



GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING at 7:00 p.m.

March 20, 2025

This meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board President Jen Randle, Director Wanda Bowles, Director Barbara Dye, and Director Nancy Marsh. Director Jill Grant participated via teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b).

Staff: General Manager Chuck Duffy, Administrative Assistant Nora Mayen, and District Counsel William Parkin.

GENERAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fred Anderson stated that he did not receive notification of the survey. Chris Johnson stated that the San Mateo County Harbor District is proposing a parking lot on the Burnham Strip across from Spanglers and asked if the Board would consider sending a letter to the Harbor District on behalf of ratepayers on that topic. Giancarlo Hnat expressed displeasure with various park features, that he didn't get a survey, and that the large park rendering sign at Portola and Obispo is backwards.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Consideration of Censure of Director Grant for Violation of Board Code of Ethics Policy** – Mr. Duffy explained that the District was made aware of vandalism and the theft of real estate signs in the area, and that an article was published in the Coastside News that identified Director Grant as the person responsible. Additionally, multiple emails were received from members of the public calling for Director Grant's removal or resignation from the Board. Mr. Duffy stated that a Director cannot be removed from office by the other Directors, but can be censured based on making the necessary findings contained in the District's Board Code of Ethics Policy. Board President Randle then asked Director Grant if she wanted to respond to the accusations and Director Grant declined to do so at that time. Kevin Snicenski asked for a definition of censure and Legal Counsel Bill Parkin explained that censure is the strongest form of reproof and condemnation by the Board.

Realtor Juliette Kulda stated that it was her real estate signs which had been stolen and requested her removal or resignation from the Board.

Matthew Clark encouraged the Board to censure Director Grant and asked that she resign.

Ruth Huard stated that she is the property owner of the land the signs were on and asked what the threshold is for removal of a director who has committed unethical and criminal behavior.

Derek Kulda expressed his concern that a Board Director would commit acts of vandalism and encouraged the Board to take steps to address the issue.

Kevin Snicenski expressed his displeasure with the words and actions of Director Grant, including the vandalism and her unwillingness to come to meetings in person.

Chris Johnson expressed his disappointment with Director Grant and stated that he expected her to resign.

Carla McKenzie expressed her shock by the actions of Director Grant and urged the Board to censure Director Grant.

Sarah Prentice said she is embarrassed that a Director would vandalize property.

Director Marsh stated that Director Grant's repeated actions inflicted direct harm on constituents and ratepayers and showed contempt for the organization. Director Marsh went on to say that censure is warranted and that Director Grant should recuse herself from any future actions that might involve the property as well as any action on any property. Director Bowles read from her recent ethics training and emphasized the importance of public trust and confidence in elected officials.

Director Dye agreed with the previous directors' comments and spoke of the proper way to work with property owners when trying to preserve land. Director Dye stated that she supported the Resolution of Censure as drafted. Director Randle agreed with the previous comments and stated that she is deeply disappointed with Director Grant's refusal to address the issue. Director Grant responded to the comments from the public and board members by stating the view corridor and public access were not considered when a Coastal Development Permit was granted to the parcel. Director Grant stated she believed there was a smear campaign to silence her.

ACTION: Director Marsh moved to approve the Resolution of Censure of Jill Grant and requested that the resolution be read out for the record.

(Marsh/Randle).

ACTION: Director Dye moved to end debate. (Dye/Marsh). Approved 4-0-1.

(Grant abstained).

ACTION: Vote on the motion to approve the Resolution of Censure of Jill Grant as previously moved. Approved 4-1. (Grant opposed).

- 2. Report from Community Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee on Preliminary Park and Recreation Center Survey Results** – Director Randle summarized the timeline and outreach of the survey and stated that there were 671 verified responses. She went on to report on the survey results that were outlined in her board memo. Director Randle stated the ad hoc committee is recommending that the Board continue to be transparent about decisions related to the park, that a phased approach be considered for the park and community center, and that community engagement is continued.

Kevin Snicenski stated that he supports the park and community center and emphasized that the Board has taken many steps to assist the owner of Picasso Preschool in finding an alternate location.

Eugene Meleski stated that he was not able to participate in the survey and that he is in favor of keeping the school open.

Alyssa Tigue stated that she likes the strip as it is and said she is concerned about lack of parking.

Johanna stated that she didn't feel the survey covered parking issues or tourism.

Lindsay Issacson thanked Director Randle and Bowles for conducting the survey and urged everyone to continue the conversation about how to keep the preschool.

Zach Issacson stated that Picasso Pre-school has investigated many alternative options.

