

**COUNTY OF MARIN
COUNTY SERVICE AREA (CSA) 18 ADVISORY BOARD
3501 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, ROOM 143D, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903
MINUTES FOR MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gina Hagen,
 Linda Levey
 Tim Baker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hagen at 2:03 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public would like the department to keep the Carob tree in Pueblo Park.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023

**M/S: Baker/Levey
AYES:
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None**

APPROVE MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2023

**M/S Add a Levey to past minutes at the beginning. Baker/Levey
AYES: All
ABSTAIN: None
NAYS: None**

**4. UPDATE ON CURRENT CSA 18 AND PARK DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES
(INFORMATION ITEM)**

Superintendent Jim Chayka gave an O&M update for CSA 18 facilities. Projects included a new water fountain at Pueblo, new basketball net refresh, tennis net at pickleball court at Pueblo Park. Yellowjacket trapping occurred at all parks. Got a quote to install a gate at Pueblo to the basketball court for \$998. A mattress was dumped at Adrian Rosal; staff is removing dumped items weekly. New drip controllers and irrigation repairs. Pathway resurfacing at Castro and Pueblo resurfacing projects will be staggered. Cost analysis of Pueblo pathway reroute was presented, at a difference of over \$10,000.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Baker would like some time to think about it.

Commissioner Hagen commented that the turf has not always been as challenged as it is now. She finds the carob tree to be unpleasantly odiferous.

Commissioners Baker and Hagen suggest using the \$10,000 savings to plant a new tree AND add a shade structure that will provide shade during the tree growth period. Wonder whether it be possible to add benches and a picnic table.

Commissioner Levey has received phone calls from members of the public who wants two lines on the court and a sign up sheet available. She received a request that signs say that no bikes are allowed on courts.

Public Comment:

A member of the public stated that the carob tree is the one good place to get shelter in the rain because of its density. She wonders if fundraising could help save the tree.

5. CSA 18 BUDGET UPDATE (ACTION ITEM)

Jim Chayka reviewed fiscal year updates for FY23, and plan for FY 23-24 budget. Plan FY23-24 CSA 18 Budget: He sought recommendations for paving Pueblo or Castro park first. This would involve adding base rock, which would add elevation, then decomposed granite. It was determined that the subcommittee formed in June could perform a site visit for learning about Carob tree removal.

Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Baker is in favor of refurbishing Castro Park first.

Public Comment: none

M/S Levey/Hagen motion approve budget, with a focus on Castor Field repairs prior to Pueblo Park

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024

Public comment: none

M/S Levey/Baker motion to nominate the same slate.

AYES: ALL

NAYS: NONE

7. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Public comment: A member of the public is the one who clarified that CSA 18 is not responsible for the medians.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURNED

M/S Commissioner Hagen adjourned meeting at 3:55 pm with many thanks.

AYES: all

NAYS: NONE

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 29th at 2 pm.