auza, child, said he helped her in school and housing. She says most kids see Paul as a dad. He is the happiness of the rec. Charles Williams says Paul has moved everyone here. Audience member asked what to do if she has a grievance with an employee. Dir Norman let her know that if it is an employee, then you go to their manager. If it is the General Manager then it is the Board. John Porter

who has two boys that use the rec. Said that Paul does a lot. Said by removing Paul, you're removing the fabric of the community. Said it is the single best thing for his kids. Said the reach outside the community is huge. Paul is the community and he is the fabric. Said Paul is instrumental in building a bridge in this community to other communities. Paul meets with parents. Derek Morgan asks who will replace Paul. Said Paul means a lot. Said they won't like who's next. Ora asks how to have a listening session with board. Lorenzo said he didn't get paid for eight weeks, but he came to work because of the kids and Paul. Damian Morgan gave history of his relationship with Paul. Said Bayside/MLK is in chaos. Fighting for GGV to stay. Says the housing, education and now rec is under attack. Says they are trying to take our community. G. Norman moved that board calendar a meeting for closed session on personnel matter. Meeting has to be noticed first. Moved Norman 2nd McLemore E Brandon asked how we Approved for special meeting

5. Target Grand Opening/Shopping Center improvements update - Discussion item

Marin County Board Supervisor, Kate Sears and guests will provide update on Target opening and Shopping Center improvements. – Dr Cadet stated that there were community members who were hired. Target representative were not present

6. CFCL Status Report – Josh Barrow presentation

Update on status of Capital Campaign Initiative for the Center for Community Life

J Barrow gave a hand out to board members

- Fund raising update – talking to other agency and working through logistics: New Market Tax Credits behind schedule for New Market Tax Credit
- Need to get in front of MCF. Discussion for this project is on priority list. Asking to bring it back for action for April. R McLemore went to county counsel. Bryan Case told her improper delegation of municipal authority. To enter into new market tax credits. Wants to know why due diligence was not done. Doesn't know what consequences are to give our land to outside agency. J Barrow asked for written opinion from county counsel. G Norman is there state law which authorizes tax credits. Said federal law states an opinion. Public comment: T Green states there is a reason why special districts can't do something. She spoke to J Logan about it that it was not done by any boards before. G Norman googled "California new market tax credit laws. Discussion of budget
Board questions – R McLemore asks what we can use money for if we can't use market tax credits.
- Financial Summary: \$3.7M funds committed; most of money we don't "custody" the funds. They are reimbursable grants. Sequencing important in what gets priority to start construction first. Community advisory meetings will be determined.

7. General Manager Report & Budget Report – Monique Brown – General Manager provides update Monthly Marin City CSD activities and revenue/expenses budget report. Tabled to special meeting March 9th 6:30 / agenda items will be for budget and then closed session for personnel

Persons wishing to comment under this item are requested to limit their comments to 1 minute unless the Chairman extends this time. Public comment must directly relate to discussion item.

8. Adjourn – GN moved / EB 2nd / MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:01PM

*** Board may take action on any items appearing on any agendas**