



# Greater Vallejo Recreation District

GVRD promotes wellness and healthy lifestyles  
by providing safe parks and innovative and fun  
recreation programs for all residents.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rizal Aliga  
Robert Briseño  
Thomas Judt  
Tom Starnes

## GENERAL MANAGER

Gabe Lanusse

## Policies and Personnel Committee Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Administrative Office-Board Room

401 Amador Street

**In Attendance:** Director Aliga, Director Judt, General Manager, Gabe Lanusse, and Human Resources Director, Lisa Sorvari

**Meeting Began:** 3:35 pm

### 1. Public Comment

None.

### 2. Policy Review:

Policy 3040, Capital Outlay

- The General Manager said he wants to make the Committee aware of the policy regarding park dedication fees so we can recognize the process to follow internally and be aligned with the City's process.
- The General Manager said the City of Vallejo plans to update the Municipal Code, Chapter 3.18 (Land Dedication and Fees for Park and Recreational Purposes) and he is trying to work with the City to clarify how they collect the impact fees and where the funds go. He is also trying to get a list of projects that the city collects fees for.
- There was a discussion about a developer asking the City to waive impact fees and Director Judt said he would like to know what improvements GVRD would need to make and which parks are near the development.
- The Committee agreed that understanding the impact fee collection process and spending transparency by GVRD is important.
- Next Step: The General Manager will continue to work with City staff and amend policies that mirror their process.

Policy Update – 3074 Fee Waiver for Community Organizations and Governmental Agencies

- The General Manager reported that the policy is on hold pending outside consultant's fee study.



### 3. Discussion Items:

#### 3a Prohibiting Slip & Slides and Water Amusement Devices

- The General Manager explained staff would like to include prohibiting slip and slides and water amusement devices (mobile items community members can rent) due to safety and liability concerns and asked if there was anything more the Committee would like to add. There were no suggestions.
- Next Steps: The General Manager will bring the policy (3070, Use of Parks and Facilities) back to the Committee with redline changes.

#### 3b. Memorial Tree and Bench Policy

- The General Manager explained that GVRD does not have an official policy and the District receive requests once every few years.
- Some board members in the past wanted all costs to be recouped, including repairs and maintenance.
- Director Aliga wanted to know if GVRD would be required to replace a tree if it died.
- Director Judt wanted to know if the District can ask for replacement and maintenance costs up front and if the District can use the Quimby fees to help with the costs of the trees/benches.
- Next Steps: General Manager will research memorial tree and bench fees and bring back to Committee.

#### 3c. Prohibiting Camping within 200 Feet of Playgrounds and Sports Fields and 50 Feet within GVRD facilities

- The General Manager spoke about the Supreme Court's decision that allows cities to ban the unhoused from camping on public property and the District's problems with the unhoused camped on the other side of one of the ballpark fences.
- Director Judt would like to know how the District can enforce the policy and how it can keep the community and GVRD employees safe. Director Aliga spoke of the safety concerns he heard from community members.
- The Human Resources Director told the Committee about the focus group that a GVRD supervisor attends and Director Judt expressed interest.
- The Committee agreed that it is not just a matter of banning camping because the unhoused will just move to another park, and that GVRD needs to partner with the City of Vallejo and other organizations to solve the unhoused camping on GVRD property issue.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 pm