



CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
BRIDGE TO EVERYWHERE
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2024, Wednesday, 2:05 p.m.

Via teleconference and in-person

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Present: President Ken White
Director Mike Rachel

**Signifies Virtual Attendance*

Other Attendees:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager
Patrick Treanor, District Engineer
Greg D'Ambrosio-Friends of Mission Trail & Designated Representative
Sam Farr, Retired Representative
Laura Bowling, Friends of Mission Trail
Doug Schmitz, Friends of Mission Trail & Designated Representative

Absent:

Appearances/Public Comments: None

Agenda Changes: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Update on Mission Ranch – Ken White spoke with Alan Williams regarding easement. In prior negotiations what fell through was the issue of 8 parking spaces. The City and District Doug Schmitz will follow up.
- b. Update on City of Carmel lease – will be on closed session at City of Carmel-by-the-Sea in March. Ken White and Doug offered to follow up with Chip Rerig and Mayor Potter. Note: this morning we (CAWD) received a list of questions from the City Council about Rio Park.
- c. Update on Rio Park clean up – City Administrator, Chip Rerig understands that Rio Park is a “mess” and needs to be cleaned up. The City need to talk to the Diocese about the parcel to the east of CAWD for its “corp yard.”

Suggested that the City leave the wood chips because they can be used in Mission Trails. The City should get rid of everything else in Rio Park. Congressman Farr received a quote from Randazzo for \$10K to remove the logs only. Barbara Buikema will follow up with a quote from Tope's Tree Service

- d. Update on landscape design – Greg D'Ambrosio brought in graphics on plan originally worked up by the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Discussed possibilities for the Rio Park site.
 - e. Report on participants general activities
 - Earth & Arbor Day on April 20th, 10a.m. – 2p.m. at Devendorf Park
 - Greg D'Ambrosio spoke with Lance Monsoff about screening his property from the bridge/trail. Suggested redwood, alder, and sycamore.
 - f. Miscellaneous:
 - Forwarded minutes of January 2024 to Trish Chapman, Central Coast Program Manager, California State Coastal Conservancy. She has commented that the Coastal Conservancy has no money currently and refused to rank our project.
 - Chamber of Commerce has a monthly round table where we could discuss the Bridge to Everywhere. Believe we will get a favorable response.
 - Will transients come to the trail? We don't think so. The expansion of public trails will result in a loss of this activity because it will be more in the open.
 - Who is the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea representative in lieu of Mayor Potter?
2. **ADJOURNMENT:** *The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next Bridge to Everywhere committee meeting will occur on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 2 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024, in person or with a teleconference webinar link. The teleconference webinar is hosted through Zoom and you may receive access by visiting our website homepage, www.cawd.org, calling the District office at 831-624-1248 or via email at downstream@cawd.org.*

AS REPORTED TO:



Barbara Buikema, Committee Secretary

APPROVED:



Ken White, President of the Board