

Chemeketa Park Mutual Water Company

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Board of Directors Meeting, December 10, 2020

I. Call to Order

David

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance: David Casper, Brad Hartzell, Sue Levy, Rob Anderson, Vincent Mackewicz (joined us a little later), and a few members of the community; all joined via Zoom.

II. Review and Adopt Minutes

Board

David made a motion to approve the November minutes without changes. Brad seconded; motion approved.

III. Public Comment

Board

An email was sent to the Board regarding trash cans along certain roads in the Park being left out all week. Trash cans need to be stored away from the road after trash day pick-up. This is a county regulation. It is requested that all residents be respectful of the rules for both the neighborhood and the county. If there is an egregious disregard for safety and regulations, any resident can report it to the county.

It was also noted that there has been a proliferation of kids toys and riding vehicles collecting at the Park. While there is appreciation for offering toys and bikes for the children in the neighborhood to play with, the Board asks residents to only donate items that are still in good working order. Please do not use the Park as a place to take broken or heavily worn toys and bikes. They are becoming an eyesore and even a danger to younger children when they try to use something that is broken. You can collect these items on your property and bring them to the yearly Dumpster Dive each summer. For residents who live close to the Park or visit the park regularly, please keep an eye out to make sure these items are not purposefully being damaged. Thank you.

IV. Financial Report

a) Expenditures, budget, past due accounts

Lisa

Major expenses for November were: \$2,110 to Santa Clara County for property taxes; \$1,100 to State Water Resources Board for water rights; \$966 to Kamps for propane to the generator and clubhouse; \$925 to Guy Furlo for Ogallala leak repair to road; and \$650 for park maintenance. There are currently 4 delinquent accounts greater than 90 days past due; total amount due is \$13,714. Of these accounts, 2 have water shut off; 2 are on a payment plan.

b) Opening accounts at Wells Fargo

David / Lisa

Lisa will look into the types of accounts at Wells Fargo and then talk with David to get the new accounts set up. **ACTION:** David, Lisa

V. Fire Safety

a) Firewise program update

Jody

Firewise projects that are currently being worked on include: an Area of Refuge for Park residents in case of emergency; getting a bid to do brush clearing and branch work around the playground; and scheduling/organizing education days coming up in February. The topic for the education days will be evacuation. Details will be forthcoming. It will be virtual. Our community must have one education day each year to continue our Firewise community status.

The Santa Clara County Firesafe Council will be doing roadside edge clearing on Ogallala Warpath to clean brush up about 10ft. as well as clean up some trees by about 14 ft. It will entail two days of work.

VI. Water Report

a) Water Operations Report

Miles

Total treated water production for November (30 days) was 903,647 gallons. The average daily usage per hookup is 201 gallons. The average raw water turbidity for water entering the plant was 2.36 NTU and the average finished water turbidity was 0.036 NTU (.300 NTU is the maximum turbidity allowed by the state). Rain total for the month was 0 inches. Average

filter flow rates: 24 gpm; chlorine usage: 21 gals; alum usage: 50 lbs. Total gallons of purchased water from Montevina Pipeline was 125,028. Moody Gulch had a better availability of water after the small rain we got in November.

Miles will ask Aaron to go down to Los Gatos creek and pull some water they need to do a sampling, so we stay current with the state's schedule for sampling.

b) Distribution system leak detection

Miles

The leak at Navajo was repaired and a new water meter was installed. Cypress Water facilitated American Leak Detection (ALD) with little productivity. ALD indicated that they are more geared toward finding known leaks than doing a constructive search for an unknown leak.

Discussion about setting up a proactive strategy for managing the water distribution system. Goal: take the current hand drawn maps of where pipes are located and update all of that information to computer-based data in a GIS (geographic information system) where data can be gathered, managed, and analyzed. Additional suggestions: where to place monitoring for leak detection; identify home meter connection locations; identify/replace system valves, develop water system flushing plan, and placing meters in key locations. The Board would like to identify some possible companies who can assist in developing a program to accomplish these goals. The plan is to begin the work in spring. **ACTION:** Miles may have some contacts who can help with how to approach developing a plan for gathering and managing data. **ACTION:** Miles/Brad will look into making a map of the system and valves.

c) Short well project planning

Vincent

The short well project is a priority. Cypress Water and the Board will have a formal meeting in January to discuss the project. Granite Drilling will be used. Possible spring timeframe to get the short well up and running. **ACTION:** Miles and David set meeting date for January.

d) Watershed sanitary survey

Vincent

The survey results take time. The Board is being patient. ;)

VII. Roads

a) Roads update

Board

Rich has been using the Mobile Citizen app to notify the county of hazards or problems with the county roads inside Chemeketa Park – that is Ogallala and Edwards. If more residents send in service requests either through the app or the following link (see below) it is hoped that the county will respond more quickly. The “squeaky wheel” philosophy! Please help. Here is the link: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rda/info/Pages/service.aspx>

VIII. Playground / Clubhouse / Community

a) Repairing stairs to Apache Trail

Vincent

Do not have a resource yet to work on the stairs behind the clubhouse. Have reached out to a couple of possible resources. Will update next month.

IX. Adjourn

David

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Chemeketa Park Clubhouse, unless Santa Clara County is still in a Stay-at-Home order. In that case, the meeting will take place virtually with information to be shared at that time. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.