

set-aside funds, bond money and the BMX property, and said he is against any rezoning for a commercial endeavor. He would like to submit a formal request for the modification and expansion plans and the layouts submitted by Steve Timm Golf Services for Sinaloa Golf Course to be a regulated golf course; he asked that the District include it as another option for the site. He feels with less of an investment, it could double in revenue and be profitable in less time than Sinaloa Park. He gave copies of his formal request to the Board. He said no Park Board Members were present at the HI meeting on Tuesday.

Robert Geiger said he does not want the Sinaloa Park project to include a water park and arcade, nor does he want the land rezoned for commercial recreation so it could be sold later. He asked if a map of the project could be posted at the Sinaloa Golf Course so that patrons could provide their input.

Peter Lock attended Tuesday's meeting and voiced some concerns. He said no traffic survey has been done; there are plans for 266 units to go in at Madera and L.A. Avenue, which would bring potentially 2,000 more cars a day to Madera; there would not be enough parking to handle the projected numbers for events that would be held at the Park. He also stated that the public needs more information, access to business plan, budget, proposals and he feels there is a disconnect between the Park District and HI. He said 75% of those at Tuesday's meeting were against the project; he is concerned as to how the District will repay the money it will spend on the project. He mentioned that they are not getting any positive feedback, and urged people to voice their views at District Board meetings.

Debbie Bucci said she has lived on Irvine Road since 1983, and she attended Tuesday's meeting. She said several golfers said they would not want to golf at Sinaloa if it included a miniature golf course; screaming kids and a carnival nature would affect their concentration. Teens also would not want to play there. She asked for more District support with Royal High School's top notch golf team playing at the current Sinaloa Golf Course so they could further the team along in competitions. She is against a rezoning of the park to commercial property, and said she would be concerned that later it could be sold to another entity with other plans for profit. She also does not understand why the City requires commercial zoning for a miniature golf course but not for a regular golf course.

Pierce Weber lives on Vista Lago Drive. He said residents on the other side of the park have had kids climbing over their fences, and he thinks the District should put a fence all around the park. He is also concerned about having concessionaires serving beer and other alcohol at Sinaloa Park, and thinks it would be okay only for sponsored events. He does not feel the project is a solvent venture and that the Park District would not get the return it expects.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- (A) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting – December 6, 2007

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2007; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (B) Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting – December 14, 2007

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 14, 2007, Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- (A) Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Board of Directors for 2008

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to elect Director Meredith as Chair for 2008; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to elect Director Johnson as Vice Chair for 2008; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Meredith thanked Director O'Brien for chairing the Board this past year and said she did a great job.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

- (A) Approval of Check Registers: 12/7/07 (payroll); 12/14/07 (payables)

- (B) Receive and File Summary of Park Dedication Fees and Summary of Projects Primarily Funded by Park Dedication Fees 41-07-k

- (C) Receive and File Report on Schedule of Events for January 2008 39-07-m

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve Consent Agenda Items A-C; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VII. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Approval of Pay Schedule for Part-time Employees Effective January 1, 2008 35-07-o

ACTION: Director Hostetler moved to Approve Pay Schedule for Part-time Employees Effective January 1, 2008; Director Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried

- (B) Approval of Response to Assemblywoman Audra Strickland Regarding Legislative Matters for Consideration 16-07-a

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve Staff Arranging a Meeting with Assemblywoman Audra Strickland and Board to See How Receptive She for What Kind of Legislation and What She Thinks She Can Do; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- (C) Approval of Baseball Permit Agreements for Use of Recreational Facilities at Darrah, Houghton, Santa Susana and Knolls Parks 82-07-a

ACTION: Director Freeman moved to Approve Baseball Permit Agreements for Use of Recreational Facilities at Darrah, Houghton, Santa Susana and Knolls Parks; Director O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- (A) Certificate of Appreciation from The American Cancer Society for the Park District's Contribution to the 10th Annual Simi Valley Relay for Life 73-07-k

Certificate was received and filed.

X. REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Director Freeman said she and Director Meredith met with the General Manager regarding the Simi Valley Days group's request to change the date of their event to August and relocate to Rancho Santa Susana Community Park. They also discussed their possible use of Rancho Simi Park instead, and reviewed a possible plan layout. If they used Rancho Simi, they would not have to change their schedule. A recommendation was made that the General Manager would find out if they had an interest in using Rancho Simi Park. General Manager stated that he met with the City Manager and explained the idea; he also met with the Simi Valley Days' representative. The rep has since met with the carnival people, Kiwanis Club and S.V. Days' Committee who all agreed that Rancho Simi Park could work. They will put together a formal request with plan details. That proposal will then be brought to the Board for further consideration.

Director Freeman met with Assemblyperson Cameron Smyth and the General Manager on the Boeing proposal. Also attending were two of his field people who have gone out to all jurisdictions indicated in the proposal. His proposal is for the State to own the land.

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Director Freeman offered to provide copies of his proposal. Chair Meredith asked questions regarding the cleanup. Director Freeman said Boeing will have a long-term obligation as it is under a Super Fund. Assemblyperson Smyth will be establishing a structure, and is looking long term. They will oversee it. The District's concern regarding liability, either directly or indirectly, was clearly expressed to Mr. Smyth.

Director Freeman said everyone had a good time at the Holiday Party. She thanked Colleen Janssen, Marketing and Community Outreach Specialist, and all who worked on the party.

Director Freeman attended a Watershed Management Steering Committee meeting. She said some of the Prop 50 funding they applied for is being held up due to the budget. The TMDL deadline is being met with the consultant. On January 24, 2008, the AWA will have a program on drought watch and the status of water throughout Ventura County. Their breakfast meeting will be held in Oxnard and should be very informative. She will provide copies of the invitation to the Board. There has been positive feedback from the Water Quality Control Board on efforts of Calleguas Creek Water Shed Management and the testing and cleanup, etc. being done.

Director Freeman asked about the Rancho Simi Cemetery District Board Meeting the General Manager attended. He reported there was a Police Officer, Principal, Assistant Principal, and the Director of Secondary Education in attendance, along with others. The concern was that the kids are using the cemetery as a short-cut to the high school. The Park District has a construction fence around the Rancho Simi Parking Lot and it creates a longer way around for students to get to the high school. Kids are hopping the fence. The School offered to extend their disciplinary policies for the kids engaging in wrongful conduct. The Park District offered to install a lockable gate was rejected. It is likely that the cemetery will raise the fence around the perimeter so that people cannot access it except through the front gate.

Director O'Brien had no committee meetings, except for the Holiday Party, which she said was great.

Director O'Brien said she received an e-mail from a person who works for a consultant retained by Southern California Association of Governments. They want to schedule a presentation and get feedback from us on the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan. She told the person that it will need to be agendaized. Director O'Brien indicated she would forward the e-mail to staff.

Director O'Brien said she read in the Star that former County Supervisor Peter Foy is forming a group to look at ways to reduce waste. She thought perhaps the District could ask Peter Foy and his committee to join in the meeting with Audra Strickland and have a brainstorming session.

Director O'Brien asked if there is further information about the homeless people and the stabbing in Rancho Simi Park. General Manager said the Police Department will be

providing additional coverage to that location, and that the Park District and Park Rangers will provide assistance in that regard.

Director Hostetler stated he had no committee meetings this period.

Director Hostetler responded to a question regarding the health status of a family member.

Director Meredith stated that he had no committee meetings this period.

XI. REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER:

The General Manager and Recreation Administrator met with Dan Gesell of the Soccer Foundation to orchestrate the transition of the District maintaining the Foundation's two Soccer Fields. The District will assume the maintenance and the calendaring of these two soccer fields beginning January 1, 2008.

The General Manager attended a Triunfo Sanitation District Board meeting during which time the Board's previous decision selecting the site above the archery range was agendized for reconsideration. Some residents alleged that the selected site for the water tank creates a risk of valley fever. The Board took the matter off of the agenda, but allowed public testimony for and against the site. There was no reversal of the decision. The General Manager said he will monitor their future agendas.

The Chair called a Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

(A) Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation; One Case

Name of Case: Corey Romagnano v. Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

Chair Meredith reported that this was for information only and no Board action was taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Meredith adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.; Director Hostetler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Peterson, District Clerk