

# ARDEN MANOR RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

A Special District Formed In 1953

Christine Arden – Chairperson  
Lauri DeFazio – Vice Chair  
Darcy Skala – Secretary  
Mike Grace - Director  
Warren Harding – Director



Maria Boland – District Manager  
Michael Cottonwood – Maint. Supervisor

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1415 Rushden Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864  
Thursday, September 16, 2021, 6:30pm

**TELE-CONFERENCE CALL from remote locations**

**The Board will be attending this meeting via Zoom: Email [maria@amrpd.org](mailto:maria@amrpd.org) for a conference invitation.**

### VISION STATEMENT

Arden Manor Recreation and Park District, in partnership with the community, contributes to a high quality of life for residents of all ages in a safe, clean, healthy environment. Residents participate in programs that promote and enrich individual, family, and cultural harmony and prosperity.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Roll Call: Present: DeFazio, Grace, Harding, Skala    Absent: Arden
2. **AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND / OR DELETIONS - None**
3. **PRESENTATIONS – None**
4. **District Manager Report**
  - A. Maintenance, Recreation, Admin. update
    - a. See Report
5. **Guest – Christopher Finarelli**
6. **PUBLIC COMENTS:** Under Government Code Section 54954.3 members of the public may address the Board on non-agenda items. Speakers may address Board on any agenda item during consideration of the item. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes for their comments.

- A. Christopher Finarelli thanked the board for hosting the Crabtree Park committee meeting. Chris mentioned that the best way to improve the parks is by improving the turf. The community understands that there are limited resources but urges the board to prioritize the turf and to put turf maintenance at the top of the priority list.  
DeFazio mentioned that Crabtree Park is the most expensive park to water.  
Mike Grace stated we were going to hire extra part time maintenance help to free up Mike's time

## 7. Committee Reports

- A. Budget Committee – Nothing to report
- B. Parks Committee – Nothing to report
- C. Personnel Committee – Nothing to report
- D. Sacramento Park Foundation – Finally received loan and paid O'Dell Engineering. Working with the County and there was an issue with the property that was split. The cost of construction has skyrocketed and now the design will have to change.

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes  
August 19, 2021

Grace motioned to accept as presented. Harding 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approve.

- B. Financial Reports
  - 1. Reports on Revenues and Expenditures (August).
  - 2. Claims Submitted for Payment (August).
  - 3. Employee Benefit Report (August).

- C. **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.**  
Grace motioned to accept as presented. Harding 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approve.

## 9. CORRESPONDANCE

- A. FEC Park Police – See Report
- B. Email from Ann Kohl
  - a. Grace asked if anyone wanted to put anything from the email on the agenda for the next board meeting. Harding responded by asking if a discussion could be held. Grace mentioned that no action can be taken but a discussion could be had.  
Harding brought up Ann Kohl proposing the use of decomposed granite instead of cement. DeFazio does not like the idea of mixing sections of decomposed granite and cement. That would leave it uneven in sections. Boland responded that there are only a few sections that need to be replaced.  
Harding asks if the District has any plans to find alternatives to using gas powered mowers/blowers. At this time, the District will keep an eye on if Sacramento County makes any changes.  
Harding asks for the status of the pond. It is crowded with plants, but people want to be able to look through. Can anything be changed or modified? Grace mentioned that he thinks Ann Kohl wants to be able to see the ponds, but the staff are currently working on clearing the area according to the maintenance report.

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Subject: Review and discuss the most appropriate fill material the District would like to use in park play structures.

Boland mentioned that the District is waiting to hear about an updated quote from vendor on keeping the rubber bark and placing wood chips on top. Skala responds by saying that we should meet the industry standards and put in the 12". Harding states that the idea is to keep the smell of the tires down and not sure why the mixing of the two materials is bad. We can replace a little material as we go. Grace responded that what we are trying to accomplish is fall attenuation to the industry standard. Material is not specified; they want a safe fall zone. Dave Spease is a certified playground inspector and will test fall attenuation. The District should have a small section tested to see how much material is needed to meet the standard.

**11. REGULAR CALENDAR**

**12. COMMENTS BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Revisit Play Structure fill material  
Update on ADA cement

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board may hold a closed session on any subject matter authorized under the State Law Gov't Code § 54957(b) including but not limited to pending litigation, property acquisition negotiations, and personnel matters.

**15. ADJOURNED @ 7:20**

**16. SIGN ALL APPROVED DOCUMENTS**

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ACCOMODATIONS** – If you are a person with a disability and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, then please contact Maria Boland at (916) 487-7851 or fax (916) 487-2028. Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least three-full business days before the start of the meeting.