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July 11, 2012

Lloyd Bell, Foreperson
2011-2012 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury
725 Court Street
P.O. Box 911
Martinez, CA 94553-0091

Dear Mr. Bell:

On April 30, 2012, the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) received Grand Jury Report No. 1206, which deals with the Rollingwood-Wilart Park Recreation and Park District (RWPRPD). The report speaks to management problems and deficiencies of RWPRPD and recommends that the District be dissolved.

On July 11, the Commission met and reviewed the draft response to the Grand Jury. The Commission provided input and directed LAFCO staff to submit a response by the July 25th deadline.

We hereby submit the response below which addresses the applicable findings and recommendations contained in Grand Jury Report No. 1206, ““Rollingwood-Wilart Park Recreation and Park District: Who’s Minding the Store?””

FINDINGS

1. The District has not been able to generate community interest in filling Board vacancies.

Response: *The respondent partially disagrees with the finding. At the time LAFCO completed its Municipal Service Review (MSR) for the RWPRPD in 2010, it was reported that the District was operating with three Board members, and that generating community involvement and interest was difficult. In November 2011, at LAFCO’s request, RWPRPD provided an update to LAFCO and reported that the District had four Board members and was actively pursuing a fifth member. Recently, the District reported that it has filled its fifth vacant seat on the Board.*

Rollingwood - Wilart Park
Recreation and Park District
2395 Greenwood Drive
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June 30, 2012

The 2011-2012 Contra Costa County Grand Jury
725 Court Street
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Dear Sir Madam,

We are responding in accordance with Section 933.5(a) of the California Government Code to the findings listed in the 2011-2012 Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1206 "Rollingwood-Wilart Park Recreation and Park District, "Who's Minding The Store".

As to the following findings;

- 1. "The District has not been able to generate community interest in filling Board vacancies.

The Board disagrees with the above findings.

The Board has successfully added two Board members on April 3, 2012.

- 2. "The District has not been able to generate facility rentals."

The Board disagrees with the above findings.

The Board is researching different ways of advertising to generate more rentals including setting up a web page which has a target time of completion October 2012.

- 3. "The District has failed to adequately perform basic management activities, including safekeeping of records, such as Board agenda, Board minutes, and financial documents.

The Board disagrees with the above findings.

The Board has hired a secretary to fulfill the above duties.

As the new secretary I hope that I have addressed yours.

Sincerely,


Eileen Ricci

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