Will Plaxico thanked the directors for putting together the survey and analysis of the results and for continued efforts to find a solution to the preschool challenge. He asked for GCSD to reach out to the County to have a discussion on the topic of the preschool.

Candise D'Acquisto stated that Picasso has looked and not been able to find an alternate location. Director Dye asked Candise if she had spoken to the developers of Big Wave. Candise stated she has not yet been able to have a discussion with them.

DJ Anderson stated that she appreciates the effort but that she remains opposed to the development.

Director Marsh agreed that there is a problem with pre-school capacity and encouraged conversation with Big Wave. Director Marsh commended the ad hoc committee for the high response rate and emphasized that there is time to digest the results and figure out next steps. Director Randle suggested that consideration be given at the next meeting on formation of a second ad hoc committee in order to continue the conversation, research, and outreach.

3. Resolution adopting Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approving Plan for the Granada Community Park and Recreation Center; Direct staff

to apply for a Coastal Development Permit – Mr. Duffy reminded the Board and public that this item was previously tabled and is being presented for a second time. He emphasized that the MND is a technical document that outlines environmental impacts of a project. Mr. Duffy went on to stress that approving the MND does not commit the Board to building the entire project and that the plan can be phased.

Director Dye suggested a 'meet your park' event to talk to the public about the park. DJ Anderson asked how to have comments included and what avenues there are to ask questions. Mr. Duffy encouraged the public to call the office if they have questions.

Zach Issacson asked if there has been follow up to questions asked at the October meeting on the MND.

Lindsay Issacson asked what approval of the MND would mean for next steps. Mr. Duffy summarized the next steps and stated that the community would be able to comment during future meetings at GCSD and county level meetings.

Chris Rogers stated that he felt the responses to his comments from Montrose Environmental were inadequate.

Will Plaxico commented on parking concerns especially in light of the Caltrans plans. Adam questioned the need to develop on the land.

Alyssa Tigie wants to make sure more people know about the park plan and wants reassurance about parking. Director Grant stated that she doesn't believe the MND addresses the environmental impacts and listed elements she is opposed to. Mr. Duffy stated that the District is comfortable with the expertise of Montrose and Legal Counsel, and he believes the Board should move forward with approval. Director Marsh commented on parking and said that the phasing could mean that the parking lot could be last. Director Marsh also commented on safety on Obispo Rd. including crosswalks, exercise stations, amplified music, community recreation center size, and traffic. Director Dye commented on balancing the differing desires for the park, the improvements to the streams, and that the community has shown support for the park.

ACTION: Director Dye moved to approve the Resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program, and approving the Plan for the Granada Community Park and Recreation center; and Directing staff to apply for a Coastal Development Permit. (Dye/Marsh).

Director Grant moved to amend the motion to only approve the park. That amendment was not accepted. Approved 4-1. (Grant opposed).

ACTION: Director Randle moved to have the Board accept the recommendations made by the ad hoc committee: 1) to proceed with the MND so that development of the park can proceed while issues related to the recreation center are sorted through, 2) reiterate a timeline for park development, 3) set up an additional ad hoc committee to explore options related to 480 Avenue Alhambra and the development of the recreation center, 4) continue to keep the community informed. (Randle/Bowles). Approved 5-0.

4. **Parks and Recreation Activities** – Director Dye gave updates on recent History Walk and Birding Walk with Donna Pomeroy. Director Grant canceled the Weed Warrior group on March 29, 2025.
5. **Discussion of Teleconferencing and Board Member Attendance Policy** – Item was tabled to April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.
6. **Engineer's Report** – Director Dye stated she is looking forward to the next sewer main replacement CIP update. Mr. Duffy stated that the CIP is planned and being budgeted for in FY 2025-26.
7. **Report on Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside Meetings** – Director Marsh stated that there was a short meeting of February 24 for approval of a contract extension and that the March 10th meeting was canceled. Director Dye stated the finance committee reviewed the SAM budget and that the proposed budget would come to the member agencies in the next month.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
9. **March 20, 2025 Warrants.**
10. **January 2025 Financial Statements.**

ACTION: Director Dye moved to approve the consent agenda. (Dye/Marsh).
Approved 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. **Report on seminars, conferences, or committee meetings.**

INFORMATION CALENDAR

12. **Attorney's Report. (Parkin)**
13. **General Manager's Report. (Duffy)**
14. **Administrative Staff Report. (Atmore)**
15. **Future Agenda Items** – Director Randle asked that agenda item number 5 and formation of a future ad hoc committee for rec center plans be added to a future agenda.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Hope Atmore, Board Secretary

Date Approved by the Board: April 17, 2025