

**RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

**OAK PARK – PARK AND RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MAE BOYAR PARK**  
**CONCRETE AREA NEAR VOLLEYBALL COURT**  
**130 KANAN ROAD, OAK PARK, CA 91377**

**MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Skopp, with Committee Members Coopersmith, Green, Ross, Sklar and Yeoh, Board Members Cavanaugh and Hostetler, staff members Garber, Nakaoka, Peace and Peterson, District Counsel Murphy, guests Linda Parks, Tony Knight and Mike Paule and members of the public Wendy Bani and Lenore and Brad Lewis in attendance.

Action: Committee Member Sklar moved to have the Committee consider item V. first, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Ross, with Committee Members Green, Ross, Sklar, Skopp and Yeoh voting in favor of the motion, Committee Member Coopersmith abstaining, motion carried.

**II. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**III. REVIEW OF COMPILED LIST OF PROJECTS IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE OAK PARK PARK SYSTEM OF RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT**

Staff explained the project list, questions were asked and answered, with the Committee understanding the project list would be placed on to the agenda for its regular meeting in July.

**IV. CONTINUED REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING REMOVAL OR TRIMMING OF OLEANDER BUSHES LOCATED BETWEEN MAE BOYAR PARK AND BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Staff reminded the Committee that a gun had been previously found adjacent to the oleander hedge between Brookside Elementary School and the Mae Boyar Park parking lot. The School District had requested the Park District to remove the oleanders. Park District maintenance staff pruned the oleanders in an attempt to reduce the likelihood that someone

would hide in them, however, the trimming effort was deemed insufficient by the School District and other members of the community. Superintendent Knight was then provided an opportunity to explain his request for removal of a portion of the oleanders to reduce safety concerns, while the parties toured the area to better understand the request and potential impact. The Committee returned to the meeting location and further discussed the matter.

Action: Committee Chair Skopp moved to recommend to the Park District that the oleanders be cut at the base, Committee Member Sklar seconded the motion based upon the security risk that the oleanders posed as expressed by Superintendent Knight, motion carried with Committee Member Green voting no. Committee Member Green stated that he voted no to the motion because he did not believe removal of the oleanders will make it safer.

Action: Committee Chair Skopp moved to stump grind the oleanders after the cutting, Committee Member Coopersmith seconded the motion, Committee Members Coopersmith, Skopp and Yeoh voted in favor of the motion, Committee Members Green, Ross and Sklar voted no, motion failed.

V. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST THAT RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT PROVIDE FUNDING TO COUNTY OF VENTURA FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF KANAN SHUTTLE

Staff introduced the request from Supervisor Parks that the Committee recommend the Park District provide funding towards the Kanan Shuttle. Committee Chair Skopp recognized MAC Chair Paule who explained the value of the Shuttle, potential future links between it and other communities, and advocated the Committee direct revenues to be received from the cell towers at the Conifer water tank location. Committee Chair Skopp recognized Supervisor Parks who explained the background and value of the shuttle and indicated additional funding is needed in September, requiring a rider charge will reduce use of the shuttle, the logos of the various entities supporting the shuttle could be placed upon the vehicles. Various questions about the service were asked and answered as a discussion ensued. Public comment was then allowed and residents Brad and Lenore Lewis and Wendy Bani each expressed objection to the Park District providing funding for the shuttle service. At the request of the Committee, District Manager Larry Peterson confirmed his belief that the approximately \$170,000 for fiscal year 2014-15 Oak Park projects would not be affected by the \$25,000 Shuttle contribution. The School Superintendent stated that the OPUSD contribution was contingent upon the shuttle service remaining free to the rider.

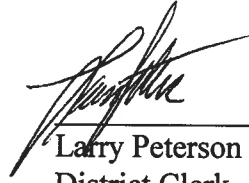
Action: Committee Member Green moved to recommend the Park District contribute \$25,000 towards the Shuttle, Committee Member Coopersmith seconded the motion, Committee Members Green, Coopersmith, Yeoh and Skopp voted in favor of the motion, Committee Member Sklar voted against the motion, and Committee Member Ross abstained, motion carried.

VI. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF WEEKEND SPRAYING OPERATIONS ADJACENT TO SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPUSES

Due to the time in the evening, the Committee tabled this item and requested it be placed onto the agenda for the regular Committee meeting in July.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Committee Chair at 9:30 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Peterson", is written over a horizontal line.

Larry Peterson  
District Clerk