

**COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYGROUND  
DISTRICT #4 WARD #1  
MEETING Tuesday, September 21st, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by David Nixon at 6:01pm.

**Board Members in attendance:** David Nixon, Bill Willis, Connie Hoffpauir, and Johnathan Simien

**In attendance:** Ashton Richard-Police Juror Ward 1, Mitch Robertson, and Richard Dow

**Prayer/Pledge:** A moment of silence was held in honor of CCPD4W1 office manager Jackie Know who passed from complications of Covid-19 on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Prayer was led by David Nixon; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by board members.

**Visiting Guest Agenda Items:** No visiting guests items.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** *Bill made a motion to approve the minutes from August 16<sup>th</sup>, as written. Second by Johnathan. All in favor; board minutes accepted.*

**Police Jurors Comments:** Ashton Richard was in attendance and said the meeting would cover the items he had come to discuss. He mentioned how saddened he was by the passing of Jackie Knox.

**Treasurers Report:** Board Members were presented with a copy of report. Capital balance is \$3,540,282.88. Community Center Maintenance fund is \$2,351,004.52. And Senior Center balance is \$757,096.80. Ashton asked if the final payment for the Senior Center parking project had been made. Richard was asked to confirm before next meeting. It was thought there should be one payment left.

**Committee Reports:**

**Park:** Richard said S&S Sprinkler had been out a couple of times to check backflow reports. There is an issue that S&S is not licensed to perform and a professional plumber has to change before backflow can be checked off as completely fixed. There is a broken pipe below the concrete sidewalk on Field 8 that needs repaired to get proper water flow to concession stand and West side of the main complex. Hollier's roofing is scheduled to begin repairs within the next two weeks on the shingles roofs of both newer concession stands and the East and West Bathroom.

Hercules has finished the fencing work at the Soccer Complex. Youth Soccer was scheduled to begin last week but delayed because of the wet weather we have experienced. Richard has talked with M&M Landscaping and changed the lawn mowing schedule to focus more on the Soccer complex and less at the main complex that is not being used right now. Richard contacted Parish mosquito control to schedule regular spraying at the soccer complex to try to cut down on the mosquito issues there. Football will start in mid-October. There is a green Conex container at the Senior Center that they say they don't need. Richard is in the process of getting items currently in it cleaned out to schedule a move to the Soccer Complex for football to use as storage of yard markers and other football items. Football will be playing on the fields on the northwest corner of the complex. Boss lighting is scheduled to provide diesel powered temporary lighting, with only 4 towers available at this time because of emergency needs created on the other side of the state by Hurricane Ida. Bill asked where VSG was as far as

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answers for potential lights for the soccer complex. Richard said VSG was still awaiting word from electrical engineer Darrell Hicks regarding detailed plans for lighting the football lighting. Connie asked if Soccer and Football had worked out their problems with sharing the concession stand. Richard said they have not. Connie asked if Soccer had turned in their registration numbers. Richard said he was told they would provide by next week. Connie asked to make sure Soccer was following coach protocol and background checks. David said his child was in the league and it was his understanding they were continuing that problem. Richard said that there did appear some disorganization based on the Park staff needing to paint fields and do lots of the items that volunteers used to do. Johnathan asked how the Brossette architects were coming with plans to repair the park. Richard suggested he thought Brossette was on top of the planning and that things were going as scheduled. Bill asked about items that were still needing cleaned up around the park. Richard said there was a plan to roll out and get those items cleaned up. Slim staffing and repairs to the tractor have held back efforts for cleanup. Richard said that the playground equipment was in bad shape and will have to be taken down. David reiterated that they should probably be demoed at the earliest convenience.

**Office:** Richard has registered for the state Parks and Rec conference in November. He will be contacting the Parish regarding what temp service contracts the Parish has to fill both employee and clerical positions.

**Senior Center:** Cole Air had to be called out again to fix air conditioner breakdowns with back drainage in the ceiling area. Activity wise things are going well. Richard is still getting requests to use the Senior Center for group activities beyond everyday use but denying those requests in line with Covid and insurance difficulties at this time.

**Capital Planning:** No Capital Planning to discuss tonight.

**Old Business:**

**L-15 Drainage Project:** Ashton was concerned that there have not any more culverts or any activity over the last month. He suggested he would call Darby Quinn with the Drainage District and maybe get some answers. Bill said he asked lots of questions and it was explained that this was a Drainage District and CPPJ project and that we were secondary. The Drainage District needs to be the one that pushes the project but the issue is also Covid and staffing issues. Johnathan said it would be nice if they at least came to a meeting and gave us an update. Ashton said that the supervisor he talked to wanted the culverts all brought in before they dug.

**Senior Center Parking Lot Phase III:** Richard again said that he would contact Cole Thompson and find out about any final payments needed and paperwork that needed to clear.

**Hurricanes Laura and Delta:** Weekly meetings continue with Richard, the Sulzer Group and the FEMA PMG to keep all parties in the ready for continued work and progress.

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**Soccer and Football Complex Lighting:** Most issues were discussed in Park report prior in the meeting.

**New Business:** David read the following Public Notice:

NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Regular Session of the 2013 Louisiana Legislature, the Community Center and Playground District No. Four of Ward One of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, will meet in open and public session on the 18<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place located at 1180 Recreation Blvd., Moss Bluff, Louisiana, to consider calling an election to be held in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana on April 30, 2022, for a renewal of an ad valorem property tax for the purpose of operating, acquiring, constructing, improving, extending and maintaining public recreational services and facilities within the district.

The notice was read to announce that it will be discussed on the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. A newspaper ad ran in the American Press on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as legal announcement.

*(Connie requested that the Board meet in Executive session. Seconded by Bill. Executive session began at 6:44PM. Regular session commenced at 7:05PM)*

**Commissioner's Comments:** The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners for the Community Center and Playground District 4 of Ward 1 will be Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm.

*Johnathan made a motion to adjourn meeting; second by Connie. All in Favor. Motion passed. 7:06 pm.*

Minutes recorded and reported by Richard Dow.