



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

**MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**  
**LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Administrative Office  
5050 El Camino Real  
Los Altos, CA 94022

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

*The Board of Directors conducted this meeting in accordance with  
California Government Code section 54953.*

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair MacNiven called the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Jed Cyr, Zoe Kersteen-Tucker, and Margaret MacNiven

Members absent: None

Staff present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, Chief Financial Officer Stefan Jaskulak, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Maria Soria, Deputy District Clerk/Executive Assistant Loana Lumina-Hsu, Public Affairs Manager Korrine Skinner, and Governmental Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg

Chair MacNiven announced this meeting is being held in accordance with Government Code section 54953. The public has the opportunity to comment on the agenda, and the opportunity to listen to this meeting through the internet or via telephone. This information can be found on the meeting agenda, which was physically posted at the District's Administrative Office, and on the District website.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

District Clerk Maria Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** Director Kersteen-Tucker moved, and Director MacNiven seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. Approve the June 13, 2023 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**

Public comment opened at 2:01 p.m.

Ms. Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment closed at 2:01 p.m.

**Motion:** Director Kersteen-Tucker moved, and Director Cyr seconded the motion to approve the June 13, 2023 Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs committee meeting minutes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-0-0**

**2. Consideration of Recognition Options for Former Board Members Larry Hassett and Pete Siemens (R-23-70)**

Governmental Affairs Specialist Josh Hugg presented the staff presentation and reviewed the Recognition Options for Former District Board Members Larry Hassett and Pete Siemens. Mr. Hugg presented the former Board Members long-standing service, ward representation, accomplishments, service on District committees, advocacy and support for District projects, volunteer projects, and service on local agencies committees and commissions.

Mr. Hugg presented common recognition options for past Board Members, including memorial groves naming, trail naming, artwork display, dedicated benches, and dedicated signs.

Mr. Hugg reviewed the potential recognition options for Mr. Hassett and Mr. Siemens, including preferred options expressed by Mr. Hassett and Mrs. Diane Siemens, Mr. Siemens spouse.

Directors Cyr, Kersteen-Tucker, and MacNiven supported the preferred option for both former directors: recognize Mr. Siemens with a trail naming in Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve and recognize Mr. Hassett with the installation of a bench and plaque at the Grasshopper Loop Trail in La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.

Director Kersteen-Tucker suggested renaming the “Grasshopper Loop Trail” to “Larry Hassett Grasshopper Loop Trail.”

Director Cyr stated Mr. Hassett expressed not wanting to rename a trail and continued to support the installation of a bench and plaque.

The Directors agreed to recognize Mr. Siemens with a trail naming in Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve and to recognize Mr. Hassett with the installation of a bench and plaque at the Grasshopper Loop Trail in La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.

Public comment opened at 2:16 p.m.

Ms. Soria reported there were no public speakers for this item.

Public comment closed at 2:16 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair MacNiven adjourned the meeting of the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee at 2:17 p.m.

Maria Soria  
District Clerk