

**ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2023 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**

The meeting of the Rolling Hills CSD held on April 18, 2023, was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Brenda Collette. The in-person meeting was held at 3098 Montrose Way, El Dorado Hills, CA. In addition to President Collette, Directors Adam Olson, Mark Magee, and Gordon Fawkes were present at roll call. Also present were Board Clerk Linda Stone and three members of the public.

**2. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda).**

Resident Adam Smith advised that the speed bumps in Springfield Meadows have been repainted per the Board-issued permit. Director Adam Olson thanked Adam Smith, Butch Arietta, and the other residents who participated in the project.

Brenda Collette commented about conditions along White Rock Road needing attention, including exposed driplines which will deteriorate in the sun and the need for bark replacement, which has not been done in ages.

Shadow Hills resident Bill Grava informed the Board about a potential commercial development project at the far south end of the EDH business park to build a 4.8 million square foot Amazon facility. He provided details about issues raised by concerned EDH residents, including but not limited to the request going through the Zoning Department and not Planning, CEQA and environmental impact issues, and insufficient traffic studies. He wanted to raise awareness about this project which he said would devastate El Dorado Hills if approved. He said an all El Dorado Hills Town Hall meeting is scheduled for April 28 at the school in Blackstone. He asked that interested persons attend and respectfully and peacefully express their opinions on the project.

**3. Monthly Reports**

**a. Report Regarding General Manager Duties.** Linda Stone presented a short report about activities over the last month; copy attached. She also reported that a piece of split-rail fence is down by the playground at Stonebriar Park.

**b.** The Long-Range Funding Ad Hoc committee did not meet.

**4. Consent Items**

Consent items including the Minutes of the regular Board of Directors meeting held on March 21, 2023, Financial Reports for the District prepared by the El Dorado County Auditor Controller's office for the month ending March 31, 2023, and correspondence including Umpqua Bank letter announcing a merger between Columbia Bank and Umpqua Bank-bank name will remain Umpqua Bank with no significant changes to services; El Dorado File Department postcard providing advance notice of the deadline for clearance of vegetation by May 1, 2023; and SDRMA 2023-24 Property Liability Renewal Estimate were considered. Director Gordon Fawkes moved to approve and accept/file all Consent items; President Collette seconded. The Clerk took a roll call vote; the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Collette, Olson, Fawkes, and Magee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**5. Old Business**

Director Adam Olson suggested that item 5.e. be taken out of order. President Collette approved the request.

**5.e. Berkshire Park Development Project.**

Director Olson reported on his review of the Development Agreement executed between the District and Standard Pacific Corp. in 2014 regarding development of the El Dorado Springs subdivision consisting of 49 single-family homes. He discussed changes in laws related to development fees and confirmed the District's understanding that the \$43,050 Quimby Acts fees are used for park and recreation facilities and improvements. He discussed the District's financial situation, cash on hand, and budget needs. He expressed his opinion that the District must maintain a balanced budget to the extent possible. Director Olson made a motion to rescind the Board's prior approval to move forward with the Berkshire Park development plan and rescind the approved plot map. No work has started. In his opinion, this is not the best use of the District's limited funds. President Collette seconded the motion. Park maintenance costs were discussed, along with ideas to lower the costs of maintaining Stonebriar Park. The Clerk took a roll call vote; the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Collette, Olson, Fawkes, and Magee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**5.a. Sidewalk Issue on White Rock Road near Bailey Circle.**

The Board reviewed the condition of the lifting sidewalk sections, comparing photos from a year ago with the present. The underlying roots have continued to push the sidewalk up. The Board discussed alternatives to remedy the problem areas and considered the associated costs. Resident Brett Collette suggested lifting a sidewalk section, possibly cutting it in half if necessary, removing the underlying roots, then replacing the concrete and using concrete fill material to restore the area. Given the size of the squares, the Board agreed this is a viable solution that could be done as a volunteer project. Director Mark Magee made a motion pursuant to District policy no. 3070 to approve the issuance of an Encroachment Permit to Brett Collette to lead a volunteer project for the maintenance needed on the sidewalk sections along White Rock Road and authorize the reimbursement of costs not to exceed \$500 for materials to complete the work; second by Director Gordon Fawkes. There was no further discussion. The Clerk took a roll call vote; the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Collette, Olson, Fawkes, and Magee

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**5.b. Weed Abatement and Fire Mitigation Services for 2023.** The Board discussed the alternatives for weed abatement, including the proposal from NewGen using weed eaters and the proposal from Capra Environmental using goats and the associated costs. Director Mark Magee made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$6,400.00 from the approved budget for NewGen Landscaping to carry out the 100' clearance weed abatement work. Director Adam Olson seconded the motion so discussion could be had. The Board discussed the proposal from Capra and agreed that an updated proposal is necessary using the correct acreage. It also agreed that the timing of the work is important. The matter was tabled to a special meeting on May 2, 2023.

**5.c. Meeting Location for RHCS Board Meetings 2023.** Director Gordon Fawkes reported that he contacted Hills Church and that location is not an option. He also pursued Four Seasons and another lead which did not pan out. However, Director Fawkes spoke with staff at Raley's on Park Drive in El

Dorado Hills and said its Gather Room is available for a 6 pm to 9 pm time block. He said we could reserve the space each month. It was the consensus of the Board that it would utilize the Raley's Gather Room for meetings from now on.

**5.d. Review Status of the District's FY2022-23 Approved Budget.** There were no significant or unexpected changes to the budget status based on the monthly cost summary reports provided by the County Auditor Controller's office. Director Olson requested that the agenda for next month's meeting include an item for discussion of the best uses for the District's limited funds and the opportunity for residents to give input.

**6. New Business – None**

**7. Adjournment.** Upon motion and second, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by:

/s/

Linda Stone, Board Clerk/Secretary

Approved by Board: May 16, 2023

Attachment:

**Report of General Manager Type Activities – Items Not on the Agenda**

**April 18, 2023**



Newly painted speed bump in Springfield Meadows, courtesy of volunteer efforts spearheaded by residents Adam Smith and Butch Arietta.

1. Resident contact regarding Project Frontier, a proposed 4.8 million square foot facility at the sound end of the EDH Business Park. The resident, former board member William Grava, will address the Board under Public Comment.
2. All Board members filed their required Form 700 by the deadline.