



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board President, Ron Ricker in the North City Water District Board Room.

### Commissioners Present

Commissioner Ron Ricker  
Commissioner Charlotte Haines  
Commissioner Patricia Hale

### Staff Present

Diane Pottinger, District Manager  
Denny Clouse, Operations Manager  
Amalia Mostrales, Finance Manager  
Joe Bennett, District Attorney

### INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Representative Cindy Ryu, 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District  
Tom Bugert, Department of Natural Resources  
Carly Kujath, Office of Financial Management  
Cassie Bordelon, Department of Natural Resources (*via telephone*)  
Amber Leaders, Governor's Policy Office (*via telephone*)  
Sarah Vansot, Department of Natural Resources (*via telephone*)

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **a. Fircrest Property – Department of Natural Resources Project**

Tom Bugert gave a brief overview of how the project scope that was identified in the state capital budget as it relates to Fircrest. DNR has 52 of the 92 acres of the Fircrest campus that they own in a trust. He explained how the trust is managed and the long term lease arrangement with the Department of Social and Health Services. Carly Kujath discussed how they had been working to get background information for this project.

#### **b. Other Fircrest projects in 2019 Capital Budget**

Tom discussed the other projects that were going on at the Fircrest Campus – the Backup power project, the campus master plan and rezone and the fire alarms. Carly said there was a fifth project that, while the Fircrest Campus was not named specifically, was to review potential sites for a 16 and 48-bed facilities and make a recommendation. All studies have a deadline of December 31, 2019.

#### **c. Fircrest Water System**

District Manager Diane Pottinger & Operations Manager Denny Clouse shared a brief history of the little information the District has about the water system, the 2017 fire on the Fircrest campus, the bagged fire hydrants on site and the different master plans/studies that have occurred on the property. There was robust discussion as many of the attendees have lived in the community and recollections of the activities that occurred on the Fircrest Campus. Good communication with the local fire department is critical siting all future facilities.

#### **d. North City Water District's Water System**

Diane discussed the status of the District's current water system and the potential identification of a reservoir either at the new District's maintenance facility site or the northwest corner of the Fircrest Campus. Discussion ensued with how the District could work with Fircrest so as to not duplicate infrastructure but updating the system to meet current standards.

There was a roundtable discussion about potential redevelopment options and considerations with respect to utilities for any type of development. Meeting current fire flow and having adequate water storage is critical to meet current building code, at Fircrest or any other potential residential site. Representative Ryu shared some of her thoughts and visions for the site as well as what the legislature should look for when siting such facilities. Tom indicated the draft report would be available for review around mid-October.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the District's Administrative Offices.

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Ronald Ricker

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Charlotte Haines

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Patricia M. Hale