

Bolinas Community Public Utility District
A Special Meeting Of The Board Of Directors
August 8, 2018 270 Elm Road, Bolinas

1. Call to Order.

11:00 a.m.

2. Roll.

Directors Amoroso, Comstock, Siedman and Smith present; director Godino present by telephone. Director Siedman presiding.

3. Community Expression.

None.

4. Text for Advisory Measure on the Ballot for the November 6, 2018 Election Concerning Parking Regulation in Downtown Bolinas.

“Shall the County of Marin enact a resolution pursuant to Marin County Ordinance 3662 to include Brighton Avenue, Park Avenue and Wharf Road in downtown Bolinas as County roads on which there shall be no overnight parking of vehicles, except for automobiles, motorcycles and pickups, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.?”

Director Amoroso recused himself from consideration of this agenda item and left the room.

Director Siedman read the proposed ballot measure and said that after many public meetings and discussions with the County, it was determined that extending the existing County ordinance prohibiting overnight parking by certain types of vehicles during certain hours to specific streets in downtown Bolinas is the most expeditious means by which to address the current parking problem downtown.

Bruce Bowser thanked the Board for tackling this issue. He said there appears to be some disagreement with regard to what constitutes a “pick up” and it also seems that residents with minivans (such as himself) may be negatively impacted. However he is optimistic that, over time, the community and sheriff’s department will be able to find an appropriate approach to enforcement if this ordinance is extended to downtown Bolinas.

In response to questions, director Siedman explained that Supervisor Rodoni requested that the BCPUD Board include an item on the ballot for an advisory measure such as this to gauge community sentiment for this proposal. He further explained that a resident parking program will take much longer to implement due to the permitting process with the Coastal Commission. Director Godino said she would like to underscore a point she has made at prior meetings: this is step #1. The parking problem downtown has reached “critical mass” and this proposal likely will remediate only a portion of the problem. After the ordinance is in place and the resulting enforcement ensues, the community can then evaluate step #2, which she hopes will be some sort of resident parking permit system.

Director Comstock noted that he, director Smith and staff had a telephone conference with Supervisor Rodoni and County staff concerning, among other things, the definitions of terms used in the ordinance, such as “pickups” and “automobiles”. The state law defining these terms would seem to define pickups as open, flat-bed trucks, but the County sheriff’s office includes pickups with camper shells on them (meaning pickups with camper shells would be allowed to remain parked overnight). Also, the definition of “automobile” is unclear; that said, it seems a regular minivan will be deemed automobiles but larger vans will not. Finally, the topic of whether Terrace Avenue should be included among the affected streets in downtown Bolinas was discussed and Supervisor Rodoni recommended against doing so. The supervisor believes that existing rules establishing “no parking within 6 feet of the center line” should be sufficient to redress concerns about oversized vehicles. He also was concerned that extending the ordinance to Terrace Avenue could prompt concerns from Coastal Commission staff

Bruce Bowser said that there is a lot more overnight parking/camping from Friday – Sunday/Monday and that “pop-up” vans are increasingly present.

L. Comstock/D. Smith four in favor, director Amoroso recused to approve the text of the advisory ballot measure concerning the regulation of overnight parking in downtown Bolinas.

Director Smith inquired about the process of submitting ballot arguments for and/or against the ballot measure. He read the County’s guidance pamphlet on submitting arguments and it does not seem to be entirely clear as to how to proceed and the district should seek guidance from the County Elections

department; staff agreed to do so. Bruce Bowser said he is willing to work on an argument in favor of the ballot measure with other members of the Parking Committee.

5. Amend BCPUD Resolution 656: Proposing An Election Be Held In Its Jurisdiction on November 6, 2018; Requesting The Board Of Supervisors To Consolidate With Any Other Election Conducted On Said Date; And Requesting Election Services By The County Registrar of Voters (to include text of Advisory Ballot Measure).

L. Comstock/D. Smith all in favor, director Amoroso recused to amendBCPUD Resolution 656.

6. Contract between BCPUD and the Conservation Corps North Bay re: the Bolinas Eucalyptus Grove Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Subject to Certain Conditions.

Staff recommended that the Board approve a contract with Conservation Corps North Bay for a crew of eight corps members to conduct hazardous fuels reduction work for a period of six weeks in the eucalyptus grove above the Resource Recovery Center. A large portion of the understory has been grazed out by goats and the next steps is to remove the remaining understory and small sapling trees (and limb up larger trees) to reduce fire potential. The district received a grant of \$150,000 from CalFIRE for this work -- the contract with Conservation Corps North Bay is for \$69,516.00 and staff expects to contract with another tree contractor with the remaining funds for a second hand crew.

D. Smith/L. Comstock all in favor to approve the contract between BCPUD and the Conservation Corps North Bay in the amount of \$69,516.00 for the Bolinas Eucalyptus Grove Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project.

7. Adjournment.

11:30 a.m.