

1 - CALL TO ORDER – WELCOMING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by CCF Chairperson Jeff Frankel. Board members Fred Clerici, Nancy Miller, Gaunt Murdock, Marla Parada, Nancy Rieser and Chuck Spoon were present. Also present was Office Secretary Jeanne Owens. Interested citizens in attendance included Bud Burlison, Destinee Dixon, Larry Haydon, Brian Montgomery, Dolores Morales, Heidi Petty, Dan Robertson, Mary Wais.

2 – PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Fred Clerici reported that Phillips 66 has generously donated \$15,000 to the Crockett Community Services District (CCSD) in lieu of the Walk of Honor that was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. As per CCF's commitment to match Walk of Honor proceeds, Fred will issue the \$5,000 match to CCSD.

Heidi Petty reported that she has received \$490 in local donations toward the "*Save the Waterfront*" project from a Go Fund Me drive.

3 – CONSIDER FUNDING GRANT REQUEST FROM CONTRA COSTA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Contra Costa Resource Conservation District is requesting \$264,335 to fund the Union Pacific Railroad crossing arm to allow for pedestrian traffic across the railroad line located at Dowrelio Drive in Crockett. The hope is to renovate the site as a learning and recreation area. The State Lands Commission held a public meeting on December 9 to discuss this project and gauge public opinion. A lengthy discussion took place in which Board members gave their opinions on funding for this grant application.

Although it was the desire of the Board to see the waterfront revitalized, there was a unanimous vote of the Board to not fund CCRC's request as presented. Some of the Board's concerns were as follows:

- Crockett will have no ownership of the equipment that is purchased with CCF funds; it will be the property of Union Pacific Railroad.
- Liability
- Too many unknowns and unanswered questions.
- Who will pay annual maintenance fee?
- Largest benefactor would be a private business.
- Possible reduction in price from Union Pacific Railroad.
- Possible alternative funding sources (i.e. C&H)?
- Will there be a long-term commitment to Crockett by Union Pacific Railroad and could they prohibit public access to the waterfront in the future?

Marla Parada acknowledged volunteers (Heidi, Destinee, Sid) for their tireless efforts in cleaning up the waterfront.

4 - BOARD AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Gaunt took the opportunity to thank outgoing Board member Nancy Rieser for her 8 years of service.

5 - ADJOURNMENT TO JANUARY 7, 2021

Jeff Frankel adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM until **JANUARY 7, 2021**.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Owens
Office Secretary