



BELL CANYON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
30 HACKAMORE LANE
BELL CANYON, CALIFORNIA 91307

MINUTES OF BELL CANYON CSD REGULAR MEETING ON October 23, 2023

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954, Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Bell Canyon Community Services District held a Regular meeting at 7:00PM on October 23, 2023, to consider those items set forth in the posted agenda, except in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(b). Please note that the Board reserved the right to modify the order (listed in the agenda) in which items were heard.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Directors present were Judy Lantz, Peter Machuga (Vice President), Michael Robkin (President) and Richard Levy. Eric Wolf was absent. Also present Gregory McHugh, Interim General Manager.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the victims of terror in Israel.

4. M. Robkin reviewed the rules of behavior due to hybrid nature of meeting using Zoom along with a live audience.

5. Public comment on Agenda items:

- None

6. Open Forum

- **Discussion of harassment**

Sarah Berman described Mike's comments posed to the Bell Canyon Official Facebook page as unfair. Did not think they should be there.

Sarah also said it is not fair to just change meeting dates. The 4th Monday of the month is the regular meeting date. Vacations, Weddings, etc. should be planned around that.

She also said a Special Meeting can be called at any time but you can only discuss what is on the agenda. And you can also have an



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emergency meeting.

7. Consent Items

- Credit card Logs
- SUV log

R. Levy moved that the District should discontinue use of the credit card log. M. Robkin seconded. After discussion the motion failed as follows:

Ayes: R. Levy, M. Robkin
Noes: J. Lantz, P. Machuga
Abstain:
Absent: E. Wolf

R. Levy moved that the consent items be accepted. P. Machuga seconded. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: R. Levy, M. Robkin, J. Lantz, P. Machuga
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent: E. Wolf

8. Discussion of Harassment, Discrimination and Abusive Behavior

M. Robkin provided background. This was prompted by alleged harassment of CSD employees and other employees in Bell Canyon. An ordinance is allowable per Government Code Section 25120 with the scope of District agents, employees and vendors.

The board discussed the ordinance:

We have a legal, moral and ethical responsibility to protect employees from harassment, discrimination and abusive behavior.

Examples from the agenda packet were HOA incidents.

Every ordinance we have relates to one of our powers.

Existing laws are adequate.



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If we had an ordinance, how do we enforce it?

In some organizations, when leaders do bad things it gets covered up. An ordinance has the value of making it easier to take a stand, to report something.

Having an ordinance is a good deterrent.

Seems vindictive.

Not vindictive. Only looking forward. No retroactive action.

No action taken at this time

9. Discuss the possibility of leasing District land to the HOA

Lease back the Triunfo land (Parking Lot, Maintenance yard) to the HOA. Give is time to apply for transportation power from LAFCo.

Have we conferred with LAFCo?

Start conversation with LAFCo about the transportation power.

Discuss with LAFCo.

M. Robkin moved that he, P. Lee and G. McHugh be empowered to start the conversation with LAFCo about acquiring the transportation power. Motion seconded by J. Lantz. Motion passed as follows:

Ayes: R. Levy, M. Robkin, J. Lantz, P. Machuga

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: E. Wolf

The BCVWFD also uses that land for training. Lease must allow for that.

Also, we should put the Triunfo acquisition on the web site.



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10. Discuss the viability of hybrid meetings. Does allowing audience participation via Zoom as well as in person work?

We need microphones for the Board. Judy has microphones and needs to set up a mock meeting to test.

11. September Financial Update

G. McHugh presented the September 2023 financial update.

Result of discussion:

Send the Streamline web site link to the Board.

Keep \$375,000 for the reserve in a separate account.

12. Next meeting

The next regular meeting is November 27, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM