

CITY OF FOLSOM

Landscaping & Lighting Districts Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 16, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Folsom Community Center

R.G. Smith Room

52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

(916) 461-6675

I. CALL TO ORDER L&L DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Josh Baker (Cobble Hills Ridge / Reflections II) called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members in attendance were Josh Baker (Cobble Hills Ridge / Reflections II), Allen Brown (ARCN), Tim O'Leary (Prairie Oaks), Mary Johnson (Lake Natoma Shores), Edward Myers (Broadstone 1,2,4), Joe Marceau (Natoma Station), Patty Soulsby (Blue Ravine Oaks), Richard Heiler (Los Cerros), and Benjamin Mattocks (Prospect Ridge).

Absent: Ian Cornell (WCES), David Weizer (ARCN #2), Craig Enos (Broadstone #3), Joanna Stanfield (Sierra Estates), and Clark Willits (Willow Creek East).

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 18th, 2024

Allen Brown (ARCN) made a motion to approve the minutes, Joe Marceau (Natoma Station) seconded the motion. All members present voted to approve the minutes, with Patty Soulsby (Blue Ravine Oaks) abstaining.

V. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR – Members of the public can address the Advisory Committee concerning items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. The Advisory Committee is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.

VI. MANAGERS REPORT

Supervisor Larson discussed partnerships with a local group to complete mulching in three L&L parks two in Natoma Station and one in Broadstone 1,2 and 4. As well as a partnership with Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps to complete mulching and ladder fuel work throughout the city in both L&L and general fund areas.

Multiple completed projects were discussed including the waterfall hillside relandscape and drainage improvements in American River Canyon North, Blue Ravine Road frontage cleanup in Natoma Station and fence replacements in Briggs Ranch.

- **Overview of Preliminary L&L Budgets**

Supervisor Larson provided preliminary budgets to all members in attendance and discussed the short- and long-term maintenance and improvement plan that captures large projects in each district. He described the importance of having long term planning in place to cover the cost of large projects that cannot be absorbed in a single budget year, some examples provided were large fence replacements and wall replacements.

There was conversation of individual line items in the district budgets and any changes from past years to the current preliminary budget. Supervisor Larson described the increases in utility costs and current year planned projects and how those adjustments have been made. Supervisor Larson described how each year staff looks back at the previous year and adjusts based off of the true costs for utilities over the previous year.

Supervisor Larson responded to multiple questions regarding planned projects including turf replacements and ladder fuel removal.

VII. INPUT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON L&L DISTRICTS

Benjamin Mattocks (Prospect Ridge)-Thanked staff for completing tree replacements in his district. He also mentioned one more tree in need of replacement and said he could submit to SeeClickFix.

Richard Heiler (Los Cerros)-Commented that public works did a great job with the sidewalk painting that was recently completed, there are a couple areas that still require paint. Commented that there are large cracks in some areas that may require filling or repair. Supervisor Larson said that he can provide the information to the Public Works Department as this is their project.

Allen Brown (ARCN)-Reported a tree that is growing through the fence at the top of the waterfall and growing into the San Juan water lot.

Mary Johnson (Lake Natoma Shores)-Reported that she had spoken with Chris, and he was very responsive to her maintenance requests. She asked about maintenance responsibility in the Young Wo Cemetery. Supervisor Larson stated that this is a general fund area maintained by the Parks Department.

Josh Baker (Cobble Hills Ridge / Reflections II)-Asked about the mulch piles in the nature park on Larkin Cir. Supervisor Larson stated that the crew will be out to weed eat and spread mulch next week.

Tim O'Leary (Prairie Oaks)-Nothing to report.

Edward Myers (Broadstone 1,2,4)-Nothing to report.

Patty Soulsby (Blue Ravine Oaks)-Spoke about SMUD pruning of redwoods on Blue Ravine Road between Crossing and Golden One Credit Union. She would like to see these trees removed as SMUD had offered at no cost to the district. Supervisor Larson responded that the new MLS Manager will be informed of the issue and make a decision in consultation with the affected residents. Spoke of a water leak in the street near her home as well as the ongoing leak on the Blue Ravine frontage. Reported weeds in shrub beds throughout the neighborhood and a dead tree that should be removed. Supervisor Larson stated that he will look into the issues. Patty requested a new roster of committee members, Supervisor Larson stated that he will send out a new roster to the committee through email.

Joe Marceau (Natoma Station)-Nothing to report.

VIII. ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Green Acres Pruning/Planting or City Urban Forester.
- City Urban Forester presentation on street tree requirements and enforcement, and mistletoe removal.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by Josh Baker (Cobble Hills Ridge / Reflections II).

